

## THE TIME OF PARTING.

**Preliminaries to the Formality of Saying Good Night.**

"Laura!"

There was an undertone of sadness in the young man's voice. Outside all was calm. The full October moon shone—pronounce it shon, please—peacefully on a community that was beginning to wrap itself in dreams. Whatever of misery or squalor—sound the a long—had disfigured the landscape in the garish light of day was hid from view beneath the friendly shadows of night, and there was nothing in sight to vex the eye of the man in the moon or bring the flush of indignation to his rounded cheek.

The quick ear of Miss Kajones caught the melancholy inflection of young Ferguson's voice.

"What is it, George?" she whispered.

Even in the semi-darkness of the Kajones parlor the face of the maiden might have been observed to take on a paler shade, and for a moment the youth did not reply. The cat on the rug awoke from a troubled dream, yawned, stretched itself, turned the other side to the fire, and went to sleep again, and the flowers in the vase—"kindi" call this vahn—on the piano diffused their mild, grateful perfume through the apartment.

At last the young man spoke.

"Dearest!" he murmured.

"What is it?"

"It is growing late."

He looked at his watch.

"It is growing late," he repeated, tremulously. "The last car will pass along in three-quarters of an hour. I must leave you in exactly 40 minutes"—and he clutched her hand—"in 40 minutes exactly! Dearest I—"

"Oh, George!"

"I must begin to say good night!"—Chicago Tribune.

**A Professional Advantage.**

"Don't you want to hire my par?" said a little colored urchin.

"What for?"

"To put up de stovepipe."

"Does he put up stovepipes well?"

"Deed he do. An' de bes' ob it am dat he's deaf an' dumb, my par is, so de women folks doan' hab ter leave de house while he's wuhkin'."—Washington Star.

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