

gearing of mind and body; perhaps, too, a weak heart."

"How like him, Harry. How fond he is of illustration! I wish he cared for Mary rather than for Kitty. But ien men—oh, of the best of you!—would ask for Kitty, where one would ask for Mary."

"I am glad," he said, laughing, "that I am not of the best."

"Foolish fellow! Come and see the children—and, oh! You were interrupted last night—what did you conclude as to the Stoneville railroad? Shall you ask to have a receiver appointed?"

"We have not decided. The Republic Trust Company—I mean its officers—are in doubt. They hold largely for themselves and others of its securities—bonds, of course."

"Was it you, Harry, who thought it might be best to wait until the eastward movement of grain, and see if the bonds would be lifted in value?"

"And then get rid of them, Madge. Receiver-ships are disastrous. I did not say that, or did I? I will think it over—"

"Is n't that trust company paying unusual dividends?"

"Yes, dear; too large, I think. I sold all our stock when we bought our house. Mr. Fairthorne must be a heavy owner of its stock; but, really, I know little of their condition; I am only their counsel, and not always consulted—as I should be."

"Indeed!" she said, and went with him up-stairs