

SCENE IV.

Scene opens with a number of young people at a party in minister's house. As many as wish can attend the party. It is necessary to have those who sing, play and recite among the number. All must adopt the old time dress.

Some are sitting around tables at games. Mr. Right and Molly in a corner (where seen) in deep conversation. One giggling girl sits near the front, talking to a young man. Goes off into spasms of laughter over everything he says.

One bashful young man, with a red confused face, his hands hanging heavily at sides, sits on edge of chair, near front of platform. The minister and wife try to make him feel at home. They bring a young lady and introduce her.

Bride—I hope you are enjoying yourself, Ephraim. Have you met any of the young ladies? Let me bring Miss Jones over to you, I am sure you will be agreeable company.

(Brings her and introduces her.)

Ephraim—(Rises, bows low, partly loses his balance, sits down on edge of chair nearly tipping it over; steps on Miss Jones' skirt, and becomes more confused; apologizes awkwardly.)

Miss Jones—Don't mention it, Mr. Snelgrove; the skirt is in the way, it is quite my fault. Do sit down now and let us have a comfortable chat.