

PLAN THAT WOULDN'T WORK.

BY ERIN E. HANFORD. Belle Browning had a good many peculiarities. She was fond of reading novels, for one thing, and liked to have things happen romantically.

When a party of young people were out boat riding one day, the boat capsized, and Belle, among the others, fell into the water, taking the starch out of her ruffles and the curling out of her hair.

Matters stood in that way when Captain De Vaux came to town. Where the captain was from and what he was captain of, no one knew.

"I hope you aren't jealous," said Belle, with a provoking laugh. "Not at all, thank you," answered Ralph.

"You know well enough," answered Ralph, "filling with De Vaux and making him believe, like enough, that you are in earnest."

"I am merely giving you a little advice," replied Ralph. "I wasn't aware that any one had asked for any," said Belle, with a good deal of sarcasm in her tone.

"What do you call that?" he asked. "Doing just right!" repeated Belle. "What do you mean?"

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