

was John's business to take care where he was going!"¹

"Yet John says he told the man to get out of the way, and he wouldn't do it," pleaded my wife.

"That does not matter.² I hope no more damage was done?" I queried.

"Yes; the horse shied and upset the sleigh; and John says that all his—I mean John's—ribs are broken, and that he is kilt entirely; and he swears that he'll make you pay for it—that he'll sue you."

"Let him sue away and be hanged; he'll get nothing for his pains but the pleasure of spending his earnings; he is my servant, and has to run the risk of being hurt in my employment."³

"But then Eliza Jane, the housemaid, was with him, was thrown out too, and had all the skin taken off her face; and she says she'll sue, too."

"Oh, I'm sorry for that; I like her, and then she was so pretty."

"Eldon! how dare you say so—to your wife, too!"

"I—I—only meant that I would have to pay for the damage to her, and that if I did not do it willingly, any jury would be persuaded by her pretty face to give a heavy sum against me for the

¹ *Boss v. Litton*, 5 C. & P. 407; *Brooks v. Schwerin*, 54 N.Y. 343.

² *Woolley v. Scovell*, 3 M. & Ry. 105.

³ *Paterson v. Wallace*, 1 Macq. 751; *Mear v. Holbrook*, 20 Oh. St. 317; *C. & A. R. v. Murphy*, 53 Ill. 339.