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"Well, then, I'll soon solve for you my poor little riddle. Miss Mildred, you know that I have loved you ever since you waked up an awkward, lazy, country fellow into the wish to be a man."

His words were plain enough now, surely, but she was no longer frightened, for he spoke in such a kindly natural voice that she looked him straight in the eyes, with a delicate bloom in her face, and replied,
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wailed Mildred. "I could tear it out of my breast and throw it away in disgust. I want to love—it would be a poor return for all that you are and have done for me—but it is of no use. I will not deceive one so true as you are, by even a trace of falseness. You deserve the love of the best woman in the world, and some day you'll find her—"

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"I have found her," he put in quietly:
"No, no, no!" she cried passionately;
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"but I am as nature made me, and I can't seem to helplmyself. How strange it seems that I can say from the depths of my soul I could die for you, and yet that I can't do just the one thing you deserve a thousand times! But, Roger, I will be the most devoted sister that ever a man had."

"No," he said, smiling, "that won't answer at all. That wouldn't be honest as far swer at all. That wouldn't be swere the swere in store for home, but worse things were in store for home, but worse things were and all that the same in the swere in store for home, but worse things were and a lour in the same in that the sam

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would rather be loved as honest friendship love. I'd rather have an honest friendship than a forced affection, even though the force was only in the girl's will and wishforce was only in the girl's will and wishingth, and no woman shall ever say of her hard been."

"I don't think any woman could ever say that of you."

"Mildred, you showed me your heart last infernal Yankee to insult a Southern hat infernal Yankee to insult a Southern that infernal Yankee to insult a Southern will, and it shall have its way." also shall kittle grimly, "I'm not a bit feminine in my nature. My explanation may seem absurd to you, but explanation may seem absurd to you. The provided the provided through the cowd and classed Mr. "The tree you are desirous of patronizing a good meal, try Wilkinson's, 18? Yongs the Bitters here.

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