

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

one suit of clothing the checks of which were fully half an inch in diameter. This costume appeared to be a favorite of his, as he wore it upon every possible occasion when not in uniform. It was noticeable, to say the least; but, being who he was, Lord Castlewing's cousin—did I tell you?—of course, it passed. I speak of it particularly, as it figured rather conspicuously in what followed; which you will observe.

The most important fact about Captain Tugwell was that he was unmarried. And, of course, every mother in our set had his marrying—and marrying right—very much at heart! This good office my dear patroness had taken upon herself; and, though, of course, such a subject was left unspoken of, I am morally certain she had decided that Miss Marjorie DeWynt would make him a suitable wife. And, as Mrs. DeWynt's decision on a matter is usually the final word, we regarded Miss Marjorie as good as engaged to the captain, a view which that young lady seemed not averse to sharing.