



### HIS WORSHIP, DON QUIXOTE.

AFTER A DESPERATE ENCOUNTER WITH THE ESTIMATES SUCCEEDS IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MILLS TO FOURTEEN AND A HALF!

So saying he took a hurried departure. "Well, that lets me out," he said to himself, as he strode rapidly down town. "I shall take all my meals at the club till they are gone."

"Oh, Letitia," said Mrs. Hogaboom to her daughter, as soon as they had temporarily got the room cleared of the unwelcome visitors. "What *shall* we do with them. Just like Hogaboom to sneak out of the difficulty in that cowardly fashion, and leave me to face all the trouble alone—it always the way with the men. It will be *impossible*, abso'utely impossible, to go about with those creatures and still more to introduce them to our set. But I don't want to quarrel with Silas, so I can't be absolutely rude to them. And to think of that freckled-faced, red-haired minx, Palmyra, wanting to meet Miss Marjorie Campbell. The idea! I don't know whatever to do."

"There's only one thing for it, ma," replied Letitia, "you must be taken suddenly sick. You had better have a severe attack of neuralgia at once. I'll go and tell the Wincup's that you are not feeling well and have gone to lie down, and then I'll telephone for Dr. Sootherly and have him pay you three visits a day, and give strict orders

that you must have absolute quiet, stay in bed and see nobody. Of course, as a dutiful daughter, my place is at your bedside. So we can just leave the Wincups to their own devices, put a livery carriage at their disposal, and let them see the Carnival to their hearts' content. Perhaps Johnny would not mind going round with them a little, if you promise him a new bicycle or something else he wants."

And so the ordeal was satisfactorily got over. Johnny, for a pecuniary consideration, readily consented to act as chaperon and drive about with his country relatives and derived also a good deal of amusement from imparting elaborate misinformation to the party—pointing out Magistrate Baxter as Prof. Goldwin Smith, and Osgoode Hall as the Lunatic Asylum. Though his cousins failed to secure the coveted introduction to Miss Marjorie Campbell, they were enabled, at all events, to boast of having seen her, thanks to Johnny's thoughtful mendacity, in calling their attention to a handsome looking girl, temporarily absent from her accustomed duties behind the counter of a confectionery store, whom he passed off as the heroine of their social aspirations.