She is cheerful warm-hearted and true,
And is kind to her father and mother;
She studies how-much she can do
Fot her sweet little sister and brother.
If you want a c mpanion for life,
To comfort, enliven and bless,
She s just the right sot of a wife—
The girl with the calico dress.

Robert Josselyn.

HOWITWASDONE

BY L. D. S. Church Torrington was, perhaps, the greatest coward in New York.

Don't misunderstand us, gentle reader—

Nevertheless, in the face of all those obstacles, Church Torrington was in love.

Miss Violet Purple was as pretty and blooming a little lassie as ever tripped down the sunny side of Broadway under a thread-And Church Torrington proceeded straight to the mansion where dwelt the inexorable Sarepta.

And, behold! as he knocked at the door, Miss Purple herself opened the door, and mysteriously beckoned him in.

"I saw you coming," she said, in a low, eager tone. "I've been on the look-out. Excuse me, my dear, but I really feel as if I must kiss you once more. We're going to be relations, you know."

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Mr. Church Torrington sat in his leather covered easy chair, looking out a difficult case in "Estoppels," when his clerk announced "a lady;" and, in turning abruptly round, he encountered the gaze of Miss Sarepta Purple's spectacled orbs.

He colored scarlet as he dragged forth a chair, and stammered out some incoherent sentence or other—for was she not Violet's aunt — the aunt of the fair damsel whom he worshiped afar off and in silence!

"Thank you," said Miss Purple, depositing herself on the chair as one might set down a heavy trunk—"I've come on business."

"You see," went on Miss Serepta, "I am not blind it I am getting into years, and I can see as well as anybody what you mean by coming so often to our house. But still, I think you ought to have spoken out like a man. I'm willing; and I don't suppose my brother will object, as you seem to be able to keep a wife!"

"You—you are very kind!" stammered Mr. Torrington.
"Is it to be yes or no—about the marriage, I mean?"
"I shall be most happy, I am sure!" fluttered our miserable hero.
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"Spoken like a man! It's what I knew you meant all the time," cried Aunt Sarepta, rising to her feet, and actually depositing an oscular demonstration, meant for a kiss, on Church's forehead. "I knew I should like you!"

Church stared. This was not exactly tiquette; but the whole matter was realeviquette; but the whole matter was really so strange and unprecedented that he hardly knew what to think.

"And when will you come round to brother Jacob's, and tell the folks all about it—for I suppose you'd like to tell them yourself? This evening?"

"Yes, if you say so?"

"It's as good a time as any I suppose. Of course you won't mention that I said.

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Don't misunderstand us, gentle reader—physically speaking, our young hero was as Lion. But it was where the fair sex was concerned that Mr. Torrington became a poltroon. A single glance from a pair of blue eyes was enough to throw him into a cold prespiration at any time.

As one by one the companions of his boyhood and early youth vanished out of the path of bachelorhood, and entered into the promised land of matrimony, Church Torrington viewed them with a not unenvious mind.

"How the mischief did they ever muster up courage enough to do it?" was his internal reflection.

And Harry Leslie, a wag of forty, who always had a knack of finding out everybody else's weak points, said:

"All of that set married, except Church Torrington, and he'll be a bachelor all the days of his life, because he hasn't got the courage to ask any girl to have him. I don't know, though, either," he added, reflectively. "Wait until leap year comes round again; there may be a chance for him then!"

Nevertheless, in the face of all these obsteeds (March, III). me there, as sure as fate! I'm a lost man!"
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TORONTO, Feb. 1.—The amount of business transacted at the stock exchange this morning was small, and values did not differ materially from transacted at the stock exchange this morning was small, and values did not differ materially from yesterday afternoon. Bank shares are somewhat unsettled, there being little evidence of strength. Montreal was 197½ bid, with sellers at 199. Ontario sold at 60 for 4 shares, and closed at 60½ bid. Toronto offered at 167, with 160 bid. Commerce sold at 139½ for 40 shares, and closed at that price bid, an advance of ½. Imperial rose ½ in bid. Faderal steady with a sale of 39 shares at 156, and closing at that price bid. Dominion easier, with a sale of 50 shares at 192, and closing at 191 bid. Standard was ½ easier in bid, without transactions. Insurance stocks quiet. British America was held at 140, and Western Assurance offered at 166, 2 lower, without bids. Confederation Life was 230 bid. Consumers Gas sold at 155½ for 100 shares, and closed at that price bid. Dominion Telegraph offered at 97, and Montreal was not mentioned. Loan companies' stocks quiet and irregular. Freehold rese ½ in bid, while Western Canada declined 2½, but was held at 192. Canada Landed Credit Co. rose ½ in bid, as did also Building and Loan, without transactions. Imperial Savings easier, with a sale of ten shares at 113, and closing offered at that price. London and Canada strong at 146 bid. Peoples' rose 1 in bid, while Manitoba declined 1. Huron and Erie was ½ easier, and British Canadian was wanted at 102 without sellers.

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