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 "Celeste!" echoed Clem; "Celeste!"
 "Yes! I—oh!—I made a mistake, you know!" explained Quimby, wiping his eyes on the bed-spread.

An irresistible smile, but quickly suppressed, curved Clem's lips as he asked, "But how could you possibly make such a mistake as that? Come, cheer up, my boy, tell me, and let me help you out!"

Quimby looked at him mournfully. "It—it was dark," he answered dejectedly, "she sat in the chair—the lost Nattie I mean, it was she, for she spoke to me! Why did I not seize the chance then? But no! I left her to rehearse a little first, and when I returned—Oh!—it was still dark, and I did not know a transformation had been effected—I burst forth in eloquence, and—oh!—it was Celeste, you know! I fled—she followed,—caught and hugged me in the hall! Her father saw—roared 'Marry her!' and I—there was no escape, you know!"

"But, my dear fellow," remonstrated Clem, "you can explain the mistake! you are not obliged to marry Celeste because you accidentally proposed to her!"

Quimby shook his head hopelessly. She—she—would sue me for breach of promise you know, and take all—all my little property! and her terrific father—I don't know what he would do to me! Only one thing could make me brave all,—If Miss Rogers—Nattie, would say it might have been, had not this fearful mistake occurred, I would face even old Fishblate and break all bonds."

"Dear old fellow, I am afraid she—Nattie would have rejected you, in any case. She is—a flirt," said Clem, somewhat savagely. She leads people on, for the sake of dropping them, when it suits her convenience."

"I—now really, I—I cannot think what; even though she had rejected me, I could not think that!" said Quimby, loyally; then with sudden decision, "I will settle it now! If I had not put it off before, as I did, I might not have blundered into this awful fix, you know. I hear them in Cyn's room now; Cyn and Nattie; come with me! I—I will have witnesses, and no mistakes this time, you know!"

"What are you going to do?" asked Clem, following his excited friend rather reluctantly.

"I am going to find out if she—Nattie—likes me, you know! if she does, I will brave Celeste—her fierce father—the law if I not—why then, I must be a martyr anyway you know, and I don't care how big a one I am!"

So saying, Quimby went across to Cyn's room, Clem, not exactly liking the position thrust upon him, but unwilling to refuse accompanying him.

Meanwhile, Nattie had pounced upon Cyn, exclaiming, "Oh, Cyn! such a dreadful thing has happened!"

"What! how? when?" asked Cyn, while, from the effects of the melodrama she had just been witnessing, visions of Clem, with a dozen bullets in his head, danced before her eyes.

"Quimby, poor Quimby, I have ruined him!" was Nattie's remorseful and unintelligible answer.

"Well, my dear if you could possibly be a trifle lucid, perhaps I could understand the plot of the piece," said Cyn, decidedly relieved of her first surmise.

Upon which Nattie, half laughing and half crying, explained. "But the ludicrous side was too much for Cyn, and she could only laugh."

"What a farce it would make!" she said, as soon as she could speak.

"Oh Cyn!" Nattie said, reproachfully. "Think how dreadful it is for Quimby, and for me, unmeaning instrument of it all!"

"Nonsense, my dear," said Cyn, more seriously, and bringing her philosophy to bear on the subject. "It was not your fault! she was determined to have him in any case! Had it been you as he supposed, you would of course have declined the proffered honor, and she would have caught him in the rebound! If he has spirit enough, he can get out of marrying her in some way. If not—she will make him a good wife enough. Men, you know, as she says, prefer to marry women who don't know too much; so it is all right!"

And with this Nattie was fain to be content. But she felt great pity for the poor fellow; perhaps because of the unhappiness in her own heart.

It is only from the depths of our own sorrows that we learn to feel for that of others.

As Quimby and Clem entered, both Nattie and Cyn looked surprised and curious, Quimby so excited now that his usual nervous bashfulness was forgotten, and immediately,

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14 Bridgetown "	7 10	A. M.	2 15
28 Middleton "	8 10	A. M.	3 15
42 Aylesford "	9 15	A. M.	3 37
47 Berwick "	9 35	A. M.	3 52
50 Waterville "	9 40	A. M.	4 00
59 Kentville d'pt	5 40	A. M.	11 25
64 Port Williams "	6 00	A. M.	11 35
66 Wolfville "	6 25	A. M.	11 44
69 Grand Pre "	6 40	A. M.	11 57
72 Avonport "	6 55	A. M.	12 10
77 Hantsport "	7 50	A. M.	12 30
84 Windsor "	10 00	A. M.	3 45
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