

priceless enjoyment of the pure and undefiled religion of the Bible, told her brother, in a child-like and touching manner, the story of her conversion to Jesus, and of her membership in a Protestant Church. He was evidently moved by the fervent, straightforward narrative, but affected never to have heard of it before. Then he suggested that, as he was very anxious to hear more of these interesting particulars, if she would get ready and go with him to a neighbouring city, whither his business called him, she could relate her beautiful experience more fully during the few hours of their ride; otherwise he would not be able to visit much longer, for he must soon be going. Plausible as all this appeared, Nora was not inclined to accept the invitation without probing the matter a little more deeply. Had it been the first attempt, and no threats of abduction ever been made, it undoubtedly would have succeeded. But birds are seldom caught the second time in the same snare, though its appearance be ever so much changed or disguised. Seeing that his proposition was not acceptable, he grew a little restless, and said he must go, but that he had reserved the best news for the last. He then told Nora that Providence had given him favouring breezes; that during the Franco-Prussian war he had acquired a princely fortune while navi-