

ld you voice would reach me, were I buried in it nine fathoms  
is that deep."

What, Elton; so beware, for remember, if you do not arrive home  
s, they the appointed hour, I shall send him after you."

at, but Belinda replied gaily, as she closed the drawing-room  
is not or, and descending the staircase, with light steps, soon  
her let and herself in the street. Holding an umbrella, to pro-  
to the tect her from the now fast falling snow, she walked rapidly  
riend- unheeding those around, until her attention was arrested  
uld be the sound of her name; and, pausing, she beheld Cap-  
m Elton.

bt, for "I was just about visiting you," said he, when the first  
acter; mutations were over, "for I thought you would hardly  
r ser- ve ventured out such a day as this. I am afraid we shall  
a gold ve a very severe storm before evening."

same "I should not have done so, except in a case of urgent  
necessity. I received a note from a friend this morning,  
o lev- requesting a visit, and, as I wished very much to see her,  
ascen- I could not consent to postpone it."

after- "Will you allow me to be your escort?" inquired Cap-  
-room- tain Elton, "and I shall be able, at the same time, to re-  
ot?" the object of my errand to you."

ed the "With pleasure," replied Belinda, and taking the um-  
lla, which he declared too heavy for her, he held it over  
ven- her head, placing, at the same time, her arm gently in his  
up to In what a different light, circumstance places the  
onget- ne objects. At another time, Belinda could not but have  
knowledged that the walk was long and unpleasant, but  
w, how short and agreeable it seemed. No doubt, the  
course of her companion contributed to this, although  
one flattering expression escaped his lips.

ly c- "I was about calling on you," said Captain Elton, "to  
went- old 'a tale of woes,' which, I am sure, will enlist the  
mpathies of you heart. A day or two ago, I heard of the  
three- dress of a lady, who had formerly belonged to the high-  
circles here, and had been for a time the reigning belle.  
vinia- married imprudently, and against her father's wishes,  
o immediately disowned her. During the first year of  
ost in- her marriage, everything prospered with the young couple;  
sent- in the second, misfortunes overtook them. Some mer-  
oriated- tile speculations, in which the husband had engaged,