

going down to take a place, or are you the guest of anyone there? We are intimate with all our neighbors. Perhaps—"

"I am going to stay with Colonel Dalrymple, of the Hall," replied the handsome stranger.

"What?" cried Kate, "Colonel Dalrymple is my father?"

"Your—your father?" gasped the gentleman.

"Yes!" replied Kate, in agitation. "What is your name?"

"My name is John Marshall, and—and, well, the fact is, Miss, your father has just engaged me as his valet!"

And then the train stopped at the station, and Kate, going hastily to the carriage sent to meet her, sprang in, buried herself in the cushions and fairly cried all the way home with humiliation.

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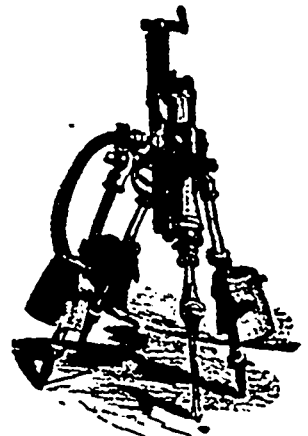
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