

VIRGINIA BOHEMIANS.

(Continued.)

XXVII.

A STRUGGLE.

"Nelly, I am going back home." "Going home?" "Are you very much surprised? It is time to go back, if I am ever going. It has been nearly a year since I left. It is nearly winter now."

"It is very late," said Brant Elliot, moodily. "I ought to have gone home long ago. Well, the bright days always come, and they will come again. If they could only stay, Nelly!"

"You are not going to leave me?" said Brant Elliot, looking at her. "I must go back, Nelly; but how am I ever to go back without you?"

"You do not know how much I have come to love you. I think of nothing else. I am a plain sort of fellow, and not up to fancy talk; but if you cannot leave me, I will do as you wish, Nelly."

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lightning, so dazzling that it blinded her, lit up the whole valley and the Blue Ridge opposite, and a crash of thunder followed. The storm descended, and a torrent of rain, driven by a fierce wind, lashed the mountain.

"Oh, why don't Harry come?" Mose exclaimed, looking and listening. "You have a dog's heart on the porch, and Harry came in completely drenched. Mose rushed to him."

"You have got yourself wet, you had, drenched both," he exclaimed. "You promised me you wouldn't."

"I didn't mean to break my promise; I couldn't help it, Mose. You've got your own share of it, the autocrat. There, you are coughing—your cough is worse. Sit down here at once and let me dry you."

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AMERICAN NOTES.

The contributions to the condensed fund of the Washington Treasury since the war were \$200,000. Four tons of gorgeous posters for the American mineral congress were ordered by the Government from the printer of Dubuque, Iowa, were sent \$50 each for the cost of the printing."

A man in a black mask entered St. Paul, Minn., on Monday night, and tried to steal a woman's watch. He was seen by the woman, who screamed, and he fled. The Rev. J. C. Schneider, pastor of the German Evangelical church at Mount Vernon, Ind., died at his home on Monday night, aged 77 years."

The Chicago Common Council is considering an ordinance to compel the use of smoke burners on locomotives, steamboats and other vessels, to mitigate the present nuisance. The Chicago City Council, James Jennings shot and killed Joseph Thompson, the older graduate of Harvard who had been a member of the Republican ticket in 1876."

The United States Council at Naples says maize is becoming an important article of commerce in Italy. The supply of petroleum in the largest known in the history of the world, being estimated at 9,000,000 to 10,000,000 barrels, and with a production largely increasing.

The United States Grand Jury at New York, have appointed a committee of five to examine all steamboats in that district. The Rev. Lloyd Morgan, a young Baptist minister, boarded with Deacon Snyder, at Logansport, Pa. The fact that the Rev. Mr. Morgan was a member of the church, and had been a member of the church, was discovered by the deacon, who kept him out until morning, and then let him out, caused a great deal of curiosity.

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