

stayed alone in the woods with her five children while grandfather went to the lumber camps for six months to earn money to buy seed for their bit of clearing in the spring.

Mrs. Goodsense—It's all true, and more, for the bears and wolves carried away their pigs and sheep and they had no meat, and the flour barrel was scraped to the bottom, when grandfather got back in the spring.

Mrs. Barton—I do not wonder you give them first place in you album, Mary, one can not honor them too highly.

Mrs. De Vere—One is proud to be descended from such ancestors. (Turns leaf.)

Mrs. Kelly—Joshua Higgs and his Mrs. just newly married.

(Goes up and looks at them.)

Miss Skinning—Joshua Higgs and his Mrs., I do declare. Well, I could have been a'standing there beside him in that picture, if I'd just chose, but I said, No, Joshua Higgs, says I, I a'int a going to tie myself to no may, I a'int a'goin to be no man's slave. (Goes up and looks more closely.) Well, well, and that is Joshua, and that's his choice I suppose, poor thing; I hope she'll stand up for her rights, and not be set upon

Mrs. Goodsense—Did he feel it very keenly when you refused him, Jane?

Miss Skinning—Feel it. He was most dead. Why, he turned from his victuals entire for a matter of three whole days. Would'nt eat nothing