

"And society have made it very difficult for single men to show kindness to single women in any way but one."

At his door he found Sam Sweeney with a kit of tools; he had just rung the bell. Returned, as Farnham mounted the steps, and said:

"I come from Matchin's—something about the greenhouse."

"Yes," answered Farnham. "The gardener is over yonder at the corner of the lawn. He will tell you what is to be done."

Sam walked away in the direction indicated, and Farnham went into the house. Some letters were lying on the table in the library. He had just begun to read them when Budsey entered and announced:

"That young person."

Maud came in flushed with the fresh

she wore no glasses, and she gazed more by that fact in his good-will than even by the brilliancy of her fine eyes which seemed to exult in their liberation. She began with nervous haste: "I am very glad to see you," she (today) said; "I could not wait. I might as well open up that I followed you home." "Furnish handed her a chair and took her hands with a kindly earnestness, saying: "I am very glad to see you."

"Yes, yes," she continued; "but have you not a word to say to me about the striking eye-glasses which spoke in the morning eyes and open lips touched with them to the heart. 'I am sorry I have not. The board appointed another.'"

"I came up to her eyes.

"I really expected it. I hoped you would say that. I am glad to hear it. I did all I possibly could," said Furness.

"I have never tried so hard for anybody before, but a majority were also

They seemed so dejected and hopeless that Farnham, forgetting for a moment how hard it is for a young man to assist young women, said two or three fatal words, "We must try something else."

The prophet sounded ominous to him as soon as he had uttered it. But it acted like magic upon Maud. She lifted a bright glance through her tears and said, like a happy child to whom a new game has been proposed, "What shall we try?"

Simple as the words were, both of them seemed to feel that a certain relation—a certain responsibility—had been established between them. The thought exhilarated Maud; it seemed the beginning of her long-expected romance; while the glow of kind feeling about the

young man suspecting that he was taking a very imprudent step. But they set a good word, discussing various plans for fraud's advantage; and arriving at their definite; for her own ideas were based upon a dime-novel theory of the world, and Farnham at last concluded that he would be forced finally to choose some way of life for his protégée, and then persuade her to accept it.

He greeted his silent thoughtfulness with this reflection: "The young lady has distinguished. He may try to know how he could help her without these continued interviews at his house, when she disposed of the difficulty by rising briskly and saying, 'Well, I will call again in a day or two, about this hour!'"

"Yes, if it suits you best," he answered with a troubled brow. He followed her to the door. As she went out, she said,

He seized his hat, and said, "Come with me to the rose-house in the garden, and you shall have something better." They walked together down the grave-paths, through the neat and well-kept garden, where the warm spring sunshine was calling life out of the tender turf, and the air was full of delicate odors. He seemed as gay and happy as a child on a holiday. Her disappointment of an hour ago was all gone in the feeling that Arthur was interested in her, was caring for her future. Without any definite hopes or dreams, she felt as if the world was suddenly grown richer and wider. Something good was coming to her certainly, something good had come; for was

with his handsome proprietor, who was, the even began to think, he friend! The laugh was as soft, the air as mild, the sun as bright as in any of her romances, and the figure of Don Quixote's wench which she perceived from her farther range musical in her mind.

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MORE THAN CLAIMED.—For the past four or five years," said Mr. Henry of Gottaun, "I have been anxious to kindle a rebellion, and I am admitted to it. I could borrow the money. It has not more than the what we want."

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