THE STAR.

PLAYING THE GYPSY.

[CONCLUDED.]

Lily took what was left, and looked nicely, market, with a pot of butter or a basket of old gentleman continued :

hasty in their arrangements, as day after day passed and no further news of Gerald's movements reached them; but at length, rived, stating that he and his friend were their place of abode often, and were not

Early the following morning, the young omen, like the novelist's "solitary horse- Asa-better keep still. No knowin' who women, like the novelist's "solitary horseman," might have been seen quietly and de- yer a talkin' to. corously wending their way to the forest path. one street of the little village, where they ex- wrong, I guess. See here, young woman, carelessly. pected to meet the down train. Two cover-ed hand-baskets they carried, which contain-ed, besides some nice ham sandwiches and of sich doins'. I knew a girl once in New Untain, of sich doins'. I knew a girl once in New Were they so very handsome, then? in the breast of a fat chicken, a slim bottle and Jersey who ran away, andtle contained some fiery liquid, I will state tiful in her indignation. explicitly that it was currant wine, clear and rosy, and, as Kate emphatically declared. was. "smacking good." Mrs. Smith, who was rather peculiar in some of her ways, cast a gloom over their spirits by appearing at the seat, and Asa began to suspect that he had the conversation, and hoped that the condoor as they were about starting, and an-

and that very morning, when she was feed- Gerald and his friend. ing her fowls, a white hen so far forgot the Well! said Asa, determined to satisfy that Bell felt almost chagrined that her Notwithstanding her blushes he was as rules by which all well-regulated henneries his curiosity, perhaps you are a dressmaker, brother, who was so accomplished, and had good as his word, and Mrs. Landon says are governed, as to crow. Now Mrs. Smith or a milliner. felt perfectly sure that something was about to happen which would involve one or more of her boarders in serious trouble, if not re- ing. sulting in death. Her dream and the crowing made it almost certain to her active imagination, and as she slowly washed up the breakfast dishes, she mentally made arrangements for a first-class funeral. However, as sistance. she shook out the dish-cloth, a happy thought struck her, and she remained holding that important accessory to cleanliness aloft for a much? full minute, as the idea slowly revolving in her mind became fully developed. Behold her hand, that bore evident marks of faithto know, sir. ful service, which, after telling them her gloomy forebodings and fearful presentiments, she intended to throw after them. It was the flinging of this very old shoe that was to ward off the impending evil. The sequel will prove the success of her wellmeant attempt to furnish her guests with a general life preserver. The walk through the cool morning air revived their spirits, and they enjoyed their ride, also, the inquisitive glances which they received on every hand. A merry day was passed in the woods, although they began to feel rather chilly before the watch, which for convenience sake, Kate had concealed about up stairs. her person, denoted that the three o'clock train would soon pass. Placing their trophies from the forest in their empty baskets. they walked out to the crossing, where there were three houses and a grocery, and was all crasy. called, with an extravagant attempt at style, "The Corners," and, with no slight trepidation, awaited the train. The signal was seen, and the rapidly approaching train stopped, while out of nearly every window was thrust a head, its owner of blue ribbon passed through loops of rich hostess arranged the contents of their lunch already." the vehecual no objective at staring around, with persistent energy, as they reached the platform. They found the she fastened over it a beautiful waterfall of baked potatoes, hot corn-cakes and butter, car pretty full, but fortunately two seats, fac- curls, held in place by a handsome comb. besides a plate of rosy-cheeked apples. Lily ing each other, had each a vacant place, in-to which Bell and Kate dropped, while Min-to which Bell and Kate dropped, while Minna and Lily passed farther on. Kate's companion was an old lady, and in her hair; but Bell's quick motions and They carried out their plan as far as to Bell's an old gentleman. Almost any body superior height had so far prevented her. get aboard the train, and succeeded in findcould have guessed that they were man and wife, and if from New England, would have lieve I heard the gate ! When her brother but they had not planned a railroad accirecognized, in the spare face of the old gentleman, and the plumpness, and sharp, yet has been out walking, but you will see if she fusion when the engine, refusing to glide a-good-natured expression of the old lady's is sufficiently rested to come down? face, some of the best types of the New England character. I have always maintained, from observa- delicate hint in the request; but if they have height. tion, that Yankees are no more inquisitive a come, they must have rid or run. Mebby In some way Gerald's ankle became disloclass than other people, but this old couple some one gave 'em a lift in their wagon. chanced to be very eurious; and, indeed, I Please, Kate, my embroidered handker- he lay quite still, looking very white and think they were quite excusable for looking chief, that I laid out, and, Lily, the satin handsome. The other passengers roused pretty sharply at the singularly arrayed fig-ures beside them. After properly clearing his throat, and flourishing a red and yellow silk I'll ask no more. gasped Bell. I'll ask no more gasped Bell.

No sir, replied Bell, respectfully. Yes. Live around here?

all the passengers in their vicinity were looking at her.

eggs, than a wild, untaught gypsy maiden. They began to think they had been too H'm, don't live around here, hey? T where do you stop when you're home? Bell blushed, and muttered,-

At different places.

after a week of tiresome waiting, a note ar- She had heard of gay women who changed as usual.

slightly obtuse person may infer that the bot- flashing her eyes at him till she looked beau- dream of them.

said something very funny.

nouncing, with some impressive gestures, that two strange things had happened. She dreamed of a white horse the night before, Corold and his friend

Bell soon disappeared, and the other three wept frantically, kissed him, and bade him girls hastened to don their most becoming farewell. Perfectly sure that the vital spark No sir, she replied, noticing that nearly clothes, to meet the gentlemen at tea. After spending an hour very pleasantly tical glances that the fast recovering crowd around the well-spread table, they adjourned were bestowing upon her until Bell came up. Kate raised her handkerchief to her lips to the piazza. It was rather cool there, but Lil! she exclaimed. Why, it's Gerald, shivered in silence for the sake of the ro- one-he's hurt.

glimpse of one as I stepped off the train.

guidly threading his white fingers through they indulged in most heartily.

I have not seen any such pass, she replied

at Lily as he spoke.

A low, rippling laugh, full of merriment, Lily blushed scarlet; but Kate and Bell, Lily, close to his side, while he teasingly thrilled out from some one on the opposite who seldom lost their self-possession, changed said, -fusion of Lily passed unnoticed by the two

progressed rapidly. It must be confessed your audacity, I shall take them back.

but more like a country lass, on her way to to conceal a smile. Nothing daunted, the the moon was shining brightly, and they and he has fainted. Get some water, some H'm, don't live around here, hey? Then mance. Gerald's friend, Mr. Larrimer, At this moment Gerald: opened his eyes, seemed much pleased with Kate, and kept and Miss Lily dropped his head as if it had quite close beside her the entire evening. been a scorpion, and sprang back, quite as She appeared satisfied with his devotion, and though stung by that reptile. Finding that At this innocent reply the lady took alarm. was as piquant and vivacious in her remarks he was not dangerously injured, they could not forbear laughing at little Miss Lily,

had fled, she gave no heed to the coldly cri-

By the way, Gerald, said he, breaking a whose golden hair having escaped from its at Lawton, and would be with them the next considered very good company for virtuous pause, did those handsome gypsies leave the did men. So she pulled his sleeve, and, in cars at this station? I thought I caught a streaks in the jetty locks she had borrowed. Her hat was lost, her wig awry, and she for-I really couldn't tell, replied Gerald, lan- gave them the expression of mirth, which

That's so, said the husband, and 'pears his hair; possibly they did. Have you seen When Mr. Larrimer, reticent and unaswhich led by a short cut to the end of the like she don't want to tell. Suthin' ruther any such pass here, sister mine? he added suming as he was; met Kate, he held her hand a full minute as he fervently said,-

If you are safe, I am happy! A week after the ridiculous ending to Were they so very handsome, then? in- their gay freak, Gerald was sitting on a soquired Kate, innocently. If they were, per- fa in Mrs. Smith's best parlor. His ankle a silver cup. Lest some well-meaning but I am not running away, interrupted Bell, haps you gentlemen would like to go and was doubtless weak, and his foot lame, for it was resting on a cushion encased in a beau-

I fully expect to dream of one, replied tifully embroidered slipper; but his arm Ain't! Well, I didn't know what you Gerald, quietly casting an admiring glance seemed in no wise injured, for he used it, just then, iu drawing his companion, Miss

> I understand, Miss Lily, from an eye witness of the scene, that you took advantage

No, sir, I am a fortune-teller.

The young men across the way exchanged impression on his hitherto unimpressible glances, which Kate's sharp eyes detected. heart4 The spirit of fun held her completely by this After about ten days' enjoyment, Mr. time, and she came gracefully to Bell's as- Larrimer received a letter, stating that his

A fortune-teller, ma'am, she said. Shall attend to some business affairs. Gerald con-I tell your fortune, or yours, sir?

Wall, I dunno, he replied : does it cost morning after the reception of the summons,

intending to return the following afternoon. Only a dollar, sir; tell you all the events No sooner were they fairly away than the gether unclerical. Whereupon, the humorher, then, at the front door, with a shoe in of your past life, and much of the future, girls brought out their gypsy finery, and ous preacher retorted, by saying, "Brother, sir. There are many things you would like prepared for another trip to meet them. Lily my religion does not lie in my breeches." took more pains than before to make the dis-

Wall, guess likely I hadn't better spend guise complete. She had a faint suspicion the money. Thank you all the same, though. that Gerald was in love with her, and, in her And the old gentleman seemed quite glad to heart she didn't believe the little god find that, dubious as their claims to respect- Cupid half as blind as the poets represent ability might be, they were not of the class him. Fearful of detection, she mustered he had begun to fear.

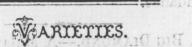
True to their plans, they stepped off the Smith a false front, made of very coarse if he'd a shilling, he'd ha' killed us all." cars at the depot on the side opposite the black hair, and which was worn by that

sed exactly as before, and in high spirits they | Nancy did !"

which she had made several attempts to place belles unawares.

O Mrs. Smith ! exclaimed Kate, I do be- ing seats near Gerald and Mr. Larrimer, comes, will you please tell him that Miss Bell dent, and consequently were thrown into con-Of course I will, responded Mrs. Smith, broken one, reered to the right, and went Advertisements inserted on the most liberal good-naturedly, and failing to discover the over an embankment of earth a few feet in cated, and a sudden faintness seizing him, Book and Job Printing executed in a man-

been abroad, and seen so much of the world, that after that of course she was obliged to should so quietly succumb to the fascina- accept him, and subsequent events prove that A what? ejaculated the old lady recoil- tions of her friend Lily, whose heavenly she did. fast night, and two bl blue eyes and golden curls made an early



A CERTAIN clergyman was not over fastidious about his wardrobe. One day, meetpresence was greatly desired in Lawton, to ing his brother, who was also a divine, he was censured by him for being so careless cluded to accompany him. They left the about his dress, and especially reprimanded for wearing striped trousers, it being alto-

ONCE on a time, says history, a Scotch pedestrian was attacked by three thieves. He defended himself well, but was overcome, when the thieves, much to their astonishment, found that he owned only the small up sufficient courage to borrow of Mrs. sum of sixpence. 'The de'il's in the fellow," said one, "to fight thus for sixpence. Why,

waiting-room, and were off like deer. They good lady's mother when an inhabitant of A LITTLE girl had a beautiful head of rushed, almost breathless, into Mrs. Smith's this mundane sphere and in full dress. Af- hair, which hung in "clustering curls" down house, and the good dame, somewhat alarm- ter some demurring it was loaned her, and her neck. One hot summer day she went ed, with sleeves rolled up to her shoulders, Bell's long waterfall of curls, comed into upstairs and cut all the curls off. Coming and a rolling-pin in her hands, followed them waves, and pinned on, completely concealed down she met her mother, who exclaimed the golden hair. By means of a dark stain with surprise :- "Why, Mary! what have Land ! Has anything dreadful happened ? for her face and hands, and a charred clove you been doing to your hair ?" To which Why, what a hurly burly you're in! she rubbed over her eyebrows and eyelashes, I she responded that "she had cut it off and continued, apprehensively, a faint suspi- doubt whether her own mother would not laid it away in her box, but that she intendcion creeping into her mind that they were have disowned her. The others were dres- ed to put it on again to-morrow, as aunt

"My son, know thyself!" solemnly said, a

"Thank you, sir," replied the son, "but long train, and trimmed with several rows widow and her children with a visit. Their my list of acquaintances is sufficiently large



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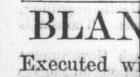
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handkerchief, the old man ventured to ad- Well, they've come now, and no mistake, our gypsy friends. Lily was the first to get HEARTS CONTENT...... " C. Rendell. TRINITY HARBOR " B. Miller. H'm! Going far, miss? ing to him, and, taking his head in her arms, ment. ST. PIERRE, Miquelon " H. J. Watts.

And, indeed, they appeared quite like it, started. for they had thrown aside their hats, and As it was rather too cool to remain in the were assisting Bell to array her elegant fig- woods while waiting for the afternoon train, father to one of his offspring. ure in a beautiful white pique, cut with a they went to allog house, and honored a poor

lace. Her hair was hastly coiled, and then baskets on the little pine table, adding some