

"WASHINGTON, May 11, 1869.

"GENERAL G. M. DODGE :

"In common with millions I sat yesterday and heard the mystic taps of the telegraph battery announce the nailing of the last spike in the Great Pacific Road. All honor to you, to Durant, to Jack and Dan Casement, to Reed and the thousands of brave followers who have wrought out this glorious problem, spite of changes, storms, and even doubts of the incredulous, and all the obstacles you have now happily surmounted !

"W. T. SHERMAN,
"General."

"Well ! " she exclaimed, letting her hands and the telegram fall in her lap, "he does n't even mention my hero."

"Oh, yes, he does, my dear," said Bradford, laughing. "He is one of the 'thousands of brave followers.'"

Then they both laughed and forgot it, for they were too happy to bother with trifles.