

sermon. Mother and son now drew closer together, for Arthur saw how much she leaned upon him.

A young pastor's first wedding is always an interesting event to him. With Arthur it was especially so, from the fact that he had to return to the vicinity of "The Old Orchard" to perform the ceremony. In the old home of the bride he pronounced Professor Bohn and Minerva Daysmore husband and wife.

When Arthur was taking their signatures, the Joker of a former day expressed himself again.

"Well, Arthur, times have changed a little for us both since I ran away from Mrs. Blackrock, after Minnie and I fell in love with each other."

"Indeed, I guess it was you that fell in love," replied the bride. "My part was more recent. Besides, Professor Bohn, I think you would act more discreetly if you would remember not to address me in company as 'Minnie.' It is scarcely dignified enough."

"Very well, Mrs. Bohn," replied her husband, gravely, "I shall try to remember that, seeing that you do not deny that you fell in love as deeply as I did myself, although at a later period. As for 'company,' I scarcely regard an old friend and an old bachelor like Arthur as 'company.'"

"You are rather irreverent, I think, in speaking of Mr. Medford as an 'old bachelor.' I am almost ashamed of you," replied his wife.

"Beg pardon, both of you. I meant no irreverence or discourtesy, Minnie—"

"There now!" cried Minerva in a tone so sharp that it caused Joker to look very sober. "What have