

for one in her position. I dare say we shall agree well enough, at least as well as the majority of married people, for I doubt if there is much love lost among a good many. And now what do you advise?"

"I am afraid my advice will not be palatable, but you are quite welcome to it. To advise you to sacrifice your happiness, for the sake of worldly gain, would be the last thing I would think of doing. I would rather strive to persuade you to lay aside your ambitious views; to be content with your present circumstances, until something better offers at least, and to enjoy the peace of a good conscience, and the sweets of domestic happiness, which open so invitingly before you."

"But don't you see, it would be impossible for me to marry with my present income, unless I find some way of increasing it."

"Well, you might not have much for luxury, but quite sufficient for comfort. You have none dependent on you for support; you are quite alone in the world, and could live in my opinion, most happily, and maintain a wife with your present income."

"Yes, and never get up in the world: Always drudging along, without any prospect of doing better. No, that would be unendurable."

"Far better, I should esteem it, than to live in possession of all the luxuries that wealth can purchase, and yet feel the heart empty, sad and desolate. For you would feel this. You know well that the lady of whom you have spoken, is not one cal-