

A CASE OF NECESSITY.

BY MARY E. BRADLEY. "We are going to the Fitz James' for dinner," said my uncle's wife, sailing into my room in full toilette one summer afternoon. "And I have told Nora that she need not set the dinner-table to-night, of course. It would be absurd, with the family all absent; but you can have something sent up here if you like."

maids whose kingdom is a sick-room; she was vigorously well herself, and had little sympathy with any kind of suffering or helplessness. "Think it's a whim," she added. "He's been a strong, hearty man all his life, and there's no sense in his having a spell now. I told him to take a dose of salts and stop grumbling; but Susan told me a while ago that he'd sent Jimmy Doolan for the doctor."

remember a paragraph I showed you in the Herald? Well, I'm afraid there's no doubt about it. Shall I tell her?" Mr. Parkinson grew a shade paler, but he gave a nod of assent. "I'm sorry to tell you, Miss Prissy, that your brother has the small-pox," the doctor began. "There's no occasion for alarm at present, but—"

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