would make me a good wife, Dr. Ella- his ease. Salmon Hayden chewed anxiously

a bit of a shaving as he spoke. Hayden, I don't know. Can't

den, helplessly; "I have been refused so speaking. many times I feel rather delicate about very difficult finding help, and the best drawing on his gloves. "By-the-bye, but what do young girls know about planning and contriving?"

tor, feelingly.

to know what "shiftlessness" meant.

"And then again," continued the luck."

The Doctor rubbed his left ear reflec-

tion. ... e is ly e... who occurs down again with emphasis.

but if you think she will do, why all per, had a way of coiling itself up in a the astonished husband could utter; right. I must consider my children, tight twist, fastened by an inflexible steel while "Mercy on us!" fell from the pursyou understand, and get somebody who comb; and her complexion was more like I have a great deal of confidence in your But, though not strictly beautiful, Miss astonished one of the party it would be judgment, Doctor, and if it is your Priscilla Danley had other attractions good word for me.

in a bit of white paper.

"I think," said he, "you had better to such business myself; never did any- Danley mansion; yet somehow, such is

uck. If you will only help me this satisfaction that night. once, I shall always count you my best enevolent heart.

ng took occasion to call at Mr. Danley's under pretence of asking after old lady Danley's rheumatism.

Priscilla met him at the door.

"I would like to see you a few minutes alone, Miss Danley," said the Dcctor, blushing like Aurora.

"To be sure you may," answered Priscilla, briskly, "if you'll step into the dished a feather. kitchen where I'm paring apples. It's a busy time just now, and I can keep my hands going while I talk."

"What has got in his head now?" thought she, as they walked along towarrant. He may as well save his was stuck full of knitting needles. breath: for I've taken all the money out as far as the heel.

'Miss Danley," said the Doetor, after a few desultory coughs, and a few preyou your candid opinion in regard to- darted after him. to matrimony.'

Priscilla punched the apple-corer a little way into the bell of her thumb.

"My opinion, Doctor? You didn't come all this length of ways to hear opinion that matrimony does very well in its place."

"But in your own case, Miss Priscilla! excellent provider-

the sink in the most irrelevant manner, to wash her hands.

of your "suppose," Dr.

say, say it. 'So I will, all but the name. I've no He is a man I can recommend."

"A widower ?"

"Yes." "How many children?"

"Six." "What are his means?

"Well to do, Miss Danley, or wouldn't have come here on such an er rand."

bury looked up sympathetically. "What do you want me to say, Doctor ? I shouldn't like to have the certific ... ana le out, and the minister spoken to, you know, before I'd set eyes on the

Dr. Misworth mughed. The worst

"All I ask of you, Miss Danley, is this: Will you or will you not see him?"

Mrs. Pillsbury looked up again, and this time with innocent surprise. It was Miss Priscilla, looking at her questioner not really clear to her why her sympathy you find some one for yourself?" replied with eyes as penetrating as two blue gim- should be so especially valuable. Dr. Ellsworth, folding a powder in a bit lets, and with as much composure as though it had been a suit of clothes in-"No, Doctor, I can't," answered Hay-stead of a wife Dr. Elisworth was be-

"Oh, well! Then it's all right. trying. If you could do semething for call over with the gentleman and intro- man goes home and finde motherless me, I should like to get married. It is duce him," returned the Doctor, hastily of help don't take that interest a wife he added, remembering his pretended into the eves of the bereaved with such would. Why, everything's at loose errand, and turning back at the door, tender pity that his heart leaped with a ends in my house. Samantha—that's "however is your grandmother, Miss my oldest—she does the best she can; Priscilla?"

Miss Priscilla threw up her nose, which was as sharp as a fish-kuife, disap-"Sure enough," responded the Docprovingly. "Grandmother is no better," said she, "and will be no better
thaving taken to himself a "child while she continues to live on blue-pills suppose you understand the object of wife," in his old age, he was supposed and Dover's powders. All my wonder my vsit upon this occasion, and are willis that she is alive now."
. "I have told the old lady," observed

would-be Benedict, rolling the shaving Dr. Ellsworth, mildly, as became a war- must understand that I wish to hasten under his tongue, as if it had been a cud rior who would not speak to the prejuof sweet and bitter fancy-"then again dice of his own weapons, "that too much I am all ready now, and I hope you will ically, it costs a sight of money to hire so much.

Says I to myself more'n six months ago, as too little; but sie thinks she has lived

So saying—the mind of Mr. says I, Salmon Hayden, do you look long enough to sail e for herself; and as reverting to the old days of his first round for some smart, driving, go-ahead I can do nothing for her I will wish you courtship he took Mrs. Pillsbury's pinwomen, and marry her if you can! But good-day for the present, and call again cushion of a hand in the most affectionsomehow I haven't seemed to have any soon, with your leave, to introduce the ate manner—the very hand which ought

"Suppose now I should say Priscilla Men are such fools, and the most foolish for before Mrs. Pillsbury, in her amaze-Danley. She would make an excellent thing about them is, they don't know ment, had time to speak, or even draw wife, I am sure; and I really think she they are fools," said Miss Priscilla aside, back, the opposite doors opened, and would be willing to change her situs- taking up a pan of apples and setting it from one came the voice of Mr. Pills-

Salmon Hayden's eyes lighted like the wiry strength rather than grace, and she stepped over the threshhold, and stood eyes of Jonathan after he had tasted the honey in the wood.

"Well, she's a woman I don't know, lair, which was the color of white pep"

"Sarah Matilda! my wife!" was all will make a good mother to them. But a russet apple than an apple-blosiom, storm of hail. Which was the most opinion she will suit all around, you besides those in her money stocking. would confer a great favor by saying a She never made a failure of anything she (turned her hand to, fro n pies to Dr. Ellsworth folded another powder poetry; and in sickness she was worth taken me, an old married woman, for her weight in diamond dust

do the speaking. I am not accustomed this as he shut the door of the thrifty to you for answer."

Next week, on the afternoon of ironfriend," said Hayden, in a pathetic tone ing-day, which everybody knows is husband, severely. which struck home to the Doctor's Tuesday, he called with the impatient Mr. Hayden, on Miss Priscilla.

Pillsbury, not expecting visitors to tea, were engaged in taking to pieces and -"I sincerely hope, Miss Danley, it will putting together again the sewing-ma- be so you can overlook this little blunchine. Round Miss Priscilla's slender der, and take me for-for better or waist was tied a blue checked apron: in worse." her left hand was a kerosene lamp with the top off; while her right hand bran- without bending her head; "walk out and

It was not an opportune moment that nephew David, aged sixteen, roguishly the lady had been of ended beyond all ushered the two callers into the sittingroom. Priscilla was conscious that scarlet vied with russet in her face, and that Hayden's india rubber spirits had suffer gether. "Come to borrow money, I'll the tight twist at the back of her head

Introductions were hurried over, and of my stocking to pay off that mortgage the doctor took his leave, feeling very guilty, and very much afraid of the severe glances which the gimlet eyes tea as nearly as possible at right angles were boring into his soul. The moment with the nose of the tea-pot; and Importing and Breeding liminary a-hems, "I would like to ask he left the room, however, Miss Priscilla thought within his own soul that this

"So that is your widower, is it? And a pretty time of day to bring him here, without so much as a word of warning !

The doctor lingered for no further reproaches, but shut the front door behind future life depended upon one short that? If you did it's a pity you shouldn't him with the utmost dispatch, while get it, though; so I'll out with it, and Miss Priscilla ran up stairs to arrange which as yet had only opened to ask her not wait to be coaxed. It's my candil her toilet, leaving Mr. Hayden and her guests if they would take sugar and cousin together.

As it was a day of blunders, and the Fates had matters in their 'own months, Suppose now a good, likely man, and an it is not to be wendered at that Mr. Hayden had made a mistake at the out-Priscilla sprang up as if one of Cupi l's set—the trifling mistake of supposing busy with thoughts of the future. arrows had suddenly hit her and ran to Mrs. Pillsbury was the lady of his love.

"I am glad it was not the other one," said he to himself, complacently; for "A man that would give a comfortable Mrs. Pillsbury's comely face and plump hearth-stone? little figure did certainly contrast very favorably with the grimness and angu-Ellsworth. If you've got anything to larity of "the other one." There was visiting, and eight children. Was it not the shadow of a doubt in Mr. Salmon Hayden's mind that the lady with those children with a towel, a cake of idea of trifling with you, Miss Priscilla. her hair full of knitting-needles had left the room on purpose to give him an opportunity to express his sentiments. There was no time to be lost, he thought; Lovejoy and do it she might to the end for she might come back again as sud-

denly as she had disappeared. "I am a poor, bereaved man," said

"I am sorry for you Mr. Hayden. was very encouraging to the poor stem- self, it did not weigh a feather with the

was now over, and Miss Priscilla's mat- he, in more assured tones; "and really, ter-of fact manner had set him quite at madame, a word of condolence from you is worth a great deal to me-worth more than you can think."

"You have a feeling heart, Madame. your lonely condition must touch any one, I am sure. I always thought a house must seem utterly desolate when a children in place of his wife."

Mrs. Pillsbury, as she spoke, looked up great bound toward his gentle sympathizer, instantly taking her into its empty corner. "I don't know how to thank Dr. Ells-

ing, I hope, to receive attentions with a matters as fast as is convenient to you.

So saying-the mindlof Mr. Havden gentleman referred to.

at that especial moment to have been frying fritters for its impatient owner, at that especial moment to have been week, or Saturday-that is baking day, her husband. Impatient, sure enough; bury, inquiring, with conjugal freedom, Miss Danley's figure was adapted to if supper was nearly ready. Then he

ed up lips of Miss Priscilla like a quick difficult to say; but the first to regain e juipoise was Sarah Matilda.

'An apology is due to Mr. Hayden, said she, with ready tact. "He has mismy cousin, Miss Danley. Prescilla, he Dr. Ellworth was quite conscious of has asked for my hand, and I refer him

"Yes, yes," gasped Mr. Hayden, with thing of the kind but once, and that was the perversity of the heart of man, he as good grace as he could command. "A went home to his silty "child-wife's" natural mistake, na went home to his silly "child-wife's" natural mistake, ladies; and I hope you'll

"Pillsbury," suggested the outraged

"And I sincerely hope"-faltered the father of six, with appealing glance at So he promised; and that very even- And this was the way the Fates had the spinster's topknot of steel colored day; there may be something to talk ov- 25, 40, 50, 60, and 75c. Per Lb. rdered it: She and her cousin, Mrs. ribbon, which protruded from each side er. I shall not expect you more than of the tight twist like a two-edged sword

"Tea is ready," said Miss Priscilla, sit down with us, Mr. Hayden."

This invitation looked propitious. hope of reconciliation she would not have asked the enemy out to tea. Mr ed collapse on account of his innocent mistake; but they inflated and rebound as Miss Priscilla spoke.

He watched her, sitting upright before the little Japan tray, pouring a stream of "other one" would rule his house better than the sympathetic Mrs. Pillsbury, on whom he had wasted five minutes of hopeless and unlawful adoration. Yes, he was satisfied that the happiness of his word from Miss Danley's decisive lips, cream in their cups.

Miss Priscilla did not for a moment forget the proprieties of the occasion; bu while she was acting her part as hostes. with the strictest decorum, her mind was Should she not accept the horny hand of Salmon Hayden, and with it the six responsibilities which romped around his

There was Sam-that was Priscilla's brother-he had a wife, just now gone Priscilla's duty to stand forever over soap, a darning needle and a pair of scirsors? She had done it thus for ever since Sam had married that incapable of the chapter, and who was to thank her for it? Six was not as bad as eight. She might take these six into her own he, trying to get a view of the sole of his hands as no maiden aunt might dare and boot, "ahem! as I suppose my friend there would be only an irresponsible. the doctor has told you." Mrs. Pillse easy-going man to say, "Why do ye so?" Miss Priscilla considered. As for the mistake Mr. Hayden had made in ad-There was a tear in her eye, which dressing Mrs. Pilisbury instead of hersensible Priscilla. It only showed what

"Yes, a poor, bereaved man," repeated an absent minded, flighty man the Doc TR tor was, to risk the possibility of such a blunder. If the distracted Salmon had made love to Sarah Matilda he supposed he was making it to Priscilla, so pray what was the difference? It is not best to "split a hair from west to north-west side" and Miss Danley never wasted time in such puerile employment. She had been weighing this matter of mar-"I hope I have, Mr. Hayden; but riage ever since the Friday before; and now that she had seen the bridegroom expectant she had no particular fault to find with him except that he would talk with his mouth full. She considered; and considered; and before the pile of fritters had aunk to nothingness Mr. Hayden's prospects had risen in a reproportion. Miss Priscilla had decided that he would do to ait at the foot of the table at which she should preside at the head. She would as lief pour tea for him as any man she knew; and being a woman tic man acquainted with the state of her heart; whereupon he smiled like the sun view to marriage? I suppose, too, you after a shower, and immediately called together all the scattered rays of his affections and beamed down upon her trop-

After supper Mrs. Pillsbury stepped into her cousin's place once more. Not. as here, in the affections of her suitor, but this time more acceptable in her work of cleaning away the table at d overlooking Mrs. Sam. Danley's sight children, who, from oldest to youngest, inherited their mother's incapa city; "Hannah all over," as their aunt Priscilla often said, with a discouraged sigh. And thus Miss Danley had time for a little nocessary conference with her elected bridegroom in the parlor; a season not wholy lost, for Miss Danley always carried a ball of yarn and a crotchet hook in her pocket, and many was the tidy and yard of edging that had grown out of such odd minutes.

"I hope," said Mr. Hayden, with the impatience of a householder rather than of a lover, "I hope you won't keep me waiting long.'

"Nothing to wait for, as I know of: I was never one to dawdle. When there is a thing to be done, do it, say I," returned the intended bride; making a rapie circulation of the necessary time for the preparation of a state dress and bonnet, with the inevitable contingencies of washing, ironing and baking thrown

"Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, yes, well-well-two weeks from to-day is as early as I can arrange to leave here. There are the dresses to finish for the children, and I have promised to make some bottles of sarsaparilla and cordial for grandmother; and then there will be some little things for myself. Yes, today two weeks, we will say; and you can call again about next week on Wednesthat once for I shall be very much en gaged, and it must be just the Lusy season with ou."

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