

OF THE RIGHT STOCK.

She was small and frail, and richly dressed, but sitting a few scats behind her I could not see her face. Soon a handsome, manly young fellow opened the forward door of the car, and looked from one to another as though expecting to meet some-body. At once, on seeing the lady I have mentioned, he quickened his steps, and a happy look came into his face. On reaching her he bent down and kissed her ten-derly, and when she moved nearer to the window he deposited his coat and hand-bag, and seated himself beside her. In the and seated himself beside her. In the seventy-five-mile ride which I took in the seventy-five-mile ride which I took in the same car with them he showed her every attention, and to the end exhibited his devotion by anticipating her smallest need for comfort; and once he put his arm around her in such a lover-like way that I decided they were a newly-married pair enjoying the honeymoon, and I fancied I could detect many "spoony" acts attributed to young people under these circumstances. Imagine my surprise on reaching Chicago to discover her to be old and wrinkled and almost toothless. But when I heard him say, "Come, mother," and saw him proudly lead her out of the cars and gently help her to the platform, banishing her lightest anxiety, and bearing her many packages, I knew there was not money nor romance behind the exhibition, and that this was a true love-match.—Hope. true love-match.-Hope.

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Jane Potter.

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M. B. Longlex.

Paradisc, Dec. 1888.

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Clifton, Feb. 1889.

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RODERICK MCDONALD. jr.

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