



The Family Circle.

"Home Sweet Home."

A LITTLE MISTAKE.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "TRISSIE'S BRIDAL," "WILFUL WINNIE," "AGAINST HIS WILL," "A TWISTED LINK," "CLASPED WITH RUBIES," ETC.

(Concluded.)

While she was on her knees thus engaged, Fritz came towards her with something in his palm, asking: "What do you call this?" He knelt down beside her that she might look into his hand. It was the tiniest spray imaginable, and consisted of two or three pale green leaves, and a couple of white berries. A pretty spray, and an innocent-looking one; and the sight of it made Nelly redder than a rose.

"Let us telegraph before the office closes," suggested Nelly. "A few words will suffice:—Safe and well, but still waiting for Tom, whose friends have preceded him." The idea was acted upon; and when they returned, rosy with their brief walk, Mr. Graydon was standing on the hearth, and Fritz was questioning cook, whose cold rendered her so unintelligible that he glanced up in despair.

"That was because I was watching you chop up the candied peel. I was in a fright lest you should cut yourself." "Do you faint at the sight of a cut finger, Mr. Meryon?" he was scornfully asked. "Do I give you the impression of being very chicken-hearted?" he queried in return.