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an eloquent man—not much of a man any way—but I—I love you, have loved you aince you were a wee child. Perhaps—I suppose I do seem old to you, but I feel younger than I did at 20. I do so long to devote the remainder of my life to you, darling; could you? Do you think you could be my wife?"

Hazel, at first dumfounded and feeling a strong inclination to laugh and cry both, tried in vain to collect her wits. Her first offer! And Col. Baker, with his queer ways and bald head standing there with that ridiculous quaver in his voice! It was too much!

"No," she cried, springing up. "How with the fallen angels? Couldn't they make their wings work."

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A baby elephant was added recently to
the collection in the Grand museum in Autumn came and early winter, still she had received proposals—not one. Her young gentlemen friends did not find it casy to make advances with her in spite of her frankness and seeming pleasure in their society. The only person who really enjoyed her confidence was the colonel, whom she regarded as a sort of father-confessor.

However, the fatal day came at last. She and the colonel had been out for one of their numerous drives. They had been unusually merry, the colonel behaving much like a young boy. On bringing her home, he came in cutansibly to "get warm." Standing with his back to the fire and his hands folded behind him, and its feet wide apart, he regarded Hazel in an abstracted way as she threw off her wraps, dropping her cloak on a chair, her hat on a softs, dragging a soarf over stand and leaving a mitten on the floor.

Suddenly bringing his heels together with a click and raising himself up on his toes and letting himself down again he said:

"Come here, child, I want to tell you something."

Hazel came over to where he was standing, and, dropping into a chair, looked up with expectation in her eyes.

The colonel took a step, wheeled around facing her sand said in a deprecating way, "I don't know how to tell you, I am not an eloquent man—not much of a man any way—but I—I love you, have loved you since you were a wee child. Perhaps—life less tremedy for cough and all large travibles, is one that

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"No," she cried, springing up. "How could you ever think I would consent to such a thing?"

Then a sense of all his geodness and worth—it mingled a feeling of pity at his distress—came over her, and clasping the palms of her hands together, she said brokenly: "Oh! you are so good. I like you. I am very sorry, but I am sure—no.

—I don't think I could make you happy,"

"My dear child," he said, with sudden courage, taking her clasped hands in his, "is there anyone whom you care more for?"

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"Then let me have an opportunity to win your love. I can't give you up, dear. The thought of you has entered so entirely into my life that I cannot go away without a little hope. You do not hate me, little one?"

"No, no!" she said, in distress, "but I—"

"Never mind, don't try to explain yourself or your feelings. Let everything be just as it always has. Remember that I leve you and let me come and see you often." Pressing two fervent kisses on her hands, he shot out of the door and was off before Hazel had time to turn around.

She gathered up 'her things and went."

Odessa Despatch to the London Times.

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