## The Proposal By Proxy.

thing about Oakwood, even where it is situated; and they will be none the wiser for my telling; for as they will perhaps, never hear of it except from me, it does not matter to them.

Suffice it, then, that O kwood is the village where I, the humble scribe of this marrative, have spent the greater part of my not over long life.

Two years 250, Lettie Monson was the brightest, merriest girl in the place.

She lived at Squire Bartlett's, on the hill road, just in sight of the river.

The aquire's wite was dead and gone, and his three daughters were married, so the old house was lonely enough; but they had taken Lettie when she was a friendless erphan, and she would not leave the old man now.

Squire Bartlett had never been a pleasant man, and the shedows of fit y years had not improved his disposition; so that, al though just, as the world goes, he was not a very desirable companion for a young girl.

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That is right—I knew you wouldn't.'

Ned spoke as if it had been settled in his mind a long time.

Very well; then it is useless to talk about it; and, though I am sorry to have you lese your hundred pounds, even that cannot make me alter my determination "Perhaps we can effect a compromise, and take the money together,' he answered, laughing

I do not understand you at all, Mr. Carver. I shall find another home, and leave the sold man now.

Squire Bartlett's as soon as possible; and now let us charge the subject. 'I want to ask you a question. Don't you love me, Letti ?'

Secure. She lived a feet of the river.

Because,' he continued, as he passed I is arm around her 'I have loved you a love me, Letti ?'

Lettie did not answer—she only drew doking in her eyes, by the moneylight. 'I want to ask you to be my wite. Will you. Lettie?' Lettie Monson did not want to marry him.

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lt was the shadow of Ned Carver, and Ned said he had come over to talk with the squire, because he had nothing else to do; but he did not mention the fact that he had been in the parlor with Lettie for a full hour, and that she had told him all about the old gentleman's courtship.

Ned threw himself on the settee, laid his carry brown head back against the window frame, and tried to talk to the squire; but the nearest he came to it was to talk at him, for that gentleman seemed strang-ly absent minded; at last, however, his trouble came out.

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'Do with her?' Ned spoke as if very much surprised. 'What do you mean?'

'Why, you see, I want to marry her, and she won't have me; that's the long and the sbort of the matter.'

'Won't she?' asked Ned, very coolly.

'She says so, and I am afraid that nothing I can say will alter his mind; but it someone else would talk to her about it, perhaps it might do some good.'

'Perhaps so' said Ned.

'Well, then,' resumed the squire, 'wby won't you? I think Lettie likes you, and I helive you might have some it fluence with her.'

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Really,' began Ned, 'I shouldn't know what to say, and—'
Oh!' interrupted the equire, 'that's easy enough. Tell her it will be better for het.' Ned locked as it he did not believe it. 'Tell her she will have a good home, which, perhyps, will never be offered to her again—that she will feel more independent it she is married, and so on.'
'Yes,' said N d, slowly; 'but if that makes no impression, what then?'
'Tell her that people think strange of her living here with me, and that her name will stiffer. That will bring her to if anything will, for a woman thinks more of her reportation than anything else in the world.'
'Well,' returned Nd, 'I will do it it you say so; but, whatever is the result, you must not blame me.'

corly hair, very much the color of Ned's: and very good foundation she had for them though he had not exactly proposed.

She now made up her mind to leave the

house as soon as she could fied a home

som where else.
She had a cousin living about a mile away, and she would go to her that very evening, and tell her all about it; so, after tes, she called Rover for company, and

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the object of her visit, and soon Squire Bartlett came in.

He seemed surprised to find Lettie there, but she knew very well he had followed her.

Ned was in unusually good spirits, which considering the mean plot he was engaged in, Lettie thought very provoking, and a striking instance of the depravity of the human heart.

She soon rose to go, and the squire rose also, and put on his hat.

'Rover, Rover!' called Lettie, but no River appeared.

'Sit down, Mr. Bartlett,' said Ned. 'I will go and help Miss Monson find the dog,' and there was a knowing look in his eyes, which the squire read thus: 'It will be a good time to talk to her.'

So he sat quietly down, and Ned went the said the dog.'

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'Never mind the dog, Lettie,' he said, when he came up to her; 'but please walk with me a few moments, for I have something to say to you.'

'And, as I am fully aware of your purpose. Mr. Carver, it is quite unnecessary,' returned Lettie, haughtily.

'Perhaps you do not fully understand me, however,' persisted Ned.
Lettie grew impatient.

'But I do. I heard your conversation with Mr. Bartlett this afternoon. I would not marry him for his weight in diamonds. I told him so last evening, and I tell you the same.'

kissed for full red lips, she actually kissed him back.

Very improper, of course, but perfectly natural under the circumstances.

'And now, Let'tie, I must fulfil my promise to the squire. He tel' i me to tell you it would be oetter for you to marry him.'

'I heard him,' said Lettie.

'He said you would have a good home, and, perbaps, you would never have another off r.'

'But you see I bave,' and she looked up archly in his handsome face.

'He s. id people might think strange of your living alone with him, and that your good name might suffer.'

Just so, and what do you think of it?'

'That you had better come and live with me, and then your reputation will be sife and it will eave you the trouble of looking for a home.'

Squire Bartlett waited as patiently as he could for the return of the young folk.

An hour went by, and he was on the point of going home, when he heard their voices at the door, and, in a mement, they

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'D.d. you find the dog?' he asked, as Ned opened the door.

'No sir; we have been talking and forgot all about it. You see, I told Miss I done to the third would be beat to be married as soon as possible.'

'Good!' said the squire, rubbing his bands; 'a very sensible girl. I knew it would come out all right.'

'And so,' continued Ned, 'we have taken steps to have the banns published, and she libe married within the month. Allow make you acquainted with my intended wite, Mr. Bartlett.'

Lettic came forward, and held out be hand; but the old gentleman, taking uphis hat quitted the room wi hout a word.

Lettic stayed at her cousin's that night. The next morning came a note for her. It ran hus—

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Halifax, Sept. 25, to the wife of H. Curtus, a son.
South Bay, Sept. 20, to the wife of W. Earle, a son.
Yarmouth, Sept. 6, to the wife of T. Kenney, a ron.
Hants, Aug. 17, to the wife of H. Archibald, a ron.

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Highfield, Sept. 12. to the wife of John Card, a daughter.

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Lovett to B site Borden. 

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Well,' returned N. d. 'I will do it it you say so; but, whatever is the result, you must not blame me.'

'Certainly not; and, if you can get her to agree to be m-rried within a month, I will give you a bundred pounds.'

'Agreed,' said Ned. 'I will do my very best.'

Now it happened that Miss Monron had found the parlour too warm very soon atter Ned Carver had left it, so she took her sewing at d went into the wide old entry, where the breeze always came, even in the stillest days, and, soon after she was seated, she heard her name mentioned.

Thinking it as much her business as anybody's she sat still, and the said bree z brought the whole conversation to her ears.

Lettie clid not like it, and she thought Ned might find better employment for tis spare time; for, to tell the truth, she had been building castles in the air for many monthe, always inhabited by herselt and she thought another individual, with brown eyes and sonther individual, with brown eyes and sense chough to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I want you to see it. Forgive me, and come over and see me. I

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