THE GREAT

You're not that kind of a man, unless I'm wrong in my calc'lations.'

"'To what lady do you refer?"

"'To the Widder Collins, little Geordie's ma. She has designated me to say to you that she has two good farms over in Loyalsock Township, five hundred dollars in bank, and a first mortgage on the new Methodist Church at Huckleberry Bend, and ef you're willin' to marry her, she's willin' and so's Geordie.'

"My friend, could you, without reflection, have framed a