

your wife most opposed to my own. My wife, Laura, you surely forget. When have I ever, till forced by necessity, which should be as evident to yourself as to me, asked your compliance to any wish in opposition to your own?"

"Oh! of course it is always you who are right. I will say no more. Pursue whatever course you see proper. My happiness is of no consequence now. It was different once. You would not, a few years since, have been so regardless of my comfort. But it is always so. When men have been married a few years, they grow tired of their wives, and unkind. I little thought, when I left my father's house and became your wife, that I should live to repent the choice I had made."

"The injured lady, now completely overcome by a sense of her wrongs, hid her face in the cushions of the sofa and sobbed like a child. The poor husband, meantime, walked the room, agitated, and wavering between his sense of right and his desire to yield, as usual, to the beautiful wife's unreasonable wishes. On the one hand, urged by the fear of bankruptcy, from which every honorable man shrinks, and the difficulties which were daily increasing upon him, to the strictest economy; on the other hand, the tears and reproaches of his wife, of which he entertained an unqualified dread, urged him to an acquiescence in her requests, come of it what might. The conflict in his mind was every moment becoming more unequal; his wife was before him, the other evils at a distance. Men are weak, sometimes, especially if so unfortunate as to have viragos for wives. They dread a storm, and agree to almost anything to avoid it. Then, to a man dislikes to see a woman's tears, certainly if he be in any way concerned in calling them forth. They appeal most certainly to the softer feelings of his nature, are in fact a tacit acknowledgment of his power, by which he is both flattered and grieved; and, unless his heart be naturally harder than adamant, or he has become indifferent to such scenes from their frequency, he will make any sacrifice, yield any point, though his conscience whispers that he is doing wrong. Having entered upon this subject, let me breathe a few words into the ears of those ladies who are in the habit of a constant resort to this timely feminine weapon of offense and defense. I would warn them, that too frequent use will blunt its edge. Men grow weary of sameness, and even *beauty* in tears will, after a time, cease to be interesting. Laura, becoming tired of the position in which she had placed herself, raised her head languidly but still reclined upon the sofa. Her hands clasped, her eyes in tearful resignation raised to heaven, as if all thought of worldly happiness had faded from her mind. The husband was subdued. He approached her, and took one of her fair hands, and promised everything that she required. It was some time, however, before the lady consented to be pacified. But turn we from a scene of cold selfishness and weak enervation to one more calculated to awaken pleasant emotions.

One evening Henry Pond returned from a business weary and harassed in mind and body by the daily increasing difficulties that hung like a storm-cloud over all engaged in trade. Stoppages had occurred, and were still occurring, in houses hitherto supposed to stand so firm as to defy all such attacks, however unfavorable. Merchants met as usual, it is true, "on form," but the bustling activity that formerly characterized such meetings was changed for suspicious whisperings and anxious looks. Confidence between man and man was shaken, and nothing was heard but the cry of "hard times." Henry returned home upon the evening alluded to, his spirits more than usually depressed, which not even the happy home that welcomed him, the affectionate smiles of his wife, or the joyful voices of his children, could raise.

Concluded next week.

As to that paragraph about Father Shaw Davouge, Iowa, who worked thirteen years in a family without asking a cent, it becomes necessary to say that it was a very large family. Father worked in, and they boarded at the State Prison.

Remember that appearances are often deceiving. Many a cold, thin young lady will eat more corned beef than a pig. Because you find her playing the piano in the parlor it is no sign that her mother is not at the corner grocery running in debt for a peck of potatoes.

A Pennsylvania bet \$6,000 that he could eat fifty quarts of peanuts in forty-four hours. He got away with forty, and then death got away with him.

Judging from the number of drowning accidents this year, says the New York Commercial, there are fewer people here to be hanged than we had supposed.

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