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Mr. Bumble-Timothy Bumble, bachelor from Spadunk-sat in his room, the very picture of despair.
That morning he had arrived at
the mansion of his newly-married brother, on a visit of a week or two. He had felt some presentiment of evil from the time he began to talk of making the visit; something had impressed him with a vague sense of danger. As he ascended the steps that morning he had not dreamed what the danger consisted

in, nor how very near, it was, Now he knew. "It's a widow!" groaned Mr. Bumble. "A widow!" Evidently Mr. Bumble hadn't

any particular love for widows. "Here I am, an innocent, unsuspecting man," went on Mr. Bumble, dolefully. "John who's put his foot in it by getting married, invites me down to see how much like foels he and his wife can act, and I, like a fool, came down. I hardly step my foot inside the door before John tells me that there's some one else coming-his dear Belinda's sister, a widow, and such a nice woman, and I see through it all in a minute. It's all a plot! They've got me down here for her to marry! Yes, for her to marry." Mr. Bumble shivered at the thought. He was in a cold sweat all

"And now she's here!" Mr. Bumble shook his fist at something in the corner-an imaginary widow, probably; "she's here, and I'll be persecuted and pestered from morning till night.

troduce me. Hang it all, I wish I'd staved at home. It does make me out of patience to see people make such fools out of themselves," John came back pretty soon. "Are you ready to go down?" he

"Yes, I s'pose so," answered poor Mr. Bumble, not very graciously. "But I'll tell you what it is, John, I'll not marry her." John laughed outright, "You seem to think that getting married

is about the worst fate a man can have happen to him. I think it "Yes, you," exclaimed Mr. Bum-D. Appleton & Co., ble, explosively. "Of course you'll groaned the bachelor. "She'll propose before we get home." Then aloud, he added, "Yes, I'd like to Street.

"Well, I'll wait," replied John. "Come on, if you're ready." Mr. Bumble groaned and followed his brother down like a lamb led to the sacrifice. He began to tremble before he reached the parlor door. He remembered, afterward, of seeing something in the shape of a woman rise up as they entered the room, and of hearing John say, Mrs. Blake, my brother Timothy. And the shape swooned down upon him like a hawk upon a dove, and

for ten minutes thereafter all was a When he regained his scattered senses-it always served him in the same way to be introduced to a wcman, especially a widow-she was talking away at an awful rate, and he was sitting before her with his hands folded meekly, in becoming resignation. At first he didn't dare to look at her; but after his first awe began to subside he stole a glance or two at her. The investigation made him tremble. She wasn't one of your cooing, gentle widows, but one of the strong mind-

ed class. He felt sure of it. And by-and-by-how, he never knewthe began to talk woman's rights. "I do think," declared Mrs. Blake, laying her hand on Mr. Bumble's knee by the way of emphasis, and causing the poor man to flinch terribly, "I do think that we

poor females have rights which you men are bound to respect. Mrs. Blake looked straight at Mr. Bumble as she said this, as if daring him to deny it. "Undoubtedly," responded Mr. Bumble, feebly, feeling that something was expected of him.

"Yes, undoubtedly," repeated Mrs. Blake, "I think you are sensible in making that admission, Mr. Bumble, and I like you for it." Mr. Bumble wished he had said that they had more rights now than they knew how to take care of, but he knew that he hadn't moral courage to say any such thing. The widow kept him there all the after-

noon. It was a torment to him, but he could'nt get away. "Dear !" exclaimed the poor man that night, in the solitude of his chamber, "I'm afraid she'll get me cornered up and marry me." His sleep was haunted with

widows. One leaned down from the headboard to pull his hair, and one shook her fist at him from the footboard, while another leaned over the side of the bed, and requested him, in dulcet tones, to kiss her. That woke Mr. Bumble up, and not another wink of sleep did he get that

"Oh. Mr. Bumble!" cried the widow at breakfast, "Belinda says they have the prettiest view from the hill beyond the meadow, and I want to see it. Won't you go with me this morning?"

Poor Mr. Bumble consented, because he didn't dare to do other-

went up stairs to get his duster. "1 hope she won't propose before we get back. If she should—" Mr. Bumble was horrified at the prospect. He never had thought was going, so you wouldn't feel

such a thing before. But alarmed." this widow was strongminded pecial study,) either in male or fe- and believed in "rights." Might male, no matter from what cause them? And if she should propose anything. I'm going now. Take he knew he never should dare to

If ever any one deserved cannonto treat diseases with success. Cures ization as a martyr, Mr. Bumble did that day. Every hour was a week, and she insisted on dragging him about the whole forenoon. At the old housekeeper, as she got him ters describing symptoms and en- last she was ready to go home, and something to eat, "You look all the poor bachelor began to revive worn out," as the distance between them and

the house grew less. As they were returning across pasture a cow which had been feeding in the further corner saw them yes, Betsey, persecuted." Mr. Bumd came running toward them. Mrs. Blake was terrified and fled to

Mr. Bumble for protection. Bumble, comfortingly, edging away from the widow, who, he was afraid, contemplated a raid on him under the plea of fright, "Shoo,

The cow didn't choose to "shoo,"

"You old brute!" exclaimed Mr. Bumble, making a terrible effort to free himself from the widow's clutches; let us hope for the sake of his galantry, that his exclamation has reference to the cow. "You old brute! I see if you'll stand there shaking your head at me!" and thereupon he charged at the ani-mal so furiously that she made an

inglorious retreat. "How shall I ever repay you?"
cried the widow. "I feel that I
owe you my life, and my life-long. gratitude is yours!"
"Don't," said Mr. Bumble, evidently greatly touched at her exhibition of gratefulness. "Taint

worth speaking about." "I wish you'd let me lean on your arm," said Mrs. Blake faintly; "I feel so weak. I can hardly walk. I don't know but I shall faint.

Mr. Bumble was aghast at the prospect of a fainting widow on his hands. He grabbed off his straw hat and began to fan her furiously. Presently she said that she felt better, and took possession of his arm, and they set out for home, which was reached after many halts and much suffering on the part of Mr.

"It's getting desperate," said the persecuted man to himself as he reviewed the events of the day and looked the situation boldly in the face. "A widow'll bring things to a crisis in no time. I wish I was going home to-morrow."

The next evening there was a party at a neighbor's, and John and Belinda and Mrs. Blake and Mr. Bumble attended. Mr. Bumble supposed, as it was such a short dis-

"Have you ever been to Spadunk?" he asked, grasping at the first idea that came into his head as drowning men clutch at straws.

"I'd like to have you come up," said Mr. Bumble, at a loss to think of anything else to say, and determined that the conversation should not revert to the dear departed Mr. "Would you, now, really, Mr. Bumble?" asked the widow, smiling into his face. "You men are so-so fond of testing us poor wo-

men, you know, that we can hardly ever tell when you are in earnest. But I do believe you're in earnest, this time. I would like to come up and see you, I assure you," "I put my foot in it this time,"

stay as long as you like." life ?" laughed the widow. "Oh!" suddenly appearing to notice what she had said, "I'm so impulsive, Mr. Bumble, that I never stop to think. What can you think of me?"
Mr. Humble tried to say some-

throat, and produced only an unin-"You wish I would? Was that what you said, Mr. Bumble?" ex-

"You-you misunderstood ation. me, ma'am."

pleaded the widow; how could I nave been so mistaken ?" Mr. Bumble didn't remember the incidents of the walk very clearly when he reached home. He tried to shake her off at the parlor door, but she wasn't to be got rid of in

freedom a little while. around his neck; "you foolish man! to think you could get away from a woman so easily, when

you." And then she fell to kissing him, and he woke up with a scream and found himself sitting bolt upright in bed, with a pillow clutched in his hands as a defense and dressed himself.

day for any money. It ain't safe." Ten minutes afterward some one knocked at John's chamber door, "Who's there?" he demanded. "Me-Timothy," answered Mr. John got up and came to the door to find out what the matter was.

"I'm going home," declared Mr. Bumble. "The train goes in fifteen "But, Timothy-"Tain't no use," said Mr. Bum-

care of yourself. Good-by," and Mr. Bumble was off. He half expected to be overtaken

"I be," said Mr. Bumble. "I tell you, Betsey, I'm never going away from home again unless I know it's yes, Betsey, persecuted." Mr. Bum-ble heaved an awful sigh of relief. "It any women ever come here that you don't know, just lock the door "She won't hurt you," said Mr. and don't let 'em in, for goodness' samble, comfortingly, edging away sake. Tell 'em I'm sick or dead; that I've got the small-pox-any thing you please; but don't let 'em Money and Commerce.

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Oh, I did? Excuse me, do,

"Come in and sit down, Mr. Bumble, do," she urged. And Mr. Bumble, cursing himself all the while for being such a fool, allowed her to draw him into the parlor, after the fashion of the fly and the spider, and there he sat and suffered for three mortal hours. More than once he thought the important moment had come and that she was about to propound the awful question. But omething-Providence, he called it-helped him to avert the awful fate with which must have been his if she had spoken, and he congratu-lated himself as he reached his chamber that he was still spared to

He went to bed and dreamed. He thought Mrs. Blake came and informed him that she was going to marry him the next day at precisely half-past ten. It was terribly real. He woke up in a cold and clammy perspiration. Hours passed before he slept and then he dreamed. This time he thought that he ran away to escape his awful doom, and the widow followed him and overtook him. "Oh, you naughty man !" she cried, putting her arms she'd made up her mind to marry you." And then she fell to kissing

against his persecutor. He got up "I'm going to get out of this," he groaned. "I won't stay another

minutes. I thought I'd tell you I

Mr. Bumble couldn't forget his The cow didn't choose to "shoo," dream for several days, and kept a constant look-out for the widow, but she didn't follow him. He has an Institution having a high her arms about the poor man, "save never ventured to visit his brother never ventured to visit his brother lead with the poor man, "save never ventured to visit his brother never never ventured to visit his brother never ventured to visit his brother never ne

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