

BY NORMAN WRIGHT.

Copyright, 1902, by Daily Story Pub. Co. Of course, it was my fault—probably.

I was young; we were both young; had we been older, or at least as callow, it would not have happened. But what's the use of talking about "ifs" and "buts"? It was as it was and there's no help for it.

I might as well state plainly at this juncture that Margery and I were in love, or at least we thought we were. We had been sweethearts ever since he was in pinafores and I in short skirts.

But at the time it happened I had blossomed into creased trousers and a downy mustache and carried a cane—had become, in short, quite a young man of fashion and wholly disinclined to be treated as a kid.

Nathaniel Sykes was a most aggravating nuisance—a mischievous, and she declined wholly to accept me in the role of a young gentleman of fashion, preferring to maintain the old relationship as boy and girl.

It was just when I was feeling my best that I met the widow. It was at a party, to which, by the way, Margery had refused to accompany me, preferring to see the look of impotent rage which adorned my face.

Within a week I was wholly enslaved. I could think of nothing, talk of nothing but the widow. By that time I was calling her Nellie at her own suggestion delicately conveyed.

distracted with delight. I have suspected since that the widow was not so modest and ingenuous as she seemed—and yet it seems sacrilege even to suggest it.

doing it—even started toward her—but my timidity got the best of me and I drew back.

Her cheeks were aflame and she drew several sharp breaths as she shrank from me, saying:

"Oh, don't, Fred, you mustn't. I really am afraid of you when you look like that."

But I only held her the tighter and rained kisses upon her. Then she sent me from her, telling me that she dared not trust herself with me longer.

"Oh, don't, Fred, you mustn't!"

only last week she married Nathaniel Sykes, 60 years old and worth three millions.

SHE IDENTIFIED THE SOUND. And Also Gave the Teacher Some Excellent Advice.

The morning had drifted along until the teacher found herself opposite that period of time on her program devoted to "phonics."

"I tell you, teacher," she piped, "when you put the hot poker in your beer it makes a noise like 'Ss.'"

Imagination and Illness. An interesting experiment was recently made by a Dr. Durand, in reference to the relative power of imagination of the two sexes.

BRIEF DISPATCHES. If you "sooger" you'll never make "tin." Brass is needed in the manufacture of gold. It is only the loser who is permitted to laugh.

Many a man who takes a "horn" finds himself coming out at the same end. A girl has lost some of her wits when she loses her straitjacket.

Killing Off English Sparrows. The Gemshall Sparrow club, Surrey, England, has accounted for 25,702 birds during the last six years. Good Twelfth Night Cake.

A Finger Clock. A novelty in the way of an alarm clock has been perfected by an American jeweler. It is about the size of a hazelnut.

No Escape From Trouble. An interesting light on the subject of government ownership of railways comes from Victoria, Australia.

Pittsburg Steel Production. The production of steel at Pittsburg in 1901 equaled that of Germany, twice that of France, five times that of Russia or Belgium, and twenty-five times that of Spain.

Proverbs

"When the butter won't come put a penny in the churn," is an old time dairy proverb. It often seems to work though no one has ever told why.

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