

## LIFFY RUFFLES Drawings & Wallace Morgan Verser & Charles Battell Loomis

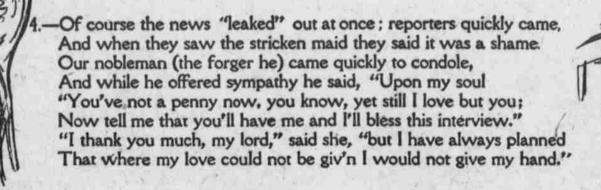


He learned that she was wealthy, that her aunt was wealthy too; That she was Aunty's only heir, so he resolved to do What things he could to gain her hand. He knew he could not fail. He had no fear of conscience sting, no dread of law or jail. He sought her our, he wooed her fair (his manner most polite), And at the close of just a month he thought the end in sight.

2.-Legitimate his mode at first, he asked the Aunt's consent, And Aunty, dazzled by his name, to dainty Fluffy went. "I think, my dear, that he's the man who'll make a husband true, Although among the titled ones deserving men are few." To please her Aunt fair Fluffy said she'd let him press his suit, "Although I do not care for him. He's foppish and he's-'cute."" The nobleman with honest air to Fluffy promptly came. He asked her hand, she answered No, she did not care for fame.

The nobleman departed, but he winked his wicked eye. "I'll have you yet, my pretty one," the birdies heard him cry. Next day a legal letter came to Fluffy's home address.

(It was a clever forgery I might as well confess.) It told Miss Fluffy that her wealth had all gone up in smoke. When Aunty heard the dreadful news her fond heart almost broke, And Fluffy bit her pretty lip and mopped a briny tear. (The nobleman was quite prepared as "angel" to appear.)



The door bell rang and sturdy feet into the parlor strode. When Fluffy saw Joe Traddles' face her own with pleasure glowed. "I've just arrived and in the papers read the 'dreadful' news, But somehow something told me that the whole thing was a ruse. At once I sought your lawyers out; your fortune's safe and sound, But I'll not rest until the cur who did this deed is found." The "nobleman" attempted then to make a sudden flight,

