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THE SORT OF A MAN FOR A HUSBAND. Dickens said of the following anecdote: "You must know that I have appropriated that story and acquired immense reputation by it." It occurs in a paper of reminiscences, entitled, "A Yankee Tar and His Friends." On one of Captain Morgan's voyages from America to England, he had under his care a very attractive young lady, who speedily distinguished herself by reducing five young gentlemen to distraction. She was quite ready to marry one, but what could she do with five? In the embarrassment of her riches she sought the captain, who, after a few moments' thought, said: "It's a fine, calm day; suppose, by accident, you should fall overboard; I'll have a boat lowered ready to pick you up, and you can take the man who loves you well enough to jump after you." This novel proposition met the young lady's views, and the programme was accordingly carried out, with the trifling exception that four of the young men took the plunge, and, being picked up by the boat, presented themselves a dripping quartette on the ship's deck. The object of their undampened ardor; no less wet than themselves, fled to her state-room and sent for her adviser, the captain. "Now, captain," cried she in despair, "what am I to do?" "Ah, my dear," replied the captain, "if you want a sensible husband, take the dry one!" And she did. **HIS CURRENCY.** During the first year of the war, when change was scarce and some large firms were issuing currency of their own, a farmer went to a store in a neighboring town and bought some goods, and gave the merchant a five dollar bill, of which he wanted seventy-five cents back. The merchant counted it out, handed it over to the farmer, who looked at it a moment, and inquired: "What is this?" "It's my currency," said the merchant. "Wall, tain't good for nothin' where I live," said the farmer. "Very well," replied the merchant, "keep it until you get a dollar's worth, and bring it to my store; I'll give you a dollar bill for it." The farmer pocketed the change and departed. A few weeks after he went to the same store and bought goods to the amount of one dollar, and paying over the identical seventy-five cents, he took a handful of pumpkin seeds and counted out twenty-five of them, and passed them to the merchant. "Why," said the merchant, "what is this?" "Wall," said the farmer, "that is my currency; and when you get a dollar's worth, bring it to my place, and I will give you a dollar for it."