

## "THE TRUANT BRIDE"

Miss Dillpickles Finally Becomes Engaged to Marry. But the Hour of Her Triumph Is Embittered by Maidenly Panic.



"So soon?" I gasped. Cuthbert repeated that was his ultimatum.

#### IV.

Arriving at my Aunt Salsify's I discovered that she's all in a flutter over my engagement to Mr. Higginblossom. You'd think it was she going to be married to him instead of I. And here, I thought, by coming away I'd get where I wouldn't hear anything about it, and have a chance to

think.

I guess I'm not the ardent kind. I've proved I can get married, and beyond that I don't seem to be very much interested. The engagement was my climax. Actually becoming Mrs. Hugginblossom doesn't appeal much.

I tried to treat my engagement as