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MISCELLANY.

Finding a Husband.

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'Uncle, way I ride Miles? I left one bright June morning, as he sat at the breakfast table.

'Ride Milo?

'Yes. It's such a fine day.

'But he'll throw you!

'Throw me! and I laughed merrily at the absurdity. 'Say, uncle, don't! I continued in a coaxing tone, 'there's no fear, and I'm dying for a canter.'

'You'll die on a saddle then,' the uncle said, with his grim smile, 'for I'll break your neck. The horse has only been ridden three times—twice by your Hand cousin to-day.

'But you've often said I was a better rider than Jim.' Jim was the eldest boy. 'That's a good uncle, may do.' And I threw my arms around his neck, and kissed him.

I knew by experience, that when I gave this I generally carried the day. My uncle tried to look stern, but I saw he was relenting. He made a last effort to deny me.

'Why not take Dolly? he said.

'Dobbin! I cried, indignant pout. 'Dolly is no such a mad ride as this! One might as well ride a rocking horse at once.'

'Well, well,' he said, at last, I must. You'll toss the life out of me if I don't let you have your own way. I wish you'd get a husband, you naty, you're growing beyond my control.'

'Humph! a husband! Well since you say so, I'll begin to look out for one to-day.'

'He'll soon repent of his horseon,' said my uncle; but he sailed behind the words—'You're as short as pleasant, if you can't have your way. 'Tisn't—' as I was about to speak, 'go and get ready, child, I'll tell Joe to saddle Milo. I'm sure I'm afraid I don't deserve you.'

Milo was soon at the door—a gift, with the same colt, which I did not ride from me. I mounted, and gave him a rich caress. I did not quite like.

'Take care,' said my uncle. 'It's not too late yet to give it up.'

I was piqued.

'I know I am as sure as fate,'

'Not even for a bottle of old port?'

'No! I'll ride down to the post office and ask old Toney, the old servant, if you love me, and you will be sure to give Willie to look your interest.' [illegible] this, my face tricked at [illegible] uncle was in old [illegible] all strange women, and [illegible] sina to Fall Willow, [illegible] forty seven, because [illegible] ted to entrance [illegible] Rome he could reply, I gave Milo the bird.

John [illegible] I went fast. It was not long before I [illegible] it all his own way. [illegible] tried to do [illegible] in his mouth, and all I gained was a firm hold on, and trust to rising nimbly. Trees, fences and houses seem to fly past on the wing. As long as the road was clear we did well enough; but [illegible] to a heated [illegible] spectacles from the [illegible] of a wood. Milo shied, twisted half around and [illegible] hour not stable only to the [illegible] I do not know I was [illegible] in a mud hole, which lay on one side of the road.

Here was a fine end to my boasted horsemanship! But as the mud was soft, I did not hurt, and the full force of my vexation

'All the chances I have had of finding a husband in this confident! I said to myself, recounting my ill luck with my uncle. 'If I could find some mad frolic like this, and then myself fall in love with my preserver! Chances'—And I began [illegible]

'Shall I help you, Miss?' suddenly sang a rich, manly voice.

I looked up, and saw a young man, the supposed owner of a horse I had seen pass, brought the blood to my cheeks. He seemed for an instant astonished at my beauty. But on glancing against my dress, I saw I had been laughing in spite of my fall. I stood in the mud at least six inches above the tops of my shoes. My riding skirt was plastered all over, so that it was almost impossible to tell of what it was made.—My hands and arms were red to the elbows, for I had to thrust them out as I fell, in order to protect myself.

The young man, as he spoke, turned to the neighboring bank, and taking the bridle, he placed it across the pommel, then putting his arm around my waist, he lifted me out, though not without leaving my shoes behind. While he was fixing the saddle, which he had given me to do, I ran behind the carriage, to hide my blushing face, and to rub the mud from my stockings and riding skirt. I had managed to get the first a little cleaner, but the last was still as thick as ever, when my companion made his appearance with the missing shoes, which he had scraped till they were quite presentable, and leading Milo by the bridle.

'Pray let me see you home,' he said. 'If you will mount again, I'll lead the colt, and there will be no chance of his repeating his trick.'

I could not answer for shame, but when in the saddle murmured something about not troubling him.

'It was trouble not the least,' he replied, standing hatless beside me, a picture worthier, and still holding the bridle in his hand.—'And I can't really let you go alone, for the colt is as vicious as sin to-day. Look at the ears, and the red fire in his eyes. I fear you coming down the road, and expected to see him, without every minute, the I saw he will spill you.' Nor would it have happened if he had not wheeled and stopped, I was thinking a circus.'

I cannot tell how scolding was the tender way of his using my mistake. I gave a glance under my eyelids at the speaker, and saw that he was very handsome and gentlemanly, and apparently about my age, twenty, or twenty-five. [illegible]

I had hoped that [illegible] in the fields, overlooking the [illegible] eastern margin. I [illegible] kingly, at 'Dragon' [illegible] time I had sprung to the ground, [illegible] out, his eyes bright full of admiration. I did not dare to stop, for fearing to my senses, I said, 'My uncle, sir, don't you [illegible]?' and then rushed up stairs.

In about half an hour, just as I had dressed, there was a knock at my door—my uncle's knock. I could not for open. He was laughing a low, silent laugh, the jolly body shaking all over with suppressed merriment.

'All ready at last,' he said. I began to despair of you, you were so long and came to hasten you. He's waiting in the parlor with.' he said into a mischievous whisper, 'a young gentleman, a recently married couple. From Chicago to Kentucky, [illegible] from Kentucky to Michigan, [illegible] and a half miles from Michigan to Chicago, twenty eight miles, and a half miles, [illegible] three days journey. Article extraordinary [illegible] Not in the drawer, Richmond, Cincinnati, Dayton, and many other places, which never at present can be worn by and to be separated from London, have been left out. 'As the man would fly,' across streets and houses, from the point where we started at Chiswick to the further end, the distance is nearly eleven miles, and the greatest width from north to south upwards of seven miles.—*The Builder*

MOTTO FOR THE GOVERNOR OF UTAH.—Go it while you're Young.

Harry was the son of an old neighbor, who had known uncle for three years, and before that had been at college, so that I had never seen him since he remembered you at school, and had never lost his stay [illegible] I came down, though Harry [illegible] I'd have but after he in [illegible] Mr. uncle was [illegible] Harry [illegible] the hottest thing' he [illegible] Milo was my favorite [illegible] Harry [illegible] Willie [illegible] dinner [illegible] Harry [illegible] Harry [illegible] Harry