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The Doctor and the Dressmaker.

BY BELLA FRENCH.

The Doctor came first to our village
as a tall, dark, sour looking individual,
a little on the shady side of forty,
he called himself a widower, and was
rather handsome too, but for all that
the girls failed to set their caps for him.
In general the case where single
men take up their abode in our
village.

I don't think that he got many pa-
tients at first, for he had a sign with
M. Rose, M. D., in gilded letters,
over the door of his office.

He had not been in our village more
than a month when Mrs. Wiggins,
the dressmaker, arrived, and fitted up a shop
opposite the doctor's office.

The dressmaker was also tall and
dark, but unlike the Doctor, she had a
kind nose and sharp black eyes.

They were strange pair, for, though
they never spoke to each other and
neither owned to having made the
other's acquaintance, they took care to
show themselves in each other's way,
and by their actions to show their con-
tempt for each other.

If the doctor chanced to be passing
the dressmaker's shop, she would go
down to his face, and if the dress-
maker chanced to be passing the doctor's
office, she would turn away as though
disgusted beyond measure.

People soon saw the two were trying
to annoy each other, and some of the
mischievously inclined resolved to help
them.

One morning we were all astonished
at seeing the doctor and dressmaker had
exchanged signs. This made considerable
talk, for neither of the two seemed to
know anything about the matter, and
of course no one took the trouble to in-
form either.

Now it happened on that day that a
number of strangers came into our village
from the country. They had been
married but a few weeks, and the foud
husband, as soon as he came to town,
purchased a nice dress for his bride.

"I think Charles," she said, "that I
will have it cut by a dressmaker before
going home, for I might not get the
change again for a month."

"Very well, my love," returned the
husband. "There is one just ahead of us;
you can step in there."

"And there is a doctor's sign on the
other side," Charles. While I am getting
my dress cut you can drop in at the
doctor's, and get that medicine for Mr.
Grog's."

"So I can, Julia, for I am glad that
you reminded me of it, or I should have
forgotten it."

And the two parted, one going into
the doctor's office with her dress, and
the other into the dressmaker's shop to
procure some medicine.

"Hem!" coughed the latter, bowing
before Mrs. Wiggins; "is your husband
at home, madam?"

"And pray who told you I had a hus-
band, sir?" was asked in return.

"Hem! a mistake—your brother, I mean," apologized the young man.

"My brother? I have no brother."

"Well, it is the doctor I wish to see,
madam."

"The doctor, sir! Do you mean to in-
sult me?"

"Why, no. I saw the sign and—"
"You must be drunk!" she exclaimed,
indignantly; "mine is a dressmaker's
sign."

"I beg your pardon, madam, but let
me request you to read for yourself, and
you will find that—"

"As if I don't know what is on my
own sign!" she interrupted, rising
hastily and going to the door.

"The wretch!" she cried, as she
rested on the doctor's name. "To think
that he dared do such a thing! I'll tear
his eyes out!"

While this interesting scene was being
enacted at the dressmaker's, another no
less so was transpiring at the doctor's.

When Julia left her husband, she
tripped up stairs and knocked lightly at
the door of the doctor's office.

The worthy M. D. answered the sum-
mons in person.

Supposing him to be the husband of
the dressmaker, she made known her
business at once, by saying, "I came
sir, to have a dress cut."

"A dress cut?" he repeated in astonish-
ment. "I don't cut dresses."

"Ah, sir, I beg pardon, I thought that
Mrs. Wiggins resided here."

"Mrs. Wiggins? No, indeed, madam,
—that amiable person—holds forth on
the other side of the street. Though if
you don't want your dress spoiled you
better keep away from her."

"Doesn't she have any sign," asked
the little lady wonderingly.

"Why, don't you see it?"

"The doctor's sign, you mean?"

"Thunder and lightning!" she ex-
claimed, "she has been stealing my
sign!"

"And you have been stealing hers,
judging from the name at the door," re-
turned Julia.

Down went the doctor in a heat
of passion, and giving one glance at the
dressmaker's sign, he tore it from its
fastenings, and bearing it in his hands
made his way across the street, at the
discovery of his sign hanging at her
door.

"How dare you, madam!" he cried,
"how dare you play such a trick on
me?" throwing the bit of painted tin at
her feet.

"How dare you play such a trick on
me?" she exclaimed in turn, grasping
the sign which hung at her door, and
casting it at him with all her might.

"I, madam, wouldn't pick up your
sign in the street, so don't imagine
that I would put it at my door."

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