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CONVINCED.

Peter Carter pushed his chair back from the table and surveyed the faded little face on the opposite side of the tea tray.

Faded enough now, though she was barely 27. You would hardly have believed how fresh and pretty Carry Carver had been on her wedding day.

The morning sunshine crept down the pale green wall paper, sprinkling drops of gold on the few little geranium plants that Peter called a "waste of time."

"Carry! Aren't you going to get up this morning? It is half past 7, and—" "I cannot, Peter," groaned Carry, turning her face away from the light.

"Please darken the room, and keep the children away, and don't speak to me if you can help it. I have such a racking headache, and the least excitement drives me wild."

Peter shut the door with distracting caution and went down stairs on creaking tiptoe. As he passed the nursery door a duet of voices chimed on his ears.

"Where are your shoes?" "I don't know," said Tommy, with his finger in his mouth.

"I know," said Pet, aptly revenging himself for the hit at her diminutive proportions; "Tommy dropped them out of the window."

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before he had completed the requisite search. The kitchen was empty when he returned. "Where are the children?" was his first alarmed thought, expressing itself unconsciously in words.

"I saw 'em go out of the door, please, sir," said the washerwoman's little girl. The July sun was beginning to glow intensely in the heavens.

"How are you now, Carry?" he said about an hour afterward, throwing himself into a chair by her bedside and fanning himself with the newspaper he had laid there that morning.

"In bed. They were too much for me, so I undressed 'em and put 'em to bed to get them out of the way."

"Nor blackened the range, nor cleaned the knives, nor scrubbed the kitchen floor?" "No."

"I do, most certainly—and long before 12 o'clock. And yet you wonder that I am not dressed and cultivating my mind before 11 o'clock."

"My dear Carry," said Peter penitently, "I have been a brute. I'll have a cook and a nurse and a chambermaid here just as soon as I can possibly obtain them. You shall be a drudge no longer."

An American dealer sold last year 2,000,000 birdskins. All were used for ornamenting woman's attire. Women ought to cry down this variety that feeds and pampers the destruction of the feathered tribes.

Mr. Peter Carver was an affectionate father in a general way, but human nature could not have endured this. And he bundled the two little creatures miscellaneous into whatever articles came uppermost, sending off strings and fracturing buttonholes in frantic desperation.

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"Nine o'clock, as I live—and nothing done. Well, I see very plainly there's no office for me today. Now, then, what's wanting?"

A CASE OF TRUE LOVE.

Although He Courted Others, His Heart Was Still True to 'Mandy. Jim was a long, lank mountaineer Kentuckian, who owned a creek farm, fairly well stocked, and he was not a bad catch, as those things go in the mountains, but he had no wife.

"How is it, Jim," I said to him one day, "that you don't marry?" He grinned guiltlessly. "Well, colonel," he said slowly, "you know 'Mandy Collins, don't you?"

"Well, I fixed her three months ago, and she wouldn't have me." "Why didn't you try somebody else?" "I did, colonel—a fine gal down the creek. I set right up to her, like a sick kitten to a hot brick, for a whole week, when one day 'long came 'Mandy, and I axed her ag'in."

"That's what I'm doin now, colonel," he responded, with more spirit than he had previously shown. "For a month an uppers I've put 'Mandy clear outen my mind, an I'm shinin up to Hester Jones seven nights a week, an their ain't no use talkin, colonel, Hester likes it!"

A man in Limerick went to the undertaker to order a coffin for Pat Connell. "Dear me," said the undertaker, "is poor Pat dead?" "No, he's not dead yet," answered the other, "but he'll die tonight, for the doctor says he can't live till morning, and he knows what he gave him."

Some people were laughing at an Irishman, who was a race, for saying, "Well, I'm first at last." "You needn't laugh," said he. "Sure, wasn't I behind before?"

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