They were sitting together, side by side, ou the sotu, in the most approve lover insilion
taper waist ete. taper waist ete.
"I sequis $"$ he
tead my heart ere this you must have read my heart ere this
how drarity I lave you." "Yes, Fred; you have ce tery attentive," said Lizzie. WHII be my wife?"
*"Your wife, Freil Or al No, indeed, nor any one else's."
"Lizzie, what do voú mean?" "Just what I say, Fred I've two married sigters.
"Certainly! and Mrs, Hopkins and Mrs. Skinner have very good busbands I believe." "So people kay; but I wouldn't like to stand in either May's or Nell's shoes that's all."
"Lizzie, you astonish me." twenty-five sleigh rides this winter thenty-five slieigh rides this winter, thanks to yo
Priends.". Pred winced a little here, whether at the romembitinnee of that unpaid livery bill, or the idea of Lizzie's nleighing
with her other gentlemen friends, I cannot positively answer.
Aow many do you think my sisters h) vo hihd? Not the sign of one, either, of them. Sual pretty girls as May and
Nellie were, too, and so much attention they used to havel'
"Now, Lizzio" -
Y "I am fond of going to the theatre ocoasionally, as well as a lecture or con-
cort sometimes, and shouldn't like it, it I proposed attending any such entertannmont, to be invariably cold that ine hard, and my husband couldn't afford it,
alone.
"Lizzie, Tizzio" -

- "And then if onen in a alogs age he did condeseend to go with me any wher
 places, at the rialk of breaking my necks
he walkitg allong unconscionily by my side. I'm of a dependent, clinging
nature, and I need the protention of a strong arim-"
"Lizzie, this is all nonsense", perhape I have been spoiled. At all pvents, 1 know it would break my heart to heve my husband vent all the ille on my defenceless head."
"But, Lizzie," 1 pormise you tha
*Oh, yes, Fred; I know what yon are geing to say-that you will be different; but May mad Nell have told me time
and again that no better busbands than and again that no oire ever lived. theire ever lived. No, Fred: as a lover
ygu arejust, perfect, and I shall hate you arganst, periect, and. Still, if yon are bent on marrying, there are plenty who are not wise enough to protit by thoir orample if they have. And dort't frot about nee, for I've no doubt I can Snd some one to fill your place"-
But "before Lizzie had conclude But before Lizzie had ooncluded
Fred miado for the door, muttering something "unmentionable to ears polite."
"There ${ }^{3}$ " exclaimed "Therel" exclamed cizzie, as the door closed with a bang. "II know he was nobetter than the rest. That's the way John and Aleok swear and slam doors when thinge don't go just right. Ins Pur sorry he came to the point soon, for he was just a splendid beath."


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- When the thigngle had called the with his usual sloeknese and spid:
"Gemylen, if ft wasn't for do whee wheels am on, den what?" "then do Greetsop solemaly exclaimed the of sofly, rubbing this hands together.
uWo haz de waggin $\mathrm{an}^{2}$ do wheele We will now pass de hat aroun' fur d
grease.:

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Frith sreel singing, Dare to do right Dare to be trieltho louat that ho righted
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hear the evgine bells, ana while this on vision sireet chgrarch down to to flam D
he broke two whows in the parsonage sassed a woman in the next house, hit
dog a wheck with a hinny club tha
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 but he couldn't for the life of him tell
where it was. where it was.
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secmed to be out; thent hanted in every
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ble to find it, although it seemed to
shine, brighty wherever ble to find it, although it seemed to
shine, brightly wherover he went.
Presently he happened to stop in front
of the mirror in the hat rack, and then Presently hi happened to stop in tront
of the mirror in the hat rack, and then he saw precisely where the light was
After a brief abjurgation upon Mra.
Poter After a brier abjurgation upon a prac.
Potts for leaving a light in such a place
he went up to the nirror and tried to he went up to the mirror and tried to
blow it out. He, , lew and blew, but
somehow the flame burned as steadily as before.
"That,"
traor'nat, syaid Potts, "is the most exp
tune t'encomper been my misfortune ' 'encounter." his coat, and, hold-
Then he took off ing it in front of him, crept, caratiousty
up to the mirror, and tried to crush ap to the mirror, and tried to crush the
cont over the lamp, which, still burned
brightly brightly, He said:
Moz 'stonishin' circumstanz extra'norv! un'er my obsorvation. Don'o how to
count for itt" 'count for it]'
It occurred
It ocourred to him, that perhaps he
might smash the lamp with an umbrella. Seizing the weapon, he went up to the hat, and a aining a a terrible blow at the
light, he brunght the umbrells light, he brught the umbrella down.
He missod, and smashed his Sunday hat Ie missod, and smashed his Sunday hat
into chnos. He took aim gain, and
canght the umbrells in the lamp over Caught the umbreila in the lagan, aver
head, bringing it down with a crash.
Then he tried a third time, and plonged Then he tried a third time, and planged
the ferrule of the umbrella throogh the
mirror, smashing it to atoms. He felt exultant for a mor or as the light disu
appeared from his vision, but ho wus perplexed to find there was another light
Bomemheres. No ho ent down on the stairs
and remiarked.
$\qquad$
 Mrs. Potteld wake up an splain it.
Durn II know what I had better dol"
Then Potts took off bis hat to soratch
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sare up an idea, and the truth flashed upon lim. Gazing at the lamp for a
moment, until he drank in a full concep moment, until he crank in a full concep.
tion of the trouble it caused him, he sud-
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two yards of carpet with graese. Then
ho went to bed, and in the morning Mrss.
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Potts informed him that some of those
horrible miners liad broken in the horrible miners liad broken in the
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withe night before, and left.one of their hats
with a lamp. Potts tuxied over in bed
do that she sould not see his face, soid if the stern hand of the law wasn't
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