

THE HAND OF FATE.

BY M. E. S.

"Popping the question" is the crisis in all love affairs. There is no arbitrary rule governing the mode of this interesting and often very exciting performance.

"Birdie—Miss Wren," said Montrose, before he could proceed further he was interrupted by his sweet lady companion.

"Why, Montrose, what do you mean—calling both my names in a breath?"

"I am here, in the 'City of Peace,' on my way to Texas; have only a few days to remain. Will you see to see you before I go."

"With a bounding heart she answered to this call. When she and her father reached the depot a mile from home they found Mr. Venable awaiting their arrival."

"He had only one day to tarry. They spent that together happily, though tinged with the sadness of soon parting. That hour came, and there was willing for it, and—upon it let the curtain fall."

richly but courteously rejected. And yet he had the affrontery to boast to his companions that he could win Miss Wren, but that he did not want her.

The writer cannot undertake to reconcile this conduct with truth and fidelity to her absent lover, nor as consistent with a heart under the influence of religion.

Dear Miss Wren:—Since I have had time to reflect, I feel that I have treated you very unkindly, and acted very unwisely.

This note was read and re-read by the distressed lover in the vain hope of finding a word of encouragement, and he hoped also for several days as one who no longer had a wish for continued life.

"Oh," she interrupted him, "I thought you had brought my letters."

"No," said he, "I cannot give up either you or them. I plead for life and his happiness. I love you with all my heart—pray once more be generous—"

When Birdie reached her own room she fell across her bed, murmuring "Oh! Montrose, if you knew all this!"

It is not to be wondered at that a charming young woman, such as the one described, should attract to her many visitors without effort on her part.

freshened and strengthened. But she could not dismiss the vexatious subject. It would loom up now and then to mock her with its hideous proportions, and to shame her for having foolishly played the hypocrite in a matter so serious.

Col. Wren found Mr. Hope at his office next day and entered immediately on the business in hand.

Olé Uncle Dan Couldn't Explain.

A SENTIMENTAL WHITE MAN TRIES TO PICK A QUARREL WITH AN OLD NEGRO.

A traveler who had read much of the negro, and who had, while listening to negro melodies sung by white men, been impressing with the "dark-key" fullness of sentiment, stood watching an old negro who worked at a country hotel.

"How do you do?" said the white man bowing with a sort of tender and sympathetic politeness.

"A simple child of nature," mused the traveler, "an instrument upon which the skilled politician may play the tune of his unscrupulous improvisation."

"You love poetry, do you not?" "O, yes, poe, yas; likes any thing dat's good ter eat."

"Suthin' ter drink? Hits me now, yer does. When it comes ter suthin' ter drink, w'y my topknot stan's up like er rooster's. War's de bottle?"

"I am determined to make you understand me. Poetry—and when I explain it I know that you will acknowledge its influence—is a revival of a feeling which you have felt before, a feeling brought up by certain words, whose tenderness, like the falling of teardrops, bring glimpses of your own soul."

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