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The Sugar Maples, Along the vale and o'er the hill I see a blue and smoky haze...

Now stands the drowsy team asleep Before the bucket-laden sleigh, While sinks the cruel steel full deep To draw the crystal sap away.

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tender fancies for the future. Mr. Mar- ron, a handsome, young college student, had been appointed master of the village school, and had singled her out by various kindly attentions as his favorite pupil...

As Mattie had said, Archie Marron had not meant to neglect Helen; for, in his secret heart, he admired her far more than Milly, and fully intended to make his peace with her again; but he had reckoned without his host. Helen was proud as well as fond, and ruthlessly plucked out the tender dreams from her heart and flung them to the winds...

HELEN.

"Helen!" called a fresh, girlish voice. "Oh, here you are! Just like you, for all the world! Poring over your books by a light suited only for owl's eyes."

"Why, under the sun, Helen," asked her aunt, "don't you study in here instead of getting off by yourself, and spoiling your eyes reading by firelight? Such pranks put me out of all patience!"

"Now, auntie, don't scold," said Helen, coaxingly; then turning to Mattie, she asked: "What is it, Mattie? something pleasant, I know by your looks?"

"Indeed, Helen, you guessed right. Mr. Marron asked me to let you know. We're going to have a straw ride to-morrow night, if the weather is fine, and will be after you at seven o'clock. So be ready, sure."

"Why did he not come himself with the invitation, instead of sending?" she asked. "Oh, Milly Dutton's arithmetic is all in a muddle, and she asked him to come to the house to-night and help her. Since Mr. Marron's been our teacher some of the girls need lots of help!"

"I shall not go," she said. "Now, Helen, don't say that. Archie Marron cares more for the tip of your little finger than for Milly Dutton's whole body; but she's always doing things to get his attention. He can't rebuff her, you know, for that would be rude."

"Yes," said Mattie, as spitefully as such a good-natured girl could speak: "I suppose you'll be at your old tricks! One would think you meant to be a judge or minister, or—"

Randall North was suddenly made aware of the love which had grown up in his heart for the beautiful young stranger when he found how changed to him was the face of nature when seen without her, and in a short space of time he followed her, and in a few but earnest words he asked her to be his wife. She listened with a troubled face as he pleaded his suit.

"I am sorry, Mr. North," she said: "I have not thought of any future save the one which has been mapped out for me; and love has no place in it."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST. Ladies' sequoias—Jilted lovers. Beer fills many a bottle, and the bottle many a beer.

The Paris exposition was visited by 16,030,725 people. Few of the beautiful wild flowers of California are fragrant.

New York Central Park has cost something like \$15,000,000. In Venezuela they are making flour from unripe dried bananas.

Callows executions may be called suspensions of public judgment. The Des Moines (Ia.) school board forbids pupils to jump the rope.

It is proper that a confusion of papers and books and manuscript should surround a literary person. Two pedestrians in Chicago, who started to walk for a belt, quarreled before the tramp was finished and each one got a belt—over the head.

A doctor to his son—"Johnny, wouldn't you like to be a doctor?" "No, father." "Why not, my son?" "Why father, I could not even kill a fly."

Now doth the little bee improve each shining hour, And gather honey all the day, For ekes of buckwheat flour.

"Why," asks the Whistling Leader, "don't some one write a song on the first fly of summer?" Because the fly won't hold still long enough for any one to write a song on it.—Norristown Herald.

Mr. Standford, the California railroad capitalist, owns a farm of 2,000 acres near San Francisco. Upon it are sheds and stables stretching for a mile, containing 300 thoroughbred horses, worth more than \$200,000.