MIRAMICHI ADVANCE, CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK, MARCH 15, 1877.



skirt.) Fortunately for herself, Minnie had not inherited her mother's love of display and eccentric taste in dress; nothing could be more simple than her costume. She wore a plain linen collar and cuffs, the former fastened with a solid gold brooch, the latter clasped by plain gold studs, while a bright steel watch chain, with pendant trifles, hung at the waist. On her hands, which were small and white, she wore but one ring, long oval in shape, composed of a single splendid emerald, set round with diamonds. She had been wise enough too, to avoid falling into the fashion then prevalent among Englishwomen, of carrying an enormous chignon at the back of her head, and had even given up the little frizzed curls on her forehead, which had been her delight at home. Her fair, soft hair was now arranged in two plain braids, and at the back, woven into a tightly-plaited coronet, which admirably set off the classic outline of her small head.

tain.

"I am so sorry papa and mamma are out," were her first words after she had returned to the sofa, and Sir Frederick had established himself in an arm-chair close by her.

"You are so sorry, and I am so glad, said her visitor; " not," he added, look ing up softly into her eyes, as he saw a wondering expression in her face, " not that I have anything but the kindest feeling for your parents; but that it is a great pleasure to me to find you alone."

Frederick," said Minnie, striving to repress a rising blush; " but indeed you are always good to me.'

"On the contrary, it is I who have reason to be grateful to you," said he, drawing his chair nearer. "Do you know, Miss Adams, that life has been a very different thing to me since I first knew you."

how is that ?"

ing at Homburg, everything seemed dull, insipid, and wanting in flavor. It was my own fault I suppose. I had seen and done every thing, as I supposed, and drained the cup to the dregs, but I then learned a pleasure above all others, which I had never experienced that of the society of a lovely and innocent girl."

"You are laughing at me, I think, said Minnie, still looking down. "I am unaccustomed to such flattery, remember."

"This is no flattery," said Sir Fredthe companionship of mere women of same smiles, say the same silly things in the same trained voice. Now, about you there is a freshness of idea, and a

" You must not speak about voice, Sir Frederick," said Minnie, smiling. "I know you think I speak in what you English people call a regular Yankee accent.'

"And I know that I can listen to you forever," said her visitor.

"I am afraid that the pleasure, pleasure it really be, would soon pall upon you, and grow as monotonous as those an usements which you have already spoken of."

ing to you how wrong you are in that idea ?" said he, lowering his voice, and bending over her. "Will you give me the chance of proving how deep is my regard-my love for you-will you be my wife, Minnie?"

"Sir Frederick!"

"That is the question I came to ask my heart assured me that I was making no mistake; that I had at last met with the one whom I had been seeking so long."

The girl trembled and was silent for a few minutes.

vere telling the truth!"

"Well," said the old man rather

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SAINT JOHN

Brandy! Brandy! ALSO-First-class Horses and Sleighs to let on "You can believe it, Minnie," he organ teaching just about now?" "Well, only fair to middlin. You jewsharps, which will hereafter do away Boneless Codfish. Boneless Courts... WE have just received—50 cases BONELESS CODFISH, packed in 30 lb. cases, a splendid article for housekeepers. LOCAN, LINDSAY & CO., Bartell, Sayers, Jules Robin, Pinet Castillon, Riviere Gardrette, Alex. Seignatte. DANIEL PATTON. reasonable Terms. A Kitchen Maid and House Servant Tobaccos. All orders left at the Waverley Hotel, New see, since the 'lection folks are too dis- with the old green baize cover. But as whispered, "for I am speaking to you turbed in their minds to pay much at- you are so unsociable I'll not mention castle, and at his own residence, Chatham, will be promptly attended to. Briarwood Pipes, Cigar Cases and Holders, etc-WANTED IMMEDIATELY. in all sincerity. I have waited long to tention to music, and the consequence it." E. LEE STREET. None but competent servants need apply. D. T. JOHNSTONE. Newcastle, Feb. 12, 1877. Chatham, 9th Dec., 1876. APPLY AT THIS OFFICE.