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"Oh, how dull you are!" said the girls in duet. "I think this is Millie in the right," spoke up young Bromley. "Why, Mr. Bromley," said she, "I am Mollie."

"Very good; now let's go on," said their father. "Where were we? Oh, yes, young Bromley says that he asked you to be his wife, Millie, and declared he couldn't live without you."

"I beg, your pardon, papa," said Mollie. "He told me that he couldn't live without me."

"It seems to me," said he, with a show of impatience, "if I were in love with one of those girls I could tell the difference between them. So far as I can make out, young man, you have asked Millie to be your wife and have tried to make Mollie believe that you could not live without her. Now, to any one who does not know Millie and Mollie your conduct would appear to be perfidious. Of course as between you and Mollie I must believe Mollie, for the girl certainly knows whether you kissed her."

"Heaven knows," cried young Bromley in anguish, "I want to marry either Millie or Mollie, and have her all to myself. It's trying enough for a fellow to be over head and ears in love with one girl, but when there are two of them it's more than flesh and blood can stand."

"There, there, my boy," said the old coal merchant soothingly, "don't take on so. Either girl is yours with my blessing, but I want to keep one for myself. Let me see if I can help you out," and going to the open French window he called: "Millie, Mollie! Mollie, Millie!"

"Yes, papa, we're coming," sounded two sweet, well bred voices from the shrubbery. There was a tripping of light feet along the stone walk under the grapevine, and Millie and Mollie bloomed into the room.

"How do you do, Mr. Bromley?" they said together, with the same intonation and the same merry glint in their eyes. Millie had auburn hair and brown eyes. So had Mollie. Millie had a cupid's bow of a mouth, little teeth like pearls, and a dimpled chin. So had Mollie. Millie's arms, seen through her muslin sleeves, were round and white. So were Mollie's. There was nothing to choose between Millie's bust and Mollie's bust as they stood side by side.

"Well, papa?" "Young Bromley tells me," began old Mr. Dimmock, after he had taken drafts of their fresh young beauty by looking first at one and then at the other and then dwelling upon the features of both with one eye sweep, "that he proposed to you last night."

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