

IN ONE SHORT YEAR!

Mrs. Blake did not taint. She did not even revile her future daughter-in-law. Percival's manner told her that words to this effect would be wasted. But she entreated her son, by every claim she had upon him, to do nothing hurriedly. Of course she objected to his desire; but she knew her objections would have no influence upon a man so madly in love. But she prayed for delay—literally went upon her knees and besought him not to be married for twelve months. A clever woman was Mrs. Blake. Who knew what unforeseen things might happen in a year?

Percival yielded to some extent. After all before he married he must prepare another home for his mother and sisters. He wished to refurbish the rectory. He wished to be married without undue haste. He wished to see his people friendly with Philippa, and he wished Philippa to get some idea of what a clergyman's wife should be. So he agreed to wait six months—even when worn out by his mother's tearful importunities, extended this time of probation till the end of the present year. In exchange, he stipulated that Mrs. Blake should try and bring herself to regard Philippa as a daughter. He told Philippa what he had promised. She said nothing, but something in her look made him regret he had made the promise. However, he vowed that the first of January should be his wedding-day.

Mrs. Blake kept, at any rate, the letter of her contract with her son. The intercourse between the rectory and the Hollies seemed so friendly, that it looked as if the rector's mother was going to make the best of what she thought a bad job. Yet her presentment was always with her. Although it was placed beyond doubt that Mrs. Russell had a considerable fortune, Mrs. Blake kept her presentment, and prayed every night that Percival might escape from this sin. To do her justice, she was not anxious that he should marry money, so Mrs. Russell's fortune did not affect her views. Mrs. Blake played her part very well, and Percival was delighted when she suggested that Philippa should accompany her daughters and herself to London, whither they always went early in June, for Mrs. Blake, although but a country rector's widow, was a woman of fashion and friends.

He came up by the first water—the next morning. Mrs. Blake had managed to get Philippa and her daughters out of the way, so was able to meet him alone. His first inquiry was for Philippa. He seemed greatly relieved by hearing she was well. Then Mrs. Blake made her communication. She was kind enough to suppress all show of triumph; but she told him everything, and wondered at the silence with which he heard it. "Oh, Percival, my son," she cried, "what an escape!" He looked fearfully stern. "I hoped you would be spared this," he said. "I hoped it might remain unknown to all save Philippa and myself."

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NEWSPAPER FABLES.

A \$ Mark and a * were one day left close together on the Imposing Stone, and the \$ Mark coughed in a Pompous way and observed: "I am constantly used to designate the Wealth of the World." "And I," replied the *, "as he Bristled up in the Proudest Manner, 'am symbolic of Liberty.' "By means of me," continued the \$ Mark "the Printer can change 1 000 000 Grains of Sand into \$1 000 000."

The Editor was taken out and sworn, and the A. which the Agent hoped to get in for \$15 cost him \$45—with Complimentary Tickets for the Editor's Family of Sixteen.

When you hear squalls about the horse its scold weather you can expect. The "hire" education of woman, says a close observer, consists in teaching her how to labor for the wages of independence.

THE END.

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