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**Delafeld's invitation altered our plans.**

**Let her accept it," said Uncle John.**

**"A happy marriage is the best of destinies for a woman, and who knows better than I do?"**

**"Why not come over to see me?"**

**"I don't like to," said the old man.**

**"And I am always free."**

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**One day she came into my room with a newspaper in her hand, her face very pale and grave.**

**"Eliel," she said, "there is something in this paper which you ought to know, but which I have not the heart to tell you. I think for my own sake. Alas! child, I know what his wicked nature was when I knew your father. Had you but followed my advice, you might now be Mrs. Goldman."**

**And she laid down the paper and went away.**

**I took it up, trembling like one in an agony. It contained a notice of Dr. Robert Delafeld's marriage in San Francisco.**

**For hours I suffered alone in that room, with the torment of death. My love was false, my heart was broken.**

**Then I compelled myself to be calm and went to bed.**

**"I supposed that he did. I was too wretched to think about it at the time; but afterwards I learned how she had kept her promise alive, and consoled him to have patience."**

**I left everything to her to arrange. She provided my trousseau most generously. She ordered a wedding dress worthy of the wealthy Mrs. Goldman's bride. I submitted to it all, caring nothing at all for what she thought of me. I felt as if that newspaper had been my death-warrant, and all these preparations were making for death and the grave.**

**My promised husband asked me for no pretensions of affection when he placed the magnificent solitaire ring on my finger.**

**"At last this fair hand is mine," he said, and I answered him never a word.**

**"And so the days went on. And at last the morning came when I was to witness my 'prosperous marriage,' and doom me to misery for life."**

**Such was my thought, at least, as I awoke from an uneasy slumber. Mrs. Delafeld stood beside me.**

**"It is time to dress," she said.**

**I submitted with the same dull apathy. "It won't be long," I told myself.**

**"I shall live long," and I yielded myself to their hands.**

**Just as they were putting on the bridal veil a servant came into my room. She was a new girl. The house was all confusion.**

**"A gentleman waiting in the mistress's boudoir to see the bride," said Mrs. Delafeld.**

**"Say that the will come to him immediately," said she. "It's Goldman, my dear. I promised him a sight of you in your wedding dress before you went to church. Come down."**

**I obeyed in silence. Else, had the door of the boudoir opened wide, and had I seen the man.**

**"There!" she said, triumphantly. "There is your bride. Is she not beautiful?"**

**And placed me face to face with—Robert.**

**Robert, stern and pale. He looked from one to the other of us questioningly.**

**"What does this mean?" he demanded. But he got no further, for, with a scream of horror, his mother fell fainting at his feet.**

**That was no time for explanations. Her condition needed all our care. Only when she began to recover consciousness, he turned to me and took my hand.**

**"I have been true and faithful to you. Can you say the same?" he asked.**

**And I clung to him, and thanked God for so much happiness, weeping on his breast.**

**Our letters had been tampered with, interrogated, suggested, we never really knew by whom. There was, indeed, no need to ask. Robert said:**

**"We are happy, after all. Let us forgive and forget. She is our mother, dear."**

**She was, indeed, our mother, for we were married the very day after his return.**

**And Mr. Goldman gave up his claim with an excellent grace, and begged me to retain his diamond ring as a wedding gift. More over, he became one of my husband's best patients, and recommended him to many others. Alas! I don't know but what he had a good deal to do with making room for me in the world.**

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**SAVED BY A QUIRREL.**  
BY FRANCES E. WASHINGTON.

**"O Uncle Fred! you are a jewel. I hope I'll have a chance to give you a lift some day," said Harry Newell, full of gratitude because his uncle had let him in to understand and solve a puzzling sum in vulgar fractions.**

**"Just fancy a small boy like you ever being able to help Uncle Fred!" said Harry's sister, laughing.**

**"It might be. Don't you remember how a little bit of a mouse once saved a lion's life? I'll not always be a small boy, either."**

**"Oh! that mouse and lion story is only a fable; it never really happened," Harry's sister explained.**

**"She was four years in the penitentiary, and she was what you call a 'big girl' size."**

**"She can't be sure of that, can she, Uncle Fred?"**

**Uncle Fred evaded a direct reply by saying:**

**"Can you imagine how a little frisky squirrel might save the life of a grown man?"**

**"No, indeed! Did it ever happen, or is it something in a story?"**

**"I always consider that, under the guidance of God, a squirrel once saved me from freezing to death."**

**"Where? Where? Oh! to tell us all about it?" cried both niece and nephew.**

**Uncle Fred said he was a traveler, and had seen and experienced a number of strange things; so his stories were eagerly anticipated by all the young folks who knew him.**

**"Was it when you were in Russia?" asked Harry.**

**"No; it was in our own land, I saw that when I was a young man, I used to go on hunting and fishing trips in New Brunswick and Maine. At first these expeditions were all in the summer, but one year I concluded to try my 'pretence hand' at deer-hunting; so the second week in December I went up into Maine, near Moosehead, and engaged a guide, Tom White, a unusually taciturn young Indian who was afterwards a member of the crew of a schooner on the coast."**

**"I was unaccustomed to walking in snow in such a rough place as that forest was; and when we were about half way home, I had to sit down on a windfall tree. A windfall, you may have heard, is the trunk of a tree which has been blown over, and then decaying very slowly. As we sat there, I unconsciously took note of everything about me—a wise habit I had acquired from previous guides—for when an Indian is in the woods he is constantly on the alert, observing the conformation of the ground, the growth of the underbrush, the shapes of the different trees. Presently I glanced up into a tree at my right, and there sat a little squirrel, chattering and nibbling at a nut, and now and then looking down at us. His bright eyes seemed to say: 'What are you doing here? You are certainly on the alert, observing the conformation of the ground, the growth of the underbrush, the shapes of the different trees. 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