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She was an old maid, and her name was Hephzibab.

Hephzibab! The parents who can be ferocious enough to inflict such a name upon their offspring ought to be spiketed upon the the ragged edge of remorse, ground to powder it the mill of self-condemnas tion, and blown to the four winds of heaven by an outraged progeny.

If, in the earlier period of a blasted life, our Hephzibab had ever been the delight of any male creature's heart, there were no traces left upon her face, to record the happy effect of having been the object of such an emotion. But appearances are deceptive, you know; for there was a time in Hephzibab's life when the lilies bowed sweetly at her approach, and the roses hurriedly hid their thorns beneath their trembling foliage, for very shame at having such cruel ornaments about them in her presence Her sprightly step and flashing eyes gave evidence that nature was not singing a lullaby to the pulses that gave the blush to her cheek, and lent the rapture of hope to her heart; the tendrils of her being were budding with vigor and beauty, warmed by the glow of youth and nursed by the dew of dawning womanhood. A measure-less depth of love was in her heart. but fate had yielded her only the stingiest half-measure in which to garner her abundance, so the best part of it ran to waste, and the rest

the chains of manliness and honor

controlling waywardness.
Shethad no smile of encouragement for others, he was all she wanted, and he liked her. Oh, yes, he liked her very well; he sought mosther girl's company, and so a couple of years passed, and people began to wonder, as people will, why that "pair" did not marry. But Hophzibab was so happy. She lived and thrived upon the memory of one lttle kiss, and the expectation of many more, some time.

The little episode of that kiss was the only digression in their cotherwise humdrum intercourse, and it was really an accident. They had been to church and were walking home by the light of the moon, ho stupid as usual, she wearing glory from his silence, centented to know herself clinging to his arm. Arriving at her door, in the act of leaving her, his matter of fact eye espied that the fastening of her breast pin had come undere. As he called her attention to it, the pin fell-both stooped to recover it, their heads and hands met, the next moment they were startled by the realization that their lips had met, somehow.

One moment he held her hand, saying: "How sweet you are Hephzibab!" and that was all.

The next time he came she quivered and trombled and felt very nervous. There was no occasion for it. When the old people began to yawn and stretch, previous to tod-dling off to bed, he took his hat and toddled off home, merely stopping long enough, after they were gone, to hold her hand and say "good night." The following evening he came as usual, played checkers as usual, said "good night" as usual, and this was presented for usual, and this was repeated for

"Hephzibab, good bye."
"Why! Δre you going to leave

town? "Yes. I've invested in some land in the territories. It is not probable that I shall ever come back."

He put on his hat and was gone. Hephzibab's heart gave one awful throb, then shrivelled up with its lovely luxury of kindliness.

And the years passed away, taking father, mother and friends, but left "Bab, that hateful, dried up old maid," with all her memories embittered by the humiliating consciousness that she had given the full measure of a woman's love to one who had not asked for it.

She was standing in the door of her cottage one evening. The hush of twilight softly falling upon the landscape, when she suddenly found herself facing the long ago.

'Hephzibab."

"You!" she exclaimed with a snap and a gasp.

"Yes, it's me, Hephzibab." "What do you want?"

"You, Hephzibab. The kiss you once gave me has haunted me through all these years and lingered with me like a sweet strain of music. But oh! woman, I want another!"

Involuntarily his arms went out to her as he spoke. And notwithstanding her name, Hephzibab was only a woman. Amen.

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### VEGETINE.

#### HE SAYS IT IS TRUE.

part of it ran to waste, and the rest
—well the rest disappeared someshow, and left us a cross old maid whose name was Hephzibab, whose dimples had turned to wrinkles, and whose "beauty spots" had become ugly warts bristling with coarse hairs.

Of course, there was a man at the bott on of it.

He was not a bad man, either, he was one of those phlegmatic souls who plod along content with little to give, and if more fell to him than he asked for, why, surely he couldn't help it. He was attracted to the bright Hephzibab—perhaps her name had something to do with it—and she, poor dear, thought he was the prince of næn. In her shy way she gazed up at him, and colored his dall stoicism with the marvelous charm of imagination. She imagined (that/beneath this calm there raged a grand passionate soul—in chains—the chains of manliness and honor centrolling waywardness.

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