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Selected Story. THE TWO SISTERS.

'Well' said Ned Arlington, 'for my part I have never loved but one woman, and she is now my better half.' 'I tell you,' replied a fellow stage coacher, 'you have had an easy courtship. For, I was compelled to love two ladies.'

chronic dodge, played on their various admirers to suit convenience and ensure rest. As far as those gallants were concerned, it was immaterial. Although one might be called for by name, the other would do just as well, no one being able to detect the difference. I often inquired them to distinguish themselves by some article of apparel or jewelry. But it was fruitless. That would spoil our fun,' they would exclaim, as though I mediated some terrible infliction.

you that the presence of Hannah was a perfect and speedy restorative. It was impossible for me to weep. Was she not the same in all respects? True, when I saw the family said, I was troubled, but only on account of their grief. I had none of my own. All that I loved was in exact duplicate, and that moved before me as of yore. Yes, I confess that no husband ever suffered less.

Masonic. We Walk by the Plumb. The operative Mason is taught to regard the plumb as one of the indispensable of his profession. Without it all his other tools are absolutely useless, and so long as he expects to do good work and square work he must make constant application of the plumb and watch eagerly for the slightest deviation from it.

How Poor Boys Reach the Top Round. There are 17,919 names who pay an income tax in New York city. Sixty-seven persons who pay tax on incomes of \$100,000 or over. Most of these old gentlemen are self-made men, who have come up from the lower round of the ladder. The man who leads the list, A. T. Stewart, everybody knows is an Irish emigrant who commenced life with a capital of less than twenty-five cents.

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