

more. Will that satisfy you? If it will not, go and tell Dr. Young all about it."

"Well, and if I did, I do not see any thing to make him angry; especially, as the cup and saucer are not broken."

"Go, then, to him, by all means. You can make a good story out of the cherry-stone. You can say that it very nearly choked me. It might have done so, you know, if it did not."

"Really, Mertoun, I did not come here to quarrel with you; but you seem determined to fasten a quarrel upon me."

"You have done nothing but tease me ever since you came into the room."

"In that case I had better go away again; and leave you and your cherry-stone together."

"The sooner the better," retorted Mertoun.