

moon, an' stars shine," continued Cassy. "I married Danny Lemmons!"

"The great kingdom come!" exclaimed Chadwick, leaping from his chair. "The humpback man? Is he anywheres aroun' here? Ef he is, don't tell me — don't tell me! He'd never forgive you while the worl' stan's."

"What 's he got agin you?" inquired Mrs. Lemmons.

"Not anything, ma'am, that I knows on," replied Chadwick, sitting down again.

"How I come to marry him I'll never tell you," said Cassy, seating herself on the side of the bed. "But you know how gals is. They don't know their own mind ef they've got one. Pap was in the war fightin' fer sesaysion, an' Maw wuz dead, an' thar I wuz a-livin' roun' from family to family, spinnin' an' weavin', an' waitin' on the sick. I tell you now, a gal that's got to live from han' to mouth thataway, an' be a dependin' on Tom, Dick, an' Harry an' the'r wives — that gal hain't in no gyarden of Eden — now, you may say what you please! Well, jest about that time, here come this here creetur you call Danny Lemmons. He pestered me mighty