## My Clodhopper

Husband By ALICE C. MEYER-WING

A NNIE MAY BROWN was our village beauty, and as if that were not enough, she married the best "catch" of the county, Frank Fenton, the junior partner of the law firm of Fenton & Fenton. Not only did she marry this handsome young attorney, but she went

Not only did suc marry this lands some young attorney, but she went away on a long honicymoon trip. Sure-ity the gods were kind to this first bride of our crowd, and as we watched the train out of sight, and saw the last flutter of Annie May's handker-

last flutter of Annie May's handkerchief.

To me, this was especially an anslous thought. I was half in love with
a young farm hand, Simon Akers,
This was the day of the term "clodhopper," used in ridlenle of the now
honored calling- of agriculture, and a
hired "hand" was especially despised.
The Jeering of my friends was often
trying. "If you half a beau like that,
Amelia," one of them, said as the
train disappeared—"but wouldn't your
loddhopper loom up in metent leathers?"

train dissipated on the words a present leasts established for the country and the country and

connection with bribery charges and political scandals so pabble that It was front page news all over the country. In the midst, of It, my husband suggested that we take the trip we had so often planned. "We can afford it, honey," he said, "and we've waited long-enough. We'li go to Washington and New York—all the places we've'd reamed about. On our way bactwell stop at the little home fown. Some of our old friends are still there, and I love the little place, how the same of the little place, how the little place, how the world sit, without a word; then when it was so dark you couldn't see my cowlide the world sit, without a word; then when it was so dark you couldn't see my cowlide the world sit, without a word; then when it was so dark you couldn't see my cowlide shoes. I would reach over and take your hand and remark that it was a fine evening. Remember?"

I remembered.

One of the places we had always wished to visit, was the one large city of our home state. We had a delightful week of shopping and sight-seeing there, and boarded the train for our continued trip in a happy mood. Other passengers were coming in. One was a pale, well-dressed little woman whom the porter conducted to a section a little in front of us, on the opposite side of the ear. I found myself studying her. Her profile reminded me of some one I had known. The unguarded tones of two young girls back of us, reached me: "They think she's on her way to the capital to see her scamp of a husband. A reporter in the depot told me she came in on the indinght trait. See fast well, and people say she is grieving heaville.

herself ill."

Somehow I knew they were talking about the woman with the puzzling profile.

"He hasn't been home for months,"

"He hasn't been home for months," continued the indignant young speaker, "and it is rumored that there is another woman."
We had traveled an hour, probably, when I heard her gasp. The girls sprang up. "It's Mrs. Fenton!" one of them said.

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