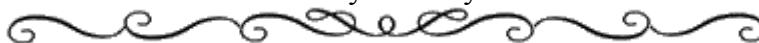


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She has a colored brother, Adams has a brother, Walter, and a sister living on Fifth street, Dayton, Ky. The little quadroon says she is eighteen.

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## **MOTHER CALLED AT HOME OF THE QUADROON GIRL.**

Young Man Threatened to Kill Himself

Bitterly they reproached the youth. He went down to the little quadroon's home and begged her, so she says, to wed him. The boy's mother had been to see the quadroon and had pleaded with her to refuse. The girl says she told him of his mother's objections. He drew a revolver and said that he would kill himself. "I don't care to live it I can't have you," he said. The mother of the girl, Mrs. Sulser, grabbed the revolver away from Adams. Then Adams went to Somerset, KY. To try to begin life over and forget his made love. But he soon returned, and last Saturday night the final scene with his parents came. Mr. Andrew Adams told his son that if he married the quadroon he would be disinherited. "I love Lizzie, and I'm going to marry her," replied the boy.

"If you are going to marry her, leave my house; if not, you can stay," said the father. Dramatically.

William Adams left his father's house forever.

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**Lizzie Sulser,**

Quadroon whose coming marriage to William Adams, who is white, has broken his mother's heart.

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