## **Beginning Life**

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When two young people start out in life together, with nothing but a determination to succeed, avoiding the invasion of each other's idiosyncrasies, not carrying the candle near the gunpowder, sympathetic with each other's employment, willing to live on paying as they go, taking life here as a discipline, with four eyes watching its perils and four hands fighting its battles whatever others may say or do, that is a royal marriage. It is so set down in the heavenly archives, and orange blossoms shall wither on neither side of the grave.