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Oh Daniel Double! Daniel Double You surely will get into trouble-Be blown up busted like a buble Be beaten into smallest rubble Then burned like dry & worthless stubble. And get, beside, a horrid name If you do'nt bring my quilting frame. You said "first rainy day I'll make it And to your house will straightway take it." This bargain fair -- why did you break it? The road was plain, then, why forsake it? The weather, sure, is not to blame-One day it rained -- next day the same-A third day ditto--so, for shame! Just come along & file your claim For bringing home that quilting frame.

Jane G. Swisshelm [copy].

He brought the frame & looked very gruff. I praised it & said "Did you get a letter about it? "Yes." he replied slowly "I got a letter! "Well: I hope it did not make you angry!" "N-o" he said slowly & glancing, with sharp inquiry, into my face. "it did'ntt ma-k-e m-e a-n-g-ry; for, ye see, I thought ye was in fun:"

"Oh yes of course I was in fun." & the little joke, being explained, he grew quite cheerful & left in good humor. I was always very successful as a humorist.

J. G. Swisshelm