KEZIAH COFFIN

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SYNOPSIS.

Mrs. Keziah Coffin, supposed widow, is arraigned in the police court of Trumet, charged with the death of her husband, for whom she had kept house. Kimball Eldredge, prosecuting attorney, and Capt. Elkanah Daniels, chief of police, leader of the Regular church, officiate. Mrs. Coffin's defense is conducted by Lorenzo Hallett, a young lawyer recently arrived in Trumet. Keziah takes charge of Dorothy Vaughn, a little girl found on the beach, whose parents, supposed to be members of the party, were drowned in a shipwreck. Allen's promise to bring up Dorothy as his own child is witnessed by Capt. Elkanah Daniels, Capt. Obed Eldredge, Constable Hallett Gorham and Deacon Ezra Hedge. Allen's promise is kept by Keziah. Dorothy grows to womanhood. Keziah's niece, Mrs. Jane Higgins, and her husband, Jabez, come to live with Keziah. Jabez proves lazy and worthless. Keziah takes charge of Dorothy's property. Dorothy, grown to womanhood, falls in love with Lorenzo Hallett, who has become a successful lawyer. Keziah's niece, Mrs.