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Hepzibah's Donation.

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After looking for a moment at the dime, cautiously extended on a small, dirty palm, Hepzibah took it and dropped it into her apron pocket, then handed the urchin a paper bag. A shade of disappointment crossed the freckled face before her, as the vision of a new set of marbles vanished in the air. That morning, after he had teased for half an hour for money to make the purchase, his mother said to him:

"Here is a dime for the sunflower seed, and if old Hepzibah gives you back five cents you may have it to spend; but I doubt if she will, for she's as close as the bark on a hickory tree."

Looking at Hepzibah as she stood in her doorway, one could not wonder so much at the rude comparison. Her grim face was almost the color of a faded leaf, her gray hair was drawn back rigidly from a wrinkled forehead, and her mouth looked as if it had never relaxed in a smile. Perhaps the sun was in her eyes, but she seemed to be frowning sternly upon her retreating visitor.

"Needn't be a-watching me," muttered Johnnie Brown to himself, in disgust. "I ain't goin' to pull none o' your old tomaters. Charged me ten cents for a gallon of sunflower seed an' she's got piles of money hid away! Ever'body says so!"

Having watched him until he closed the gate of her little garden, which was really a part of the yard, Hepzibah turned from the doorway and crossed the room to an old chest. Carefully unlocking it and looking about her apprehensively, she raised the lid, and, after a little rummaging among its contents, drew forth an old stocking. She unfastened the string with which it was tied and dropped in the dime, which fell with a cheerful clink, then weighed the old stocking in her hand, regarding it lovingly.

Perhaps it was but natural that the neighbors, one and all, should accuse Hepzibah of being miserly; for why need she work so hard from morning till night, and pinch and save and deny herself? If she had a young son at college, like Widow Simms, or an invalid husband, like Mercy Graves, it would be a different matter altogether. But Hepzibah had no children, and no near relatives of whom any one knew. Being of forbidding appearance, and having ever maintained a grim reserve, she formed no intimate friendship in the neighborhood during the many years she occupied the little cottage, and nothing was known of her save that she was born and raised "down east," and had buried a husband somewhere. The women of the neighborhood resented Hepzibah's attitude, and often criticized her sharply among themselves. At the sewing society that afternoon, when the members met to finish the garments for the proposed orphanage box, Mrs. Brown attacked the subject with greater warmth than usual.

"No use to ask her to give anything," she declared, snipping a thread angrily. "I never saw such a woman. Sixty years old if a day, and here she goes on working her little patch of ground, selling her vegetables, and so on; and to judge from her prices, well, you'd think she'd live comfortably; but she hasn't hardly a thing in her house, and I'll be bound she doesn't eat enough half the time."

"She's been wearing the same old dress to church for the last six years," said Mercy Graves. "Now, if she couldn't do any better it would be different; but they say she has heaps of money laid away, just hoards it. Well, thank Heaven, I can afford to give my old clothes to charity at any rate. Don't you think this poplin dress will look well on the girl of ten we have on the list? I had an awful time piecing it out of the one I got the year before John met with his accident."

"Did you ask her to give anything to the box?" some one asked.

"Yes, indeed, I did," exclaimed Mrs. Brown, glad of an opportunity to renew the subject. "I told her about the orphanage, and how hard our church worked to support it; and now it seemed like we'd have to give it up and send the children to the poorhouse because there were no funds in the treasury. 'If you can't afford to give money,' I says, 'why, look round and see if you haven't got some old clothes you could spare. If we can make up enough clothes to do them this winter, perhaps the Lord'll see that they don't starve, and we can manage to pull through.' She said she hadn't anything to give; but I kept at her. 'Surely you can afford to give enough of something to make a baby's dress,' I said. 'There's one little boy just three years old, and it wouldn't take much for him.' She set her lips together right tight and shook her head. It made me mad, and I just spoke my mind to her, and I'm glad I did. 'If you had any children of your own you'd know how to feel for those poor orphans,' I said. 'Much good your money will do you when you die!'"

"What did she say then?" inquired Mercy Graves, breathlessly.

"Why, don't you know she said back to me rather slow like: 'My money? I'm expecting it to do me a heap of good when I die.' She intends to leave it to some institution, I suppose, so it will give her a big name."

Poor Hepzibah! Her ears did not even warn her that she was being discussed as she bent over the cabbage rows in her little garden. It was late in the afternoon when she finally rose to an upright position, and placing her hand behind her back hobbled to the house. After a frugal supper she sat down beside the old chest and again raised the lid, and took out the bulging stocking which contained her hoard of pennies and dimes, the vast wealth her neighbors supposed she guarded so jealously. Although it represented the savings of many years, it was not much; but it was sufficient for the purpose to which she intended it should be devoted. It was just enough to prepare her poor old body decently for the grave, and to defray the expense of sending it back to her old home for burial. Heretofore it had been a source of melancholy satisfaction to Hepzibah, but this was now denied her. Her face wore a troubled expression.

"Dear Lord," she murmured, "has it been selfish of me to go on saving my money all these years while little children have suffered for something to eat and wear? I wish—I wish I didn't know about them, for oh, I wanted to be laid close to my baby when I die."

After awhile she continued:

"I never could live long enough to save that much again. God knows this poor old frame can't stand another winter, and before this I was glad of it. Nobody knows but him how I've laid here day after day in the cold, with the snow piled up against the door, and not a living soul to come in. And these women," she continued, bitterly, "they're keen enough to come around when there's something to beg for. But I'd like to give something for the little children—the litle boy just three years old." Her voice broke.

She thought of her own little one who was just three years old when he died, and of the long, weary years that had elapsed since he went away. If he only could have lived to grow up a strong useful man! She sighed unconsciously.

"But God knew best," she said, "and it was good of Him to take him when he did, for I can always think of him as just a baby, and in Heaven I can hold him in my arms like I used to before he died.

Hepzibah sat in silence a few moments, staring absently into the old chest, then began taking out some little garments and laying them across her lap, while her tears fell fast upon them. Poor little old-fashioned garments! Many, many times had her tears bedewed them!

"Oh, Lord, if I must make some sacrifice, maybe I can give these," she sobbed. "They're all I have left, and I wanted to keep them as long as I lived; but I musn't let the little boy go shivering with cold while I keep my baby's clothes to cry over."

She smoothed out a little dress.

"The last dress he ever wore," she murmured, chokingly. "Don't I remember how proud he was when he pulled it off to put on his new blue suit, and how his pa laughed! I didn't dream when I was making that suit that he'd wear it in his coffin."

There were also two little red socks, each with a hole in the toe, a flannel shirt and a little woollen comforter. Hepzibah cried over them all, and at last took out a little white nightgown and hugged it to her withered breast.

"Oh," said the poor old lonely soul, "it's been over thirty years since the last time I undressed him and put him to bed; but I can feel his arms around my neck right now, and hear him say 'Good-night, mommy!' Thank God I never put him to bed without kissing him and telling him his mommy loved him."

Hepzibah rocked to and fro for a few moments, her lips trembling and the tears coursing down the furrows of her face.

"He used to nestle up close to me," she whispered, "and would always hold my hand till he went to sleep every night. After he left us I used to go out to his little grave and sit there many a night for hours. I just felt like I couldn't let him sleep away out there by himself, it was so lonesome and cold. I kept his grave covered with all the kinds of flowers he liked; they made a sort of little blanket, it seemed to me, and looked so pretty; and in winter Caleb would make a shed over it to keep out the snow. Pore Caleb! he didn't last long after our boy went, and although he didn't say much, I knew he was grieving after the little fellow all the time. He loved to follow after his pa, and would ask so many questions."

Hepzibah tenderly folded the little gaments, lingering caressingly over each one, and kiss the hem of the little nightgown just as she used to kiss the dear baby feet that peeped from beneath it. She made them into a bundle and laid it on the old chest, then knelt down and dropped her face upon it.

After awhile she rose, put on her bonnet and walked over to Mrs. Brown's; and encountering Johnnie on the doorstep, she gave him the package and said, with characteristic shortness, to tell his mother it was for the orphanage box. Then Hepzibah went home and and crept into bed, whispering to herself:

"Thank God it won't be long, and then I can sleep near my baby once more."

Did it seem strange that the little fellow should be standing there beside her, his face smiling up into hers? He put his arms around her neck and kissed her.

"Mommy," he said, "I'm not there I am right here, close to you."

Perhaps it was but a dream, but to Hepzibah it seemed real; and next day, while the members of the sewing society were viewing her donation with tearful eyes and quiet faces, she came in and laid another package on the table.

"I want to exchange them," she said. "Here's almost fifty dollars. I—I'd been saving it because I expected to be sent back to my old home some day; but the little children may have it and welcome."

On her homeward way she kept repeating to herself:

"Right here with me, right here! Why, I might have known he wouldn't stay away from his mommy. To think I never saw it that way before! I'm glad I gave the poor little children all the money, for no matter where this old body is laid my baby will be with me somewhere."

She unfastened the bundle and took out the little garments one by one, smiling through her tears, her rugged face alight with mother-love.

"I'm so glad I can keep them," said Hepzibah; for it's such a blessed relief to cry sometimes, and it seems to me I could never shed another tear if I didn't have his little nightgown to cry over.

Don't Wait Till They Are Dead.

Don't keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up till your friends are dead. Fill their lives with gladness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Postmortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.

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Curator Lucas of the National Museum, who went to Newfoundland a couple of months ago to obtain a plaster cast of a whale, has succeeded in his task. The cast is said to be the largest in the world, and when completed will be shipped to the museum. Later it will be duplicated and a replica sent to the St. Louis Exposition. It is seventy-nine feet long.

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Given under my hand this 19th day of October, 1903.

CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER, JR.,
oct 23 4t Administrator.

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CALVIN S. SLAGLE, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Midweek service on Wednesday evening at 8.00. Junior C. E. service at 2.00 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m.
L. F. WARNER, Pastor.

Centenary M. E. Church.—Sabbath School Sunday at 9.15 a. m. Junior League 2.30 p. m. Epworth League at 8.00 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 p. m. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.
D. G. MILLER, Pastor.

Ascension Church.—Holy Communion at 10 a. m. Second Celebration and Sermon at 7.30 a. m. Evening service at 7.30.
E. B. TAYLOR, Rector.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Lecture and prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.45 p. m. Divine service at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.
P. H. MILLER, D. D., Pastor.

Salem Charge, Lutheran Church.—St. Benjamin's Church.—Sunday School 1 p. m. Preaching at 2 p. m.

St. John's.—Luther Day services 10 a. m., to which all are invited.
R. W. DOTY, Pastor.

Carroll Charge, Reformed Church.—Divine service at Benjamin's 10 a. m. At Pleasant Valley 2 p. m. Rev. T. M. Yundt, supt. of Bethany Orphan's Home Womelsdorf, Pa., will be present and preach at each service.
JAMES B. STONESIFER, Pastor.

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TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE	1.	11.	15.	23.	29.	53.	55.
	A.M. *	A.M. †	A.M. †	P.M. †	P.M. †	A.M. ‡	P.M. ‡
New York Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.25	10.12	4.45	6.12	9.35	3.00
Arlington		8.46	10.39		6.36	9.58	3.24
Mt. Hope		8.48	10.42		6.39	10.03	3.27
Pikesville		8.54	10.49		6.4	10.10	3.34
Owings Mills		9.04	11.02	5.28	6.59	10.20	3.56
Glyndon	5.11	9.17	11.14		7.10	10.33	4.09
Emory Grove		9.18	11.15		7.11	10.34	4.1
Finksburg		9.26	11.25		7.19	10.46	4.42
Carrollton		9.38	11.38		7.31	10.59	4.2
Westminster	5.40	9.52	11.53	5.54	7.47	11.15	4.44
Avondale		9.58	12.00		7.53	11.23	4.51
New Windsor	5.53	10.08	12.10	6.09	8.03	11.34	5.03
Linwood		10.13	12.16		8.08	11.40	5.10
Union Bridge	6.00	10.17	12.20	6.18	8.12	11.45	5.15
Middleburg		10.22	P.M.	6.23	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.25		6.27			
D. P. Creek		10.29		6.31			
Rocky Ridge		10.36		6.37			
Thurmont	6.25	10.47		6.47			
Edgemont	7.05	11.31		7.31			
Waynesboro	†7.22	11.51		7.52			
Chambersb'g	†7.59	12.28		8.28			
Shippensburg		12.55		8.55			
Hagerstown Williamsport	7.30	11.57		8.00			
	A.M.	P.M.		P.M.			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22.	4.	8.	12.	18.	52.	54.
	P.M. *	A.M. †	A.M. †	P.M. †	P.M. †	A.M. ‡	P.M. ‡
Williamsport Hagerstown	4.12		7.05		2.10		
Shippensburg	†2.55		6.00				
Chamb'rsburg	†3.30		6.28		1.45		
Waynesboro	†4.10		7.01		2.18		
Edgemont	4.40		7.58		2.41		
Thurmont	5.17		8.16		3.21		
Rocky Ridge	5.26		8.25		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.43		
Middleburg			8.39		3.47		
Union Bridge	5.45	6.25	8.45	12.55	3.55	6.45	4.00
Linwood		6.30	8.49	12.59	3.59	6.50	4.04
New Windsor	5.53	6.37	8.54	1.04	4.04	6.57	4.10
Avondale		6.50		1.13	4.14	7.11	4.22
Westminster	6.07	7.00	9.09	1.19	4.20	7.20	4.29
Carrollton		7.15	9.22	1.32	4.34	7.37	4.45
Finksburg		7.25	9.32	1.42	4.44	7.48	4.57
Emory Grove		7.34		1.50	4.52	8.02	5.09
Glyndon	6.36	7.41	9.41	1.51	4.53	8.03	5.10
Owings Mills		7.53		2.02	5.04	8.19	5.23
Pikesville		8.04	9.55	2.11	5.10	8.31	5.35
Mt. Hope		8.11	10.00	2.17	5.15	8.38	5.42
Arlington		8.15		2.21	5.18	8.42	5.45
Baltimore	7.17	8.39	10.20	2.40	5.37	9.07	6.11
Washington							
Philadelphia New York							
	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

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