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### WOMAN'S WAY.

When her duty 's manifold,
And her hours of ease are few,
Will a change come o'er the spirit
Of the woman who is "new?"
When she's drawn upon a jury,
Or is drafted for the wars,
Will she like her freedom better
Than the "chains" she now abhors?

Whe she's running for an office
And gets "left" and has the blues,
Won't she wish that she was back in
The "oppressed" old woman's shoes?
When the Ship of State is steering
'Mid a storm of mad abuse,
Won't she wish that for the ballot
She'd ne'er thought she had a use?

When she finds that she is treated
"Like a man." O, tho' she's longed
For just that, won't she be tempted
Oftentimes to think she's wronged?
When no man e'er gives his seat up
In a car, or deigns to hold
Her umbrella when it's raining,
Won't she wish that she was "old?"

Won't she think the men "just horrid,"
Left to hustle for herself,
Where she's looked on as a rival
In the race for power and pelf?
When the man's reverence no longer
Is accorded as her due,
When he treats her as a brother,
She'll be sorry that she's new!

—*From the Buffalo Courier.*

### HOW BESSIE'S LIGHT SHONE.

It was a very dismal day. The sun was hidden by clouds, and every now and then little gusts of wind blew the rain against the windows, and moaned and sighed through the pine trees.

Bessie Dean stood at the window of the old farm-house drumming on the pane. She looked disconsolate—yes, actually cross—and once in a while a tear stole down her cheek and fell on the glass, as if in sympathy with the storm without.

"I never saw such a dark, lonesome, gloomy day in all my life, never," she said. "Papa gone, mamma sick with a headache, baby cross, and here I am all alone. There isn't a single thing bright and pleasant, and I just think it is too bad!"

The tears fell very fast now, and the brown curls bobbed expressively up and down among the curtains.

After she had cried a long time, she became thoughtful, and began looking out of the window again. Presently she began to speak her thoughts.

"Grandma says when I cry and think everything is awful lonesome, it is because I have forgotten something. She says if I would read my verses in the morning, and try to practice them all day I shouldn't have time to be lonesome. I did forget this morning, and I believe I'll go and read my verses now, just to pass away the time."

She quickly ran and got her verses, and sat down in the big easy chair to read them. As she read on, her face grew very sober, and she again indulged in her habit of thinking aloud:

"They'er all about us being 'the light of the world,' and 'letting our light shine.' I wonder whether the lights are all gone out that makes this such a dark, dismal day. I remember when teacher gave us those verses she said: 'Now, children, remember, if the day is very dark without, you can make it very bright and sunshiny all day long." I don't believe my light has shone a bit all day, and this day needs it more than most others. I'm going to try, right away, and see what I can do."

The little girl jumped up with a face far more cheerful than it had been a half hour before. Indeed, Bessie was like an April day, so full of changes was she, but after a little shower the sun often shone the brightest.

She didn't have to wait long to find something to do, for baby was crying pitifully in the sitting-room. She went in and took baby in her arms, and sang to her until the tired little one had fallen asleep, then Bessie went into mamma's room.

Mamma was wide awake, and suffering severely with her head, but her first words made Bessie glad:

"It was so thoughtful of my little girl to stop baby's crying when mamma's head ached so."

Bessie said nothing, but began bathing the aching head. Her little hands grew very tired, but she would not stop until she thought mamma was asleep; then, after pulling down the shades, she stole softly out of the room and down stairs.

The clock struck five just as she entered the kitchen, and remembering that it was nearly tea time, she began setting the table for papa's supper.

When papa came home that night, and called her "Little Sunshine," and mamma awoke much refreshed, and baby laughed and crowed after her nap, Bessie thought the world seemed different from what it was a few hours before, and she could hardly believe it when she looked out of the window and saw the rain pouring down as steadily as it had in the early part of the afternoon.

"I guess it's because the lights are shining again inside that makes it so bright," she softly said.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. * * * Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. v, 14-16.—*Maude Glean Colby, in The Myrtle.*

BERNHARDT'S REHEARSALS.—Sarah Bernhardt says that she rehearsed "Cleopatra" 500 times before it was finally presented to an audience.

### LIKE SOME OLDER PEOPLE.

Children are always ready enough to emulate their parents' zeal, but seldom so willing to copy their discretion. A certain Episcopal bishop has a four-year-old daughter who, says the Chicago *Chronicle*, has inherited much of her father's force of character, and is already a stanch and aggressive churchwoman.

The other day the family entertained some friends from Denver. In the visiting family there was a little girl of the same age as the bishop's child. Her parents were Presbyterians. It was proposed that the two little girls share the same bed, and, bedtime coming, they knelt down to say their prayers together.

When the little Episcopalian was saying, "Forgive us our trespasses," she heard her companion pray, "Forgive us our debts," and she said sharply:

"It's 'trespasses!'"

"No it ain't," said the Denver Calvinist. "It's 'debts.'"

"Trespasses!"

"Debts!"

"Trespasses!"

"Debts!"

Out flew a chubby Episcopalian fist and struck a Presbyterian eye. There was a mixup immediately.

"Now it's 'trespasses,' ain't it?"

"No," said the other stoutly. "It's 'debts.'" But peace was restored, and the two consented to go on with the prayer.

When they came to the end the little Presbyterian said "Amen," giving the flat "a" of the dissenters, while the little Episcopalian intoned "Ah-men," with the broad sound on the first lvowel.

"Amen," repeated the Presbyterian.

"Ah-men," said the Episcopalian, with conviction.

They were only saved from another encounter by being bundled into bed. When the door was closed upon them each was still maintaining her idea of pronounciation.

### A CORN EXPERIMENT.

Fresh seed corn is at a discount in the Northwest since a certain Chicago man tried his hand at raising the cereal. His seed was several hundred years old, and his corn crop is the marvel of the neighborhood.

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The Chicago man harvested his crop with great care and generously distributed a part of it among his friends, who in turn planted their seed next spring. One of the possessors was John S. Dodge, of the Washburn-Crosby Milling Company. His crop did equally well, and he in turn divided the precious kernels.

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—*Pittsburg Dispatch.*

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