

to her to bless her with a child. She will never feel sad no more, now she has a child of her own to love and cherish. How proud Carl will be when he comes back and finds he has got a little brother. Well, bless me, I won't keep you, Mr. Weldon; I know you are dying to see the dear. Mrs. Bye is in the room with her."

"I don't know about going up, Mrs. Jones. You mustn't let too many women see her. I shall excite her too much. You women have such tongues."

With this parting shot the old sailor went upstairs and rapped quietly at the door.

"Come in," Mrs. Bye answered.

"Vi, Vi, my dear girl, how proud I am, and what a bonnie baby!"

Violet gave a faint smile. The little baby nestled at her breast.

Mrs. Bye went quietly out of the room and left her alone with her uncle.

"How much like you, Vi," the old sailor said, stooping down and kissing the babe.

"I think he has his father's nose, don't you, uncle?"

"Yes, love."

"Carl will be delighted when he knows he has a brother, I know."

"That he will, Vi. Almost worth cabling the news to him when they reach Yokohama."