- scrub a floor with good soft soap and wood ashes, until it's sweet smelling, and white, and not all a streaky?
- Mrs Kelly—Well now, Jane, I really don't know, but she plays the melodeon beautifully and sings the dear old Irish songs, she does, until your heart is in your mouth, it is. (Wipes her eyes.)
- Miss Skinning—That is all very fine, Mary, but her man, when she gets one, will want more than his heart in his mouth; and, mark my words, Mary Kelly, that's the truth I'm telling you, and no mistake.
- Mrs. Goodsense—Well, I don't see any reason why Arabella, or any other girl, can't learn to keep a clean house and yet know a little about other things, too, that is if she lays her mind to it.
- Mrs. De Vere—I would place the emphasis on higher education and the fine arts though.
- Mrs. Goodsense—Well, if I am not mistaken, her man, when she gets one, will place the emphasis on a good, square meal, and take to the finer arts after being satisfied, and comfortable like. (Turns leaf.)
- Mrs. Kelly—My sisters. You will remember them, the first is Jane—
- Mrs. Goodsense—Oh, sure, I mind Jane well, she married a farmer, Samuel Hopkins by name, and moved out West.
- Mrs. Kelly—That is true, Jemima; the picture is not a good one of Jane. Jane was a good looking girl in her day, was Jane. Then there is Car-