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Children's Department

RUTH'S NOVEMBER APRIL-FOOL.

"This is your third guess, Aunt Helen; you can't guess why I'm so happy," and Ruth nestled farther down into her little white bed. No one needed to guess that she was happy—her dancing eyes told that; but why—that was what Aunt Helen had made two wrong guesses on already.

She had guessed that it was because she was staying a week with her grandmother and aunt, but Ruth had shaken her curly head vigorously.

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"Partly that, of course," she said; "but that's not it."

The next thing Aunt Helen guessed was the new ring with three tiny pearls in it which Uncle Jack had given her.

Ruth told her that guess was more wrong even than the first one. There was one more chance, but Aunt Helen knew so many things which might make such a merry little girl as Ruth happy that she gave up trying to guess any particular one.

"I give it up," she said.

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"Well," Ruth began, "you never could have guessed if you tried all night, so I'll tell you. It's because I played an April-Fool on somebody to-day."

"April-Fool!" Aunt Helen certainly was surprised.

"Why, my dear, this is November."

"I know it," Ruth giggled softly.

"You know Mr. Dobbs?"

Yes, Aunt Helen knew, and she looked very grave. She had known Mr. Dobbs when he was a tall, strong man, before the accident which had crippled him for life. She did not think that Ruth could have been doing anything that might bother him.

"You know he goes past here every day, making his wheel-chair go with that handle he works back and forth?"

Yes, Aunt Helen knew. "Well, when I see him coming I hide behind

the little tree in the corner of the yard. Just as soon as he is past I slip out behind him and begin to push, and I push till he's clear up that little hill."

Aunt Helen put her arms around Ruth. "I think that is a splendid April-Fool," she said.

"But wait, let me tell you the rest," Ruth went on, squirming from her aunt's embrace.

"The funniest part is to hear him wonder why his chair goes so easy. He talks to himself, and I almost laugh out loud to hear him.

"What ails my chair?" he'll say. 'It acts as if it had feet instead of wheels,' and pretty soon he'll say, 'Dear me, am I going crazy? It looks to me as if this was up-hill, but from the way I'm going it must be down-hill.' Oh! it's more fun than anything I ever did, and when I go home Harold Tompkins is going to keep

on fooling him. Wouldn't he be the most surprised man in the world if he ever did find it out?"

Aunt Helen tucked the covers around the happy little girl.

"I wish all April-Fools could be as splendid as that, dear," she said softly. Annie Louise Berry in the Sunday School Times.

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