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HOUSEHOLD.

Mother's Resting.

I'm sorry, now, I gave so very little thought
To all the helpful lessons which my patient
mother taught.

Now older grown, and she has gone, I often
long to tell
Her how they all come back to me, each one
remembered well,
For in the work and cares of life that come
from day to day,
I find I stop to ask myself, 'What was my
mother's way?'

There never seemed to be with her a drudgery of life,
She got along so quietly with all its cares and strife;
She always sang about her work, and 'mid perplexing things
The farmhouse walls re-echoed, 'Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings.'
I never hear old 'Amsterdam' but that I think how oft
It bore my mother's soul from earth to unseen things aloft.

When sitting in her rocking-chair, her lap with mending piled,
She used to say: 'I want to rest; now read a psalm, my child.'
I learned by heart about 'the hills,' and lifting up my eyes,
Those pastures green and 'waters still' the Shepherd's love supplies,
And all about 'Abiding 'neath the shadow of His wing,'
For God our refuge is our strength, I read in everything.

Sometimes I hurried through the psalm, taking but little heed,
And then her thanks, so kindly said, encouraged me to read
Some of the words that Jesus spoke, for that was mother's way,
To read from psalms and gospels both upon the busiest day;
For at such times she needed a much longer rest, and so,
While but a child, I learned the favor'd passages to know.

These precious words of quiet come to my own soul, now I
A busy woman, full of work, my daily duties ply.
I sing her hymns when fretted with ceaseless rounds of care,
I repeat the psalms and Gospels when in my sewing chair.
I wonder if she knows it, and how glad I am each day,
That my mother's way of resting was such a helpful way.
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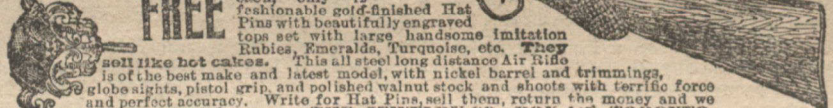
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