

Harriet to a seat, and nodded to Miss Graydon to proceed.

"Miss St. Clair," she said, "will you allow me to examine your hand-bag?"

Harriet had been at the post-office. A letter and a package of newspapers addressed to Harriet Smith were there. The colour left her face.

"Its contents do not concern you," she murmured.

"Miss St. Clair," said the forewoman, "it will be better to submit to a private search than to force us to place you under arrest."

"Mr. Danner!" exclaimed Harriet, turning to her employer, "what have I done to be insulted like this?" Mr. Danner looked pityingly toward her.

"Miss St. Clair," he said, "I have what seems to be positive evidence that the recommendation you brought here was forged."

"Oh, no! You have made a mistake," Harriet gasped. Mr. Sibley is my own uncle, and——"

"Your uncle?"

"Yes, and I have a letter from him in my satchel this minute." She hurriedly emptied it of its contents, and handed one of the letters to Mr. Danner.

"Why, this is addressed to Miss Harriet Ann Smith," said he.

"Oh! And you asked him about Hester St. Clair?" Harriet said, breaking into a hysterical laugh. "I'm sure I can explain—I—I——" "You what?"

"I didn't like the name of Harriet Smith, and so when I came here I thought I'd change it to Hester St. Clair. I knew it was wrong, but somehow I could hardly help it."

The secret out, Harriet wept bitterly. The merchant inquired further, and found that her second statement was true. Harriet submitted all her belongings to search, and even Miss Graydon was forced to believe her innocent of thieving.

Mr. Danner offered to continue Harriet in his employment, stipulating that she must resume her proper name. But Harriet was by this time very anxious to go back to her mother.

"You can tell people your daughter has been away at school," she said to her mother that night, as she sat toasting her feet at the kitchen fire.

Mrs. Smith looked up inquiringly. "Oh, I was thinking of Uncle Martia's favourite maxim," she said, "that experience is a dear school, and simpletons will take lessons at no other."—*Youth's Companion.*

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She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister, who was cutting teeth. She gave a string and a crooked pin, and a great deal of good advice to the three-year-old brother who wanted to play at fishing. She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go and visit her sick baby at home; for Ellen was a widow, and left her child to its grandmother, while she worked to get bread for both. She could not have seen them very often if our Mary had not offered to attend the door while she was away. But this is not all that Mary gave. She dressed herself so neatly, and looked so kind and obliging that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she caught sight of the young, pleasant face. She wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business, and gave patient attention to a long story by her grandmother, and when it was ended made the old lady happy by a good-night kiss. Thus she had given valuable presents to six people in one day, and yet she had not a cent. Reader, what are you giving?—*Anon.*

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