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EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

How much ought one to stand from one's relatives? That was the real question at the bottom of the whole affair. Answer me that, and answer it fairly, and I am sure you will feel that dear Mrs. DeWynt was justified in what she did. You will perceive that the girl was altogether too difficult; and lifting all blame from my dear patroness will place it where it belongs. But first you must know the facts. And I, owing to my position as social secretary in the DeWynt household, was rather in a position to know them as they really were.

People in our set have talked and talked—you know what a Long Island colony is; and, now that the worst is over, I feel it my duty to clear my gracious patron's name. Not that there was ever really any blemish upon it; no, indeed! Mrs. George Everan