

and fatherless' mouths to say it was my house done it. It was no little insects started folks telling on themselves like that!"

"These things are carried in the air," I said.

"Then they never got into *my* house. I'm not one for draughts. I like to make my boarders comfortable."

"Yes, I'm sure your boarders caught the disease elsewhere."

This soothed her, and she continued in a different strain for a few minutes.

"It was the solemnest time ever I passed through, for there was a whole week I hardly said a word. Why, there's lots hasn't been right in their heads since, sir. Whenever I think of it, when I'm not feeling quite myself, I just goes into the parlour and I summons up all my sins. I declare, I've bin afraid to open my mouth ever since."

I remarked here, that I had been taught that true courage consists in doing our duty in spite of fears.

"That's just what the Reverend Mr. Chester says, sir, and I'm sure he'd tell you in a minute that it was no fault of mine that the Jenningses was took so bad."

"I'm sure he would," I said, trying to escape by edging nearer the door.

"It was their inside consciences made them say the things they did. Oh! they said the awfulest things. I could tell you lots," and she looked wistfully.

However, an engagement made it impossible for me to hear more.

The inhabitants of Edgevale speak of it as having gone down in a great measure since the trouble, but there are others who see signs of steady improvement, and say that there is a good deal of business done in a quiet way. All agree that it is a delightful place to live in, and extremely healthy. I can vouch for the latter, as the benefit I derived from my short stay there was wonderful, and I feel strongly tempted to accept Mr. and Mrs. Clement's cordial invitation to visit them next summer.