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poor. Last night Mrs. Brewster brought your mother's dress home. You were in the parlor, at the piano. Little Mamie ran to the door, and eagerly drank in every note. The poor mother sighed and wished she could afford to give the child lessons. You have been studying music under splendid teachers for six years. Are you hiding your talent, Marion?"
"I have been, papa, but I am going to dig it up this very day," she an-

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swered. She patted him tenderly on the head and left the room.

Mrs. Brewster was at the sewing machine, and Mamie sat before a table. She had an open book before her, and was moving her hands as if at piano. There was a low knock at the door, and Mrs. Brewster looked around. "Come in, Miss Marion. Mamie, give Miss Marion that chair. She has been playing that table is a piano ever since she heard you play last night."

"Does she love music?"
"Oh, yes. She can play a little by ear, and doesn't know anything about music," the mother answered. And then Marion heard a little sigh. "Will you let me give her lessons?" asked Marion.

"I'd like to, Miss Marion, but I can't spare the money."
"Oh, I don't mean that way. I want to give her lessons without any money," cried Marion. "I've studied music for six years, and I think I can teach her."

Tears came to the widow's eyes. "You don't know what that means to us, Miss Marion. I want Mamie to have every advantage, and God will bless you. I can't thank you enough. Mamie, do you hear? Miss Marion is going to give you lessons."

Marion slipped out as quickly as possible. Thanks always embarrassed her. There were to be sacrifices, she soon found. She must miss walks with her girl friends. Sometimes she didn't feel well; but she persevered, and little Mamie learned fast.

Marion's girl friends were surprised when she began teaching Mamie. They knew her father's income did not require her aid.

Finally Stella Lawton, Marion's closest girl friend, found out the secret from the little dressmaker. She told the other girls. "And Marion never said a word about its being free."

When they spoke to Marion about it, she quietly told of the talk she had had with her father.

"I've been wondering what I could do. I don't even know what my one talent is," sighed Stella.

"There is your elocution training, Stella. Granny Wilson will be so glad if you would read to her. Your articulation is so clear that she could understand you well. You see, since father opened my eyes I have seen opportunities I didn't see before," Marion answered.


"What can I do?" questioned Bessie Morris.

Marion thought for a minute. "When I had pneumonia last winter mother said she would feel safe when she left you with me. You could help nurse the little child at Mrs. Baker's."

Bessie's clear laugh rang out. "I've been thinking, too. I sat up there last night," she answered.

Marion's father came in the gate and straight across the lawn to the

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girls. "What are you magpies chattering about?" he asked.

They told him.
"I haven't decided yet, Mr. Barr. What can I do," asked Grace Russell.

"If I had your beautiful voice, I could find what to do, Grace. The children at the Orphans' Home need training, and any lonely home would be brightened when you had sung some sweet song. There are many places where a beautiful voice may be used. Mother is calling me. I must go; but let me say, dear girls, that you are gathering sheaves for the great harvest. Every good deed or kind word spoken, or, I might say, every talent spent lifts your own and some other heart closer to God," she said, softly.

WHAT MRS. SQUIRREL THINKS.

The old apple tree in the corner by the lane is hollow. There is a hole in the trunk of the tree near the top. Here lives a little family of squirrels.

One day Mr. Squirrel ran up the tree as fast as he could. "My dear," said he to his wife, when he was safe in the hole again, "I was afraid I should never reach home alive."

"Have those boys been throwing stones at you again?" asked Mrs. Squirrel.

"Stones?" repeated Mr. Squirrel, with an angry whisk of his tail. "They were rocks! They were as big as apples!"

"Rocks are bigger than apples," said Mrs. Squirrel. "Still I must say it is a shame. You have never done anything to hurt those boys."

"They don't think of that," said Mr. Squirrel, who who really angry. "And our dear little ones are not yet big enough to hunt nuts," said Mrs. Squirrel. "They might starve if you never came home."

"Boys don't think of that," said her husband.
"You are so little and they are so big," said Mrs. Squirrel.

"They don't think of that," said Mr. Squirrel.

"Don't they know how to think?" asked his wife. "Perhaps they are stupid, after all."

"They think it fun to see me run," said Mr. Squirrel. "And that seems to be all the thinking that they are able to do."

"That is like a baby," said Mrs. Squirrel, gravely. "It is very sad to grow to be stupid. I am glad our children know more than that."

Mr. Squirrel whisked his tail over his head, and took up a nut from a pile in the corner. But Mrs. Squirrel was not thinking about her dinner.

"Poor boys!" said she. "How dreadful to be so stupid as not to be able to think!"

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