

she preferred making and hoarding up money to upholding the dignity of her family relations; and preserving her own position as a just and respected dame, which she has enjoyed and deserved for so many years.

It is true she had promised to assist Mrs. Dominion and her boys should they at any time be in need, but it would have been better had she kept up more friendly relations with her daughter, to show to the outside world that, although apparently sundered to a certain degree, they were in reality as closely united as ever.

Mrs. Dominion felt this conduct on the part of her mother very much, as it seemingly confirmed a rumor which had come to her ears that Mrs. Britannia, in desiring a union of the Dominion family, only wished to be free from any further annoyance or trouble from the boys, and that she intended to allow them to paddle their own canoe for the future.

Just as the widow was beginning to feel happy in the society of her boys, to be thus shunned as it were by her mother, it was very hard, very hard indeed. But the worst of it all was that the old lady would not even then allow her daughter to have full control over her own house. Grandma still had to be consulted on all important matters.

The greatest blow of all, however, to poor unhappy Mrs. Dominion was when she found out to her cost that there did not exist amongst her boys that sincerity in their union which she had expected to see.

Little bickerings began to creep in amongst them, jealousies sprang up when they were least expected, each