

of roast beef, and bones for soup. Then I bought a pair of young ducks, vegetables we had in our own garden, as also fruit and flowers, and I can tell you we had a tip-top dinner that day; and almost entirely arranged by your humble servant. Kate could do nothing but look on in wonder."

"Tell us all you had for dinner that day," cried half-a-dozen voices at once.

"Well," said Annie, "there was bouillon, with a knuckle of roast beef and green sauce, and cauliflower; ducks with green peas; a fricassee of pigeons, and new potatoes; and a compound of apples and plums, with wine sauce, raspberry tart and dessert. They all enjoyed the good things very much, and complimented me on my cleverness, and also the school that had done so much for me. I should say it was the gentlemen who were loudest in their praises, for I think the ladies were a little jealous of me. One in particular, who is an indifferent housekeeper, when her husband was bestowing his praises on me, looked daggers at me across the table, and I know she was greatly disappointed when she found I could do other things besides cooking.