

stopped eating and gazed so steadily at her benefactress that the lady smilingly asked:

"Well, what is it, Meg?"

"I's a-thinkin' an' wonderin' 'f all the angels is es beautiful es you be."

"Why, Meg, the angels are all much more beautiful than I am."

"Don't care 'f they's a million times beautifuller; I couldn't never like none of 'em 's I like you."

It was a different kind of thanks from what the lady had been in the habit of receiving, but she felt it was the most beautiful and the most sincere she ever had; and finding that the children were waifs, having been left alone in the world by the death of their mother two days before, she determined to make it her duty to see that they never again went hungry while she had enough and to spare. They were God's poor and she was His servant, put here, perhaps, for the very purpose of ministering to them.

"Tom," said Meg, when they had eaten all they wanted, "I feel 's if I'd jess like ter thank Him fur it all, it was so good."

"You can, Meg, right here. I've done it. Just think it and He will know."

Meg did think it, with closed eyes and head bowed reverently, and it was a simple, earnest little prayer that ascended to the throne of grace at that moment.

The Fishing Smack.

How little do those who stay at home know of the dangers our brave fishermen have to undergo, to provide us with the fresh fish we so enjoy for our breakfast or dinner. They have good strong boats that can battle with the storms, and they generally carry four or five men each. It is a pretty sight to see a fleet of these fishing boats sailing out on a calm evening with their nets and bait on board, to go off to the fishing grounds.

All night long, while we are asleep, the men are busy fishing; and in the early morning they return to the shore with the supplies they have caught. Sometimes the whole vessel seems full of fish, up to the very edge. And then how busy is every one, counting the fish, filling the baskets, and carrying them up to the quay, where they are quickly sold, packed in ice and salted, and sent off by rail to the various towns inland.

Many of our fishermen are true servants of God, and while out at sea often sing hymns of praise to Him who holds the waters in the hollow of His hand. But shall we not pray that all the fishermen may come to the Saviour too? For theirs is a dangerous calling; many a boat goes down on a wild night, and the men that sailed in her never come home again.

Watching.

Mr. Dundas had a beautiful dog, which was devotedly attached to him. He had brought it up from a puppy, and the dog had never known another master. He had treated the fine creature with continual kindness and affection, and the dog returned his goodness with all the warmth of its nature.

Whenever Mr. Dundas went out, Trusty went with him, and would wait patiently for hours in his office without making any disturbance, though he jumped up with delight when he saw his master take up his hat to go. One day Mr. Dundas did not appear

at breakfast time. Trusty whined and walked uneasily about, evidently wondering what could be the matter.

"Your master is ill, Trusty," said Mrs. Dundas, as she came into the room and patted his head; "you must be good and quiet, and not disturb him."

For some days Mr. Dundas was very ill, and no one had time to attend to the dog. But he took his station just outside the baize-covered door, where he eagerly listened for every sound from the sick room. When all was quiet, he would lie down, but at the least sound he sat anxiously watching. At last his master was better, and Mrs. Dundas admitted the faithful creature into the room. He seemed overjoyed to see his master once more, and wagging his tail, put his nose on the edge of the bed, while his dark eyes sought his master's face.

"Good fellow," said Mr. Dundas, putting his hand on the dog's head. "It is a blessing to have a faithful friend like you, Trusty, and I hope we shall soon be able to be about again together."

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