

**Mrs. Chubb**—"Miss Rosalind—I've come to give notice—I've always worked for respectable folk, and I'm not going to wait on folks as go round in mens cloths—so I ain't."

**Rosie**—"Oh Mrs. Chubb—don't leave us—don't think of it—we could never do without you—you are so capable—"

**Anne**—"And willing"—

**Mr. Oldays**—"What's the meaning of this disturbance?"

**Anne**—"If you mean me—I'm sorry but I won't promise to dress to suit your taste—but if you want to go—why pass right out—we won't lay a straw in your way—I've had a course in domestic science—can cook and carry on until Aunt Rosalind gets a capable woman."

**Mr. Oldays**—"Talk's cheap my lady—but suit yourself Mrs. Chubb—We can't hold you if you want to go."

**Rosie**—"Oh father—what will I do?—She has been here for years—"

**Mrs. Chubb**—"I'm willing to stay—but will not be dictated to by—by—"

(Anne goes up smiling.)

**Anne**—"If you mean me Mrs. Chubb—I never interfere with anyone's business—much less one who has served my grandfather so well—and of course I expect no one to interfere with me—now that's clear—I will say though there seems to be a famine in this house—don't you ever eat?—I haven't had a bite since 7 this morning."

**Rosie**—"Oh I'm so sorry—I was so upset—I'll go."

**Mrs. Chubb**—"Nothing to eat yet eh! Well I call that a crying shame—I'll get you a biscuit and a glass of milk this minute."

**Anne**—"Thanks I'll be right here waiting—but may I have three—I'm starved—pure and simple."

**Mrs. Chubb**—(Calls back) "Sure child—you can eat to the full—"

**Mr. Oldays**—"Well that's a quick change of face—she is not noted for taking to strangers—she did not used to be so cantankerous."

**Rosie**—"I'm so glad—what a dear you are Anne—She is so capable—"

**Mr. Oldays**—"Capable—but cranky."