

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 any one'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."