

mail one which sat upon the top of the six big ones could mean

"Oh, dear! oh, dear!" shouted back Ronald, "I can't find my socks. Oh, here they are! I'll be out in a few minutes, Vi. Well, well; how impatient you are! Well, there; if you must know, they are blankets and a postal order and tobacco, and Bob needn't go to the pawn. Oh, dear! oh, dear! what are you saying, Violet?"

"I'm going away," said Violet "they sound dreadfully uninteresting things, and I'd never have joined you in hip, hip, hurrah! for blankets and tobacco. You are so very tiresome. Ronald," and then Violet's voice quite died away in the distance.

But Ronald would not have minded if twenty Violets had been cross to him at this instant, for the six sovereigns and the half sovereign which stood in the shadow under his father's picture were a salve for far worse things than any little pin pricks she could inflict. There they lay, the beautiful golden pile, and under them was a small piece of white paper, on which these words were written:

"Ronald's New Year's gifts, to do what he likes with;" and Ronald never knew, all his life, that he owed those sovereigns to the fact of his having listened to his dead father's teaching last night, and scorned to do anything which could hurt a woman. For somehow Miss Green had been wonderfully touched by Ronald's thoughtfulness, and after the little boy had gone to bed she had herself sought out Mrs. Frere and talked to her about her nephew, and had related to her how chivalrously Ronald had behaved that night.—And Mrs. Frere, who always respected every word that dropped from her favorite governess's lips, was impressed, and said further that the Major had been greatly troubled when he heard that Bob had not been allowed to go to Conton; and then Miss Green insisted on seeing the Major, and somehow between them the story of the almswomen and the pawnbroker and the Kemps got out, and the two women who had been very hard on this subject a few days ago, saw it now in a different light, and it was finally decided that the boy should have his way, and give his father's customary present to the poor people who wanted the money, and missed it so sadly; and Miss Green subscribed a sovereign out of her store for this purpose, and Aunt Eleanor gave three, and the Major made up the rest; but the sly old Major never let out that the Kemps had six sovereigns and a half of his already in their possession, which sovereigns were to have been devoted to the saving of Ronald's word of honor which he had passed to the almswomen and to Peter's Miss Green placed the pile of money herself by Ronald's bedside, and she was heard to confess afterwards that no deed had ever given her more pleasure at the time, or was sweeter to look back upon by and by.

"I might have broken my heart if I had not done it," she was heard

to say; and this, with what soon occurred, was highly probable.

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