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As I said before it was beneath Hiram Armstrong's dignity to scold and rave, and not knowing what to do he stood silently not knowing what to do he stood silently by and listened. The instrument was a good one, Mrs. Armstrong had a sweet voice, and somehow the music seemed to soothe the angry feelings that this unwarruntable act of his wife had arousede Before, she had fluished, he thought to himself that it was not so bad a thing to have a piano in the house, after all; for now, when the church members met there as they sometimes did, they could have music and singing, as well as prayers. He did not admit this to his wife, though. The only remark he made as she turned from the piano was:—

"I am, surprised that you should have taken such a liberty; don't ever let it hap-

taken such a liberty; don't ever let it hapoen again."
"No," replied she, demurely: "I don't think I shall ever want another." For the first time in his life Hiram Armstrong had found a will as strong as his own, and a purpose that was so quietly and persistently carried into execution, that there was really no chance for him to

ano, Mrs. Armstrong found the old do-estic laying the table for dinner in the tohen, within a few feet of the glowing ove. "Why have you not set the table in the dining room, as usual?" she inquired.
"Because," replied Mrs. Grump, "it makes so much more work; and Mr. Armstrong is willing to eat in the kitchen; "But I shall not eat in the kitchen; and I don't think it would save labor to set two tables."

"What is it?"

"That I am not the first Mrs. Armstrong, and I am in no way bound to carry out her plans. When I came here, I came as mistress, and as such I intend to remain. You will oblige me by removing the dinner to the dining-room; and never again set the table for me in the kitchen, unless I desire you to."

Mrs. Grump set about moving the dishes, but with a sullen, spiteful manner that was perfectly exasperating. When the last article had been removed, she came and stood before her mistress.

instation in the property of t you cannot put up with my ways, you had better 'leave. I will speak to Mr. Armstrong shout your wages. Or stop a monages, he will not be home until evening, and if you wish to leave this afternoon, I will pay you out of my own purse."

Mrs. Grump burst into tears. She had not really ment to go; and Mrs. Armstrong surmised as much. Still she pitied the old woman, and said kindly:

"Rememember, it was your own proposal. Mrs. Grump. As I said before, I should be sorry to have you leave; but you are at liberty to do so if you like. I shall have no trouble in finding some one to fill your place; but whoever comes into this house as a servan, will understand distinctly that I am mistress, though I do not mean to be a hard one. You know that both Mr. Armstrong and myself have often urged you to have an assistant in the kitchen, for neither of us wish you to labor hard: and it is your own choice to do the work alone. Think the matter over a while; I should be plad to have you stay, but if you wish to leave you can do so at your earliest convenience."

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After her visitors had left, Mrs. Armstrong turned to her husband, and said, with apparent ignorance of giving of-

nce:
"Didn't you like those songs, Hiram?"
"No, I didn't! I think such sentimental

"No, I didn't! I think such sentimental trash too abominable to be sung in a Christian family!"

"Why, I think them splendid. You wouldn't want to sing doleful psalms all the week round!"

"Doleful psalms, as you call them, are much more appropriate in a sinful world like this than such frivolous nonsense as you surprised me by singing this evening!"

"What a mistake God made then when he created the canary and bobolink, instead of making all birds owls and ravens! But there is one song which I saved on purpose to sing to you alone, so you must hear it. I know you will like it."

Before he could utter a word of objection she sat down to the piano, and began to play and sing the sweet, sad song of "Christie Deane," For a moment after the last note ceased, there was silence in the room; then Mrs. Armstrong said:

"Now, Hiram, you must sing one song with me! I know you can sing for I have heard you at the prayer-meetings; so come let us have "Auld Lang Syne!" And she commenced the familiar air, motioning her husband to follow.

After a few lines had been sung, he ventured to join his voice with hers, but feeling all the while as bashful and ashamed as a schoolboy who is caught in the act of composing his first sonnet. But the ice

as a schoolboy who is caught in the act of composing his first sonnet. But the ice was broken, that was all that the wily diplomatist expected, and without another word of reproof. Hiram Armstrong retired feeling strangely like the old woman who did not know whether she were herself or somebody else. somebody else.

Meanwhile the tea-party had not been returned I took to bed and was never free from pain, till about three weeks ago, and Meanwhile the tea-party had not been forgotten, and as August was in its prime, Mrs. Armstrong felt that it was time to give the subject serious thought. She was wise enough to know that if she announced her intention of making a party of her own particular friends, her husband, though he might not object to it in words, had it in his power to show her guests their presence was unwelcome to him; so, like a skillful general, she employed a little strategy in order to assomplish her purpose.

"Don't you think," she asked the next morning at breakfast, "that we ought to invite the minister and his wife here to tear"

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"I don't know; perhaps it would be the right thing, but I never thought of it."

"Were they ever invited here?"

"No."

"That seems to be rather unsocial, as you have been a member of his church so many years. If I were you I would invite them, with a few of your friends and fellow worshippers, to spend the afternoon with us."

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that will mean a great deal of extra work."
"I don't mind that; I can help Mrs.
Grump get ready for them, and then I will
do my best to be agreeable. Perhaps I can
preside at the table in a way that you will
not be ashamed of me."
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"Of course you can! Who will you have, and how many?" have, and how many?"
"Invite whom you please. Come to think of it we can have twelve as well as less, and I know there are as many as that whose company you would enjoy. Now make your selections at once and I will take down the names." So the list was made out, and Mrs. Armstrong smiled as she looked it over. There were the names of minister Barne and his wife, and five other couples of the strictest and stiffest sectarians that the

strictest and stimest sectarians that the church contained.

"There," said she, "we will have a pleasant time, I am sure! We will send out the invitations to-day, and have them here to-morrow. Will that suit you?"
"Yes; but I thought you did not like these people?"
"Oh, I have nothing against them except their coldness, and I suppose they cannot help that. I believe we ought to treat decent people with courtesy, even if treat decent people with courtesy, even if we do not fancy every trait of their character."

"Quite right. I am sure you are very kind to think of entertaining my friends for me. What can I do to help you?"

"Nothing until to-morrow; then be prapared to wear your brightest smiles, and make the day pass so pleasantly that your guests will love to think of it."

Everything was in readings for the your guests will love to think of it."

Everything was in readiness for the visitors long before they arrived; and when they came they were welcomed by Mrs. Armstrong with such kind cordiality that their hearts warmed toward her, in spite of themselves. The teatable was a marvel of taste and skill, and the hostess presided with such ease and grace, that her saintly husband was worldly-minded enough to feel proud of her. feel proud of her.

In the evening the piano was opened, and In the evening the piano was opened, and Mrs. Armstrong's sweet voice mingled with the cracked and discordant ones of her guests, and sent up hymn after hymn with which they had for years been familiar. At last Mr. Armstrong surprised his wife by asking her to sing "Christie Deane." Then followed "Auld Lang Syne," in which every one present joined, after that came the hand-shaking and, "good nights"; and as the door closed upon the last one, both host and hostess felt that each of their guests had passed a pleasant day. guests had passed a pleasant day.

That was the way in which Mrs. Arm. strong brought about her own tea-party. Of course after all the kindness and con-

sideration shown by his wife toward gneats of his own choosing, Mr. Armstrong could do no. less than show the same spirit toward his wife's friends; and so the sectoward his wife's friends; and so the second party was as much of a success as the first had been. There were present the very croakers who had predicted for her such a gloomy life, and they were surprised beyond measure at the ease and freedom with which she ruled the household, as well as by the gentlemanly and almost cordial manner of her husband. There were songs and games in the even-ing, and though he declined to take part in them, he appeared to look and listen with interest and pleasure; and when at a late

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