

Stella made money in this way, for she could sell any amount of stockings, socks, children's stockings and mitts, to the city folks, who paid her liberally for them. Besides these, Stella always had in reserve, a little pile of children's mitts, scarfs, and wristlets for the poor children, whose mothers could not afford to buy such things.

Nor was Stella's grandfather by any means idle during his leisure hours. Being an industrious and a very skilful man, he spent his spare time making such articles in the line of dishes as were used at that time, such as wooden bowls of all sizes, wooden spoons, even to table knives and forks.

He had a small room upstairs, which he kept well filled with material for his work, and during the long winter evenings, he might be seen in his cosy chimney corner finishing up some article of which his load consisted when he made his annual trip to the city, which he usually made on or about the last week in December.

Besides the articles mentioned, Stella's grandfather made various kinds of toys, such as wooden tops, small balls, wooden dolls and manikins. These toys he never sold, but laid to one side for the poor children, whom he loved with all his heart. The dolls and manikins Stella would dress in the cutest of clothes and help her grandpa distribute them among the children, for she hardly ever failed to accompany him on his trips to the city, and Oh! how the dear little grim faces would brighten up at sight of the kind-hearted pair, and the