

and many dishes have I cooked since, when I was at home."

"What did you cook that day?" asked Minnie.

"There was a leg of lamb, green peas, and new potatoes, and a fruit tart; and I went and gathered herbs to make a green sauce, which father and mother had never eaten before. They liked it so much that father said he would see that all the necessary herbs were planted next year. He thinks he never eat salad so much to his taste as that which I made; and one day when we had friends to dinner, I helped Kate with everything, and had the ordering of the dinner, and the buying of the various articles for it myself, for as father said, 'what would be the good if I did not know how to purchase,' so he provided me with cash the day before, and told me there would be six gentlemen with their wives to dinner. 'Look sharp, little woman,' said he, 'they come to test your cookery. I have told them so much about your capabilities, and that excellent school, so don't disgrace it.' So I rose early next morning, and went to the butcher's by seven o'clock, and chose a nice piece