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Arthur took his elbows off the stuffed arm chair and planted them on the window-sill.

"That girl, with the brown apron on?" he cried; "why I know that girl."

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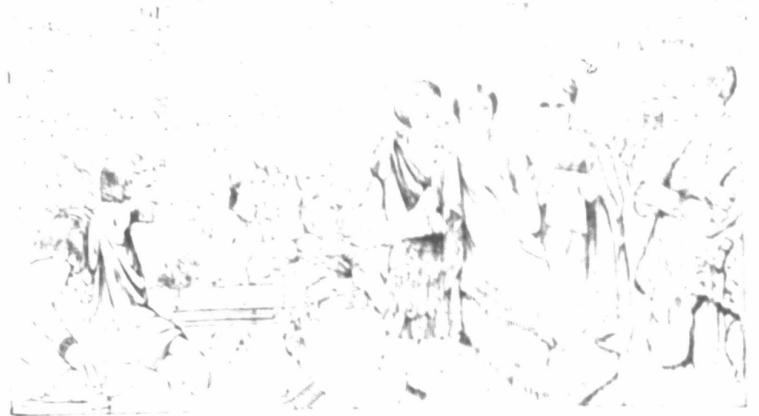
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That's Susie Moore, and she has a dreadful hard time, Grandma."
"Has she?" said Grandma. "O little boy, wouldn't you give anything to know where she gets all that brightness from then?"
"I'll ask her," said Arthur promptly, and to Grandma's surprise he raised the window and called:
"Susie, O Susie, come up here a minute; Grandma wants to see you!"
The brown eyes opened wide in surprise, but the little maid turned at once and came in.
"Grandma wants to know, Susie Moore," explained the boy, "what makes you look so bright all the time."
"Why, I have to," said Susie, "you see papa's been sick a long while, and mamma is tired out with nursing, the baby's cross with her teeth, and if I didn't be bright, who would be?"
"Yes, yes, I see," said dear old Grandma, putting her arm around this little streak of sunshine. "That's God's reason for things; they are because somebody needs them. Shine on, little sun; there couldn't be a better reason for shining than because it is dark at home."