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First niece. But such people there are, and such perhaps always will be.

Sec. niece. Well, there may be a remedy for that too, for there may be two or three several forms of certificates directed by the law; one volunteer, and full to all the behaviour of a servant, and the other to her honesty and sobriety only.

Aunt. Why then, child, nobody would take a servant that had only your second-rate certificate; they would presently say her mistress had given no character but what she could not help.

Sec. niece. I rather think, Madam, that all servants would content themselves with what you are pleased to call my second-rate certificate.

Aunt. Come let us hear what kind of a certificate it is, if you are lawyer enough to draw it up.

Sec. niece. I am not lawyer enough to draw it up in form: but it should be to this purpose, Madam:

THE CERTIFICATE.

*I, A. B., do hereby certify, that the bearer hereof,
M. B., lived with me as a chamber-maid, one year and
a quarter, ending the*

day of
*last; during which time she behaved
herself honestly, modestly, and dutifully, as becom-*
eth a servant.

Witness my hand, A. B.

Aunt. Why truly, niece, a servant that could not deserve so much character as that, nobody ought to take.

Sec. niece. Well, Madam, and a servant that did deserve so much character as that, no mistress ought to deny.