

Their Hearts' Desire

tery of the universe appealed to him, from the marvel of the moon and stars to the coming of four teeny-weeny gray kittens to Jane's old cat; kittens that could not see at all, and that were quite too weak to walk even a part of the way.

And then John's first year of school was opening up such a lot of things to learn and do, and things not to do, that this young idea began to shoot with vigor; not only in prescribed lines, but in spots and directions unforeseen, and, for the curriculum of the school-room, undesired. And the daily companionship of children—that was rapidly developing his talent for the vicissitudes of life. His vision broadening, the whys of the world began to compass him about and with increased sensibilities came definite desire and vague longings.

John's love for Jane was part of his life, a habit of his existence. As she had served him from the first, so long had he loved her, and her affection, always finding