

**KIRK'S CHOICE.**

A curious old man was Hamilton Kirk and a good old man, said those who had the best means of knowing, and rich with a daughter.

Joseph Vaughan was in his store ready to wait upon his customers. He was a handsome young man and his moral character was good. In fact, he rather prided himself upon his morality. His boy was engaged in putting away some clothes, and he was reading the morning paper when he heard a step at his door, which opened to admit the soft, balmy air. He looked up and beheld a poor, forlorn-looking man, who seemed bent beneath the weight of years and infirmities, and whose garb was scant and ragged.

The old man asked for charity. "I have nothing to spare," said Vaughan. "But I am in need, kind sir. Help me, if you can." "I tell you I can't." "The old man went away. Henry Walsh also kept a store in the town, and he was in his place of business, for he had rivals in trade, and he found it necessary to attend closely to his own affairs. He was young and good-looking, and had the name of being generous and open-hearted. He had just disposed of a customer when the ragged, way-worn beggar entered the shop.

"Charity," pleaded the applicant, trembling upon his staff. "Eh—want help?" returned Walsh, examining the old fellow from head to foot. "Yes, I am in need." "Well—how much do you want?" "I ask not for much, kind sir." "Here's a dollar. Will that help you?" "Yes—very much." "Then it's yours; and see that you make a good use of it. And thereupon the young man returned to his work, leaving the beggar to go when he pleased.

Chauncey Stewart was a shoemaker, and he not only employed quite a number of workmen in manufacturing, but he had quite a store, and sold a great many shoes in retail. He was some three or four-and-twenty; was very fair looking, and had the reputation of being one of the most steady and industrious young men of the village, but his character for generosity did not stand so high among his fellows as did that of Henry Walsh.

Chauncey was in his front shop, packing his boots, when an old beggar-man entered. "A—good day sir," said the shoemaker, stopping his work. "A good morning to you, fair sir," said the old man, in weak, trembling tones. "I don't want to trouble you—I only seek a little aid—such as you can afford to a poor, needy one like me."

Chauncey Stewart ran his eye over the old man's form and then said: "I must first know what help you need, my good sir, and then I can better judge of my ability to help you. Are you penniless?" "All the money I have in my pocket is a poor pittance which I have begged this morning." "Have you broken your fast this day?" "No."

"Well—you shall go with me and get something to eat, and then we can see what further can be done." "But I would not trouble you, kind sir." "It is to trouble. I can furnish you with food more readily than I can with money; though God knows I would not send a worthy sufferer away empty-handed if I divided my last dollar. But come, my home is not far off."

Thus saying Chauncey led the way from the shop, and the old man followed him. The house was soon reached and the youth introduced his companion to his widowed mother, who received him kindly, and at once proceeded to set a substantial breakfast before him. While the beggar was eating, Chauncey tried to find out how he could best help him.

"Have you any friends in this region?" he asked. "I think I have," replied the old man. "If I could raise money enough to pay my fare in the stage I might reach them." "I might find a better way than that," suggested Stewart. "I shall not use my horses to-day, and I could have you taken ten or fifteen miles on your way without any expense to myself. I can easily find a boy who will be glad to drive, for the sake of a ride."

And so the shoemaker went on, trying to find out what the old man's most pressing needs were, that he might meet them with the most ease and readiness. Finally the beggar said that it could be carried to the adjoining town he thought he should find friends there who would know him.

So Chauncey went out and harnesses his horses, and readily found a faithful boy who would drive over and come back with the team. He asked the old man

if there was anything more he could do for him, and when assured that there was not, he bade him good-by and saw him off.

"Well, Myra," said Hamilton Kirk, taking one of his daughter's hands. "I have been on a mission in a beggar's garb." "What! been away in disguise?" exclaimed the girl in surprise.

"Yes, I called upon Joseph Vaughan, and upon Henry Walsh and upon Chauncey Stewart." "Oh, father! What must they have thought?" "Why, doubtless that I was what I appeared, a poor beggar. I went to try them—to see what kind of souls they were. I knew beforehand that they were young men of good characters and that they were upright, honest and intelligent. But I wanted to know more. I wanted to know what kind of a foundation each one had for the loves and affections of earnest life. So I tried them. Would you like to know the result?"

"Yes," whispered Myra, with a slight pallor about the nether lip. "Then listen: You must know that the pole, wan color which I applied to my features, taken in connection with my eyes, was sufficient to give assurance to any man of observation that I was not a drunkard; so they could have no fear of trusting me on that account. Well—I called upon Mr. Vaughan first. He received me very coldly, and turned me away without even seeking to know my needs. He had nothing to spare. His heart I found to be as hard as a diamond—and it may be as pure. Are you not disappointed in him?"

"No, father—not at all." She spoke as though she felt relieved in a measure. "Well—next I called upon Henry Walsh. His heart opened in a moment and he threw me out a dollar. He was generous, he was warm-hearted—but the feeling was an impulse and not a principle. He didn't seem to care for my forlorn condition, nor did he betray any sympathy beyond the mere flash of generosity. He gave me of the only fount of charity he possessed—his money. His heart was warm, but the heat would not stand much testing by blast and storms. In short, such a heart would be apt to prove a spendthrift in its affections. What think you? Are you disappointed?"

And Myra whispered: "No." "Next I called upon Chauncey Stewart. I found him with his sleeves rolled up and hard at work. He greeted me kindly and I asked him for charity. He studied me for my looks awhile, and sought to learn how he could best help me. He did not offer me money, for he confessed he had little to spare; yet he would divide his last dollar ere he would send me away empty handed. He looked that I had not broken fast, and he took me to his home, and his mother prepared me a good meal. Then he learned that I wanted to go to W—, and he harnessed up his horses and sent me on my way. Such a heart is not only true and warm, but it may be relied upon in the hour of need. Its impulses are governed by principle, and its duties are only circumscribed by the boundaries of humanity. It cannot become bankrupt, because its issues are sure to be upheld by a permanent fund of sense and reason. What think you, my darling?"

But Myra made no reply. She lowered her head and trembled violently. "Can't you answer me? Ah—tears! What, precious one, have I hit so nearly?" Had your heart already singled that one out?"

And Myra whispered: "Yes." "Well, well, well," returned the old man. "I am not sorry for the pains I have taken, for it has proved to me that the heart of my child is in the right place, and its instincts are true and safe." I course of time Joseph Vaughan asked for the hand of Myra Kirk, and was refused. Then Henry Walsh tried his fortune, and he, too, was sent away disappointed. At length, Chauncey Stewart, when he saw that she still remained fair, tremblingly told her of his love, and ere he had left her had not only been assured that his love was returned, but her curious old father had frankly given his consent to the proposed match.

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**She Was Too Previous.**

A young lady who thought her personal charms gave her the right to be disagreeable was present a few nights since at a party, during which quarrels between husband and wife were discussed. "I think," said an unmarried elder son who was present, "that the proper thing is for the husband to have it out at once, and thus avoid quarrels for the future. I would light a cigar in the carriage after the wedding breakfast, and thus settle the smoking question forever." "I would knock the cigar out of your mouth," interrupted the belle. "Do you know, I don't think you will be there?" quietly remarked the elder son.

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