

is Mr. Stevens. How can you take that odious man for dear Canon Duncombe?"

'He is so far off,' I said. 'How much your sight must have improved.' She turned quite red, and said I was very impertinent, and she was so sulky. Next day we had the row about Peter, and I am sure she did it out of revenge. She was spiteful. We were just going to have tea, and she took the kettle off the fire to pour some water into the teapot. Peter was lying on the rug, and she pretended to stumble over him, and upset some hot water upon him. It was not very bad, but of course it hurt him very much just for the moment. I had just come in with such a big egg I had found, a hen's egg you know, that I was going to show Waters. I saw quite well she did not really stumble over Peter, that she only pretended, and I was in such a rage I just threw the egg at her as hard as I could, and it hit her on the side of the head. There was such a row. I was sent to my room for the rest of the day, and Miss Jones never came again. Miss Lambert came soon after.

Mr. Charlote tried not to laugh, but I could see his shoulders shaking. 'You needn't mind laughing,' I said encouragingly. 'I shan't think you approve, if you do. I know it was a horrid thing to do, and I was really very sorry afterwards. I would have told her so if I had seen her again. But I was so angry. I don't think I knew what I had done until I saw the great egg go smash against her head. How she did scream! What between her screaming, and Peter howling, you never heard such a row. They were at tea in the servants' hall, and all the servants came running, and the men did laugh. I overheard Cumming telling Jackson he and Robert were so tired with laughing they could hardly wait properly at dinner afterwards.

'Well,' replied Mr. Charlote, 'You have just enabled me to show you what I mean about being unkind. If I went and told people you had thrown an egg at Miss Jones, and never said a word about Peter and the hot water, you would think it very unkind?'

'I should think you a horrid sneak,' I promptly replied,