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sition's reasonings against equal suffrage, our side should be able to hold its own."

"There is just one other thing I would suggest, Mary," remarked I as I poured tea. "Sometimes a taking anecdote or a bright little story as illustration carries an audience. If you could tell them an applicable story—"

"So I can. I have the very thing!" laughed she. "I heard it before I could talk, and doubtless most of my listeners will be quite familiar with some version of the well-known nursery tale. You remember it goes this way:

"Once a man was driving a pig home from market. They came to a bridge, and do what he could, the pig would not go over it. So he went back to seek help. He came to a dog, and said, 'Dog, dog, bite pig, pig won't go over the bridge, and I can't get home to-night.' But the dog said, 'The pig never did me any harm; I won't bite him.' Then he went on further and came to a stick, and said, 'Stick, stick, beat dog, dog won't bite pig, pig won't go over the bridge, and I can't get home to-night.' But the stick said, 'No, I've nothing against the dog; I won't help you.' Then he came to a fire, and said, 'Fire, fire, burn stick, stick won't beat dog, dog won't bite pig, pig won't go over the bridge, and I can't get home to-night.' Then he came to a puddle of water, and he said, 'Water, water, quench fire, fire won't burn stick,' and so on." (I won't give my readers the repetitions every