

are no reading rooms nor Mechanic's Institutes established here yet, they are such an aid to the development of mind and character..

Miss Skinning—To them as have time for reading, books is all right enough, but with Monday, wash-day; Tuesday, ironing; Wednesday, bakin', and so on until by Saturday one is beat out, I'd like to know where the time for reading is to come in; for them as does nothing else, reading is all right; but a house is a house, and has to be kept clean, say I.

Mrs. Kelly—Indeed that's the truth you're speaking, Jane.

Mrs. Goodsense—Well, I suppose we could arrange our house work, in order to have a few spare hours to ourselves in a week, to read, and get the cobwebs out of our brains.

Miss Skinning—Speak for yourself, Jemima Goodscuse. I ain't no cobwebs in my brain. To them as have cobwebs, books is all right, and let them read them, say I.

Mrs. Goodscuse (laughing)—It is all right. Jane. I've no doubt I have some cobwebs in my brain, but to change the subject. I see Mary has a beautiful new family photograph album, and such a large size, I don't think I ever saw one so large before. Where did you get it, if I may ask, Mary?

Mrs. Kelly (rising, goes over to it and handles it proudly)—Is'nt it beautiful? Well, I ordered it from a likely fellow, going through the country taking orders. I told him I wanted one for life-size photos, so I had to have it made to