

his flowers in a way that would have tired any listener less patient than Bertha.

"Will you tell your father I would like to see him to-morrow evening, if he has time to come over for a little while," Bertha said to Tommy, when he was leaving.

"I will tell him," Tommy answered; wondering much what she could wish to see his father for.

That night when Mr. Eswald was leaving his child for the night, she detained him a moment.

"Papa, I wish to ask you a question."

"Well, my darling, ask anything you please."

"That annuity which mamma left me. Is it mine to do what I please with?"

"Certainly, my child; I have nothing to do with your disposal of it."

"And may I leave it to whoever I wish?" Bertha asked eagerly.

"Of course you can."