

me here instead of Miss Thompson?"

"Because you have imposed upon Kate for the last time," said Mrs. Bronson, sternly.

Then Carrie broke down and cried, but presently dried her eyes and went out to call upon all of us girls and that very afternoon received invitations enough to last all summer. We felt so sorry for the poor, ill-treated girl!

And what do you think we found out that summer? Why, first we found out that Kate and Carrie shared the same room, and that Kate always kept it in order, and that when Carrie offered to share her room with the delegate Kate had to go and sleep in the hot attic. She could have slept with her aunt, but, because her aunt habitually disliked sharing her room, she wouldn't.

And we found out that Kate had to bake the cakes that Carrie gave to the sociables, because Carrie couldn't cook a bit, and Mrs. Bronson couldn't afford to hire so much extra baking.

And Kate did all the extra work we made when Carrie insisted on us going home to tea with her. And Kate did all the sewing for the poor that Carrie took home to do.

No wonder Mrs. Bronson didn't like her. We didn't like her ourselves by the time the summer was over. And if we didn't give Kate a welcome when she came back in the fall! We all felt that we couldn't do enough for her to make up for misjudging her so.

"Where is Carrie now?" you ask. Well, Carrie went to teach school in a distant state, married there and lives there.

"And where is Kate?"  
Right here in our midst. We couldn't get along without our dear Kate.

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"Pardon me," said an elderly woman, to a pert-looking girl who was carrying on a giggling confab with one of her companions, "but can you tell me whether my change has come back?"

She was plainly dressed, and it was easy to see that she was from the country, but her face, as well as her manner of speech, showed that she was a gentlewoman. The girl of whom she had asked the question, simply stared at her, and went on talking with her friend.

"She ain't the one," volunteered a young woman who stood on the

other side of her, doing up a package. "She's Sixty-four. The saleslady that waited on you was Fifty-six, and she's gone to her lunch."

"And must I wait till she comes back?" asked the customer in dismay. But the saleslady was giving her attention to someone else.

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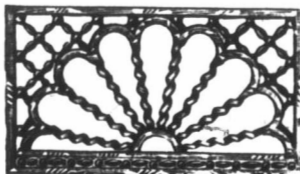
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