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while at a station recently, I had a little sermon preached in the way I like, and I'll report it for your benefit, because it taught me one of the leasons which we all should learn, and taught in such a natural, simple way that no one could forget it.

It was a bleak, cold day. The train was late; the ladles' room dark and smoky, and the dozen women, old and young, who sat impatiently, all looked cross, low-spirited or stund. I felt all three, and thought, as I looked around, that my fellow beings were a very unamiable, uninteresting set.

Just then a forlorn old woman, shaking withgealsy, came in with a basket of watestfor sale, and went about mutely offering them to the sitters. Nobody bought anything, and the poor old soul stood blinking at the door a minute, as if reluctant to go out into the storm again.

She returned presently, and poked about as if trying to find something; and then a pale lady in black, who lay as if asleep on a sefa, opened her eyes, saw the old woman, and instantly asked in a kind tone. "Have you lost anything, ma'am?"

"No, dear. I'm lookin' for the heatin' place to have a warm 'fors I goes out again. My eyes is poor, and I don't seem to find the furnace nowheres."

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"Here it is;" and the lady led her to the steam radiator, placed a chair, and showed her how to warm her feet.
"Well, now, is not that nice?" said the old woman, spreading her ragged mittens to dry. "Thank you, dear; this is comfortable, im't it? I'm mos' grose today, bein' lame and wimbly, and not selling much makes me kind of down-hearted."
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The lady smiled, went to the counter, bought a cup of tea and some sort of food, carried it herself to the old woman, and said, as respectfully and kindly as if the poor woman had been dressed in silk and fur, "Won't you have a cup of hot tea? It's very comforting such a day as this."

"Sakes alivel do they give tea in this depot?" cried the old lady in a tone of innocent surprise that made a smile go around the room, touching the gloomiest face like a streak of sunshme. "Well, now, this is just lovely," said the old lady, sipping away with a relish. "This does warm my heart."

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Whilst she refreshed herself, telling her story meanwhile, the lady looked over the poor little wares in the basket, bought soap and pins, shoe-strings and tape, and cheered the old soul by paying well for them.

As I watched her doing this, I thought what a sweet face she had, though I considered her quite plain before. I felt dreadfully ashamed of myself that I had grimly shaken my had when the basket was offered to me, and as I saw the look of interest, sympathy and kindness come into the dismai faces all around me, I did wish that I had been the magician to call it out.

A generation ago religious men were fearful regarding the progress of scientific knowledge. Their fears have not been justified by the results. The long distance telephone and the wireless telegraph makes it easier than ever before in the history of the human race to believe in the unseen God and in invisible forces. I can stand in New York and talk through a long distance telephone to my brother in Chicago, a thousand miles away, without the violation of natural law, rather in perfect harmony therewith. Who dare say that I cannot kneel in my home and talk to my Father who is in heaven? Perhaps this heavenly communication is in as perfect harmony with natural law as when I talk to my brother man in Chicago. A generation ago it would have been affirmed that it was contrary to the natural laws that were then known, but we did not then know all natural laws; and he would be a reckless man who would affirm that we know all natural laws today.—Commonwealth. It was only a kind word and a friend-It was only a kind word and a friendly act, but somehow it brightened that
dingy room wonderfully. It changed
the faces of a dozen women, and I
think it touched a dozen hearts, for I
saw many eyes follow the plain, pale
lady with sudden respect; and when
the old lady got up to go, several persons beckened to her and bought something, as if they wanted to repdir their
first negligence. first negligence.

Old begar women are not romantic, neither are cups of tea, bootlaces and colored soap. There were no gentle-men present to be impressed with the lady's kind act, so it wam't done for effect, and no possible reward could be received for it except the ungram-matical thanks of the ragged old wo-

man.

But that simple liftle charity was as good as a sermon to those who saw it, and I think each traveller went on her way better for that half-hour in the dreary station. I can testify that one of them did, and nothing but the emptiness of her purse prevented her from "comforting the heart" of every forlorn old woman she met for a week after.—Louisa M. Alcott.

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There is a legend in England about the sunken city of is. Two or these places are pointed out as the spot where the city during an earthquake sank out of sight. Tradition says that during a storm the steeples of the churches can be seen in the trough of the churches can be seen in the church onurouse can be seen in the trough of So no avalanche was sent for, and the see, and even during a calm the friends took her home.

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bells of the church steeples ring out, and they ring the appropriate sons or tune for each day. The sunken city still makes music. Has your wealth sunk out of sight? Have things that you prized gone out of view? If you have the spirit that God would have you possess there still comes music from the sunken city of loss, and every steeple that has gone beneath the waves sends out harmonies of hope, of Joy, and of peace.

NATURAL LOVE.

A generation ago religious men were

You must not amuse yourself with going from side to side when duty calls you straight on, nor make difficulties, when the real thing is to get over them. Let your heart be full of courage, and then say, "I shall succeed. Not I, but the grace of God which is with me."—Francis de Sales.

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