

just to exercise their horses. Think of that! Oh, dear!"

Here Katherine's feelings evidently became too much for her; and Gertrude, not wishing to hear any more, got up and walked away. Her thoughts were busy, for Katherine's words had come to her like a revelation.

"I wouldn't have believed I could be so selfish!" she said to herself, as she sought out another shady nook. "I didn't mean to be selfish. It was because I didn't think, but I don't suppose that's any excuse at all. As mamma would say, 'What are your brains given to you for, child, if not to think? I never realized before that there were people in the city who cared so much for a drive as Katherine seems to. Well, anyway, I'll try to satisfy some of her longing, and if I find I have any other blessings that some people I know don't have, I'll try to share those, too."

A day or two after this, a handsome black horse, harnessed to a comfortable buggy, stood shaking his head and stamping the pavement in front of Katherine's home, while Gertrude, standing on the doorstep, was saying to Katherine:

"Don't you want to come and help me exercise Prince this afternoon, Katherine? It's a fine day for driving." To which the other answered delightedly:

"Do I? Why, Gertrude, I've been hungering and thirsting for a chance to go driving. I'll be ready before you can count ten."

Horses are very silent creatures, and Prince never told what he thought of the amount of exercise he received last summer. Certainly he must have thought he earned his oats. But a number of people who rode behind him, through the beautiful park, or along fragrant country roads, were not so reserved. They in fact, exhibited a great deal of enthusiasm, and thanked Gertrude most warmly for the pleasure she had given them;

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for, since her eyes had been opened by Katherine's words to the unintentional selfishness of which she had been guilty, she had done her best to make amends, and had shared her privilege right royally with others who were not similarly blessed.

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"Then her mother came and bade her look at me. Now every time I spun a nice silky thread, and tried to fasten it from one branch to another, the wind blew and tore it away.

"This happened many times,

but at last I made one that did not break, and fastened it close, and spun other threads to join it. Then the mother smiled.

"What a patient spider!" she said.

"The little girl smiled, too, and

took up her work. And when the sun went down there was a beautiful web in the rose vine and a square of beautiful patchwork on the step."

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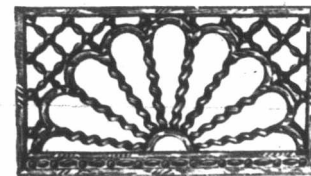
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