

a white rose and placed it a little out of sight, but where it touched the clasped fingers of the sleeper. Silently kneeling there, her tears fell. Suddenly she exclaimed aloud, 'Oh, Miss Lilius, you are one of God's saints now, but why did you go away and leave me in this lonesome world with no one to love?'

The lady in the corner heard the words, and the sigh and the sob. She rose from her chair, came forward, knelt beside her child's coffin, and put her arms around Norah. To her, in her pride, Norah McGrath to this moment had been nobody but the second maid, a machine that did her bidding and helped in the smooth running of a well ordered household. But a common grief had brought them close together. The empty heart of the mother, a heart that had been frozen into apathy and numbness, stirred from its torpor. She had turned from human sympathy but suddenly the knowledge that some one else was grieving too, grieving as she did for a personal loss, brought her comfort.

'You loved her, Norah,' she said. Yesterday the girl would have been afraid to speak to her employer, so rigidly had caste lines been drawn between them. To-day she felt no fear. The common sorrow drew them very near together.

'I had no one else to love,' said Norah.

'Nor had I,' said the mother. 'My child, we will love one another.'

Thus it came to pass that from the hour that saw Lilius Malcomb pass away, a new life began in that home. The mother, so long indifferent to the want about her, the want of sympathy, of love, of compassion, began to look for those whose need was great, and to relieve them. She learned in the days that followed to understand that money is not the only thing to give, and that the gift without the giver is bare. Norah told her how she had been tempted and saved by Lilius' gentle and strong counsel at a time when she might have made a great mistake. Gradually cheerfulness returned to the house that had been so dark. After the funeral, at first, Mrs. Malcomb could not bear the light, but she yielded to the persuasions of the humble friend who had been dear to Lilius. 'She would have asked you to do this or to go there,' said Norah, and Mrs. Malcomb yielded and suffered herself to be drawn again into cheerful living. The ministry of comfort came to her from the world beyond, and perhaps from the spirit of the dear one gone, but the human instrument was Norah McGrath.—'Christian Herald.'

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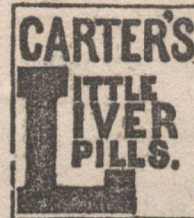
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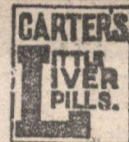
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