

THE BELLE OF BOWLING GREEN

"Of that condition I have no knowledge; but we all know that the first builders of New York had the hard part. They laid the foundation of all that has been done."

"All right, aunt; but the men of to-day have built well and loftily on their foundation. If they could see the Bowling Green to-day, and the magnificent commercial city of which it is the centre—if they could see the elevated roads, the motor cars, the railways, telegraphs, and ocean cable service and all the rest of our business facilities, I am sure they would have no words for their astonishment and delight."

"Well, children, I have lived a long time to-day. I belong to the—past. I am tired. Good-night, Gerard."

"Good-night, aunt. Dream of the past, but be sure that however enterprising, energetic, patriotic, and far-seeing those old-time New Yorkers were, there is just as much enterprise and energy, just as much patriotism and prudence, with the New Yorkers of to-day, for

"The bold brave heart of New York
Still beats on the Bowling Green!"

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