

"Ronald, please give me such an illustration. I asked Aunt Fanny a similar favour the other day, and she told me I was the most ignorant creature alive, and gave me Paley's 'Evidences' to study."

Ronald laughed. "Happily we have both learned to take your aunt's compliments for what they are worth." After thinking for a moment or two, he asked, "Let me see that letter to your father—you have mentioned the special concert of last Saturday night."

"Indeed I have!" indignantly returned Hattie, as she handed over the half-written letter.

Ronald took out his pocket diary and compared the two accounts.

Hattie saw his meaning and smiled. "We are independent witnesses," she remarked; "and I hope have both spoken the truth. Are there any discrepancies?"

"Yes, my dear; and persons living two thousand years after this would find great difficulty in reconciling our accounts. The majority of them would doubtless set down you or me as guilty of falsehood. Now, let me read aloud the ex-