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Gray said, quite simply, as though knowledge such as she was possessed of popped all over the world, and that I knew.

"I felt there would be something unusual when Ruth returned home—and there was. She came in dead beat, tired to death—mentally, you know. There was a majestic look in her face—you know the Magdalen's face—I could feel it. She drew a little hassock up to my feet as I sat here in this big chair, put her arms on my knees so that she could look up into my face, and said: 'Oh, Dad, I'm tired! I think the studying is knocking me out—I'm all in. But we've won out, Dad; they're all going to be happy again down at Cousin Catherine's.'"

"She put her face down on my knee, and I knew that there was just a little shedding of the wine of the soul. Presently she raised her head; her whole face was just one quick peep into heaven, Bates—I tell you it was Godlike—and said: 'It's just the sweetest little baby you ever saw, Dad; you must go down soon and see it. And Cousin Catherine is going to call her after me—Ruth Holt. Isn't that pretty, Dad?'"

"Name it after you, girl?' I queried in astonishment.

"Yes. When I went in to-day the poor little angel was lying at the foot of the bed where the nurse had placed it; and Chris whispered to me that her mother hadn't taken any notice of the baby. Cousin Catherine was sitting there, too. I felt sorry for her—her face was full of trouble. I just went crazy over the baby, I kissed it, and told Chris she ought to thank God that she was—well, with her friends. When I asked Cousin Catherine what the baby's name was to be she said she didn't care—not a name in her family—I saw the big tears come in Chris's eyes, and Cousin David turned away. I almost gave up, Dad—it was so bitter. I guess God put the next thought in my mind, only I just spoke out what I had been thinking and wishing for for days. I put my hand on Cousin Catherine's shoulder and asked her if she would name the baby after me—call her Ruth—my favourite name, as you know, Dad. Then Cousin Catherine threw her arms about my neck and burst out crying as if she'd break her heart. She kissed me, and then threw herself down beside Chris, and buried her face in the pillow; and Chris put her hand on her mother's head and asked her not to cry. After a little Cousin Catherine rose and took up the baby and kissed the little darling and called it Baby Ruth. When I came away Cousin Catherine was petting Chris, and I know they're going to be happy. I guess we're all so happy that we're tired out."

Gray ceased speaking and sat looking dreamily into the fire.

"And that's the babe that money couldn't buy now—eh, Gray?" I said.

"Yes, more precious than the whole world of gold and jewels—a little child."

Rubbing It In.—Much sympathy is still being shown in the U. S. A. about Canada's Declaration of Independence. It is felt to be in the true spirit of reciprocity.—Punch.

Art for Art's Sake.—"I know Ames comes in for a lot of praise because he hunts with a camera instead of a gun," Forbes began, in a slightly acrid tone. "It never seems to strike people that there may be more than one kind of brutality."

"What's the matter with Ames?" demanded one of the men on the clubhouse porch.

"Up in Canada last fall," Forbes readily resumed. "I went off by myself one day, when Ames was fiddling over his kodak, and I stumbled full on a black bear. Because I was the only thing in sight, very likely, I became the immediate object of her attentions. I had only a slight lead, but I was going pretty well when Ames poked through the brush and took in the situation.

"Hold on there, old chap!" he yelled. "You're too far ahead. I can't get you both in."

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