

THE WATCH-BANDS.

The scholars in a knitting-school determined to have a portion of the work which they had on hand sold for the benefit of the poor; and a tradesman's wife in the town, who had a large shop, undertook the business out of charity.

Now Adelgunde, a very vain scholar, who considered herself mistress of the pearl-stitch, thought, "I shall now be able to learn with certainty what is the real value of my skill. My schoolfellows only envy me, and the mistress herself is not kindly disposed towards me; but the tradesman's wife does not know from whom the work comes, and will certainly tell me the truth."

So she went into the shop, pointed out a very pretty watch-band, which one of her schoolfellows had knitted, and inquired the cost of it. "I cannot let you have that one," said the woman, "for less than thirty-six kreuzers."

"And what is the price of this one here?" Adelgunde continued to inquire, and pointed out a still prettier one made by another schoolfellow.

"That costs forty-eight kreuzers," the woman replied.

"But how much do you set this one at?" again inquired Adelgunde, and pointed out one which she had knitted herself, and which she considered as the most beautiful of all.

"Ah, that there!" said the woman; "why, if you take the other two, I will give you that one into the bargain."

Adelgunde could not conceal her shame, and blushed quite red. But the woman said, "I now see well that you have made this watch-band yourself. I am very sorry that you have not succeeded better. You came here, however, to learn the truth; and I have told it to you in sincerity."

"A silly heart will oft itself
With flattery deceive,
But common sense will nothing else
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"Oh," said Norbert, "my mother has been ill a long time, and my father sent me to town, to pay the doctor, and as I came along I lost the purse with all the money in it."

"This must be yours, then," said the keeper, as he pulled out of his pocket a shabby leathern purse.

"Ah, yes!" exclaimed Norbert, joyfully, "that's it!"

The keeper gave it him; but the nobleman said, "Since you have prayed so heartily, and have proved so honest, I shall make you a present of this purse with the gold that is in it."

"Ne'er let the honest heart despair,
For anguish finds relief in prayer."

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