

Something Still to Do.

Though the day has nearly passed, Sit not down with folded hands, Labor while the hours shall last— While shall flow life's golden sands; Life is changeable—ever brief— Oh! improve each fleeting span, Turn, each moment, brighter light, Measure time by deeds to man!

RIGHTED AT LAST.

"Yes, Nellie, I must go; I am tired of this way of living; it seems as though I am without a friend in my own house; even father has turned against me, and seems to forget I am his child. Oh, dear! It is too hard—indeed it is—to be turned from one's own home by those who have no right to do so. Oh mother! Would that I could have died when I was born! Why was I left to struggle through this cold world, alone and unloved?"

he realized he was to meet his new mother for the first time. As he passed through the door, the first one he met was his old nurse, who, on seeing him, threw her arms around her "boy," as she still called him, although he was now most grown to manhood, and said: "Oh! it does my old heart good to see you once more!"

that, passing along the street, Nellie met the same child. For a moment she felt indignant, and was tempted to pass her without a word, for she saw that the child had on the same old shoes; after a moment's thought she called the child to her, and asked her where the money was, and why she had not bought the shoes. After some persuasion the little girl owned that she had used the money to buy food for her sick sister.

sickness in a distant city, you would have heard from me before." Mrs. Harmon, as she saw the will, fully realized her situation; she had always known that her marriage could not stand the test of law, but had felt safe, as it had never before been disputed; she saw it was worse than hopeless to dispute the will, and even her widow's dower was spirited away as if by magic.

Charlie Johnson's Picnic. Charlie Johnson went to a picnic the other day. Charlie is a first-rate fellow, only he's terribly bashful. He called to see Miss Jones one night. He never would have been guilty of such an act, had she not met him coming out of church—cornered him right up by the steps where all the girls could see him—and made him promise to come round the next night—before she'd let him go.

ost reporter. A few such examples as this exhibited by the family of Gerrit Smith, will do something to repress a fashion which has immeasurably outgrown all warrant for its being. Freck-and-Easy Beauties. In a general way, there is a certain air of formality about even the greatest flirt, when she happens to be unmarried. The beau who desires to stand well in her favor must approach her with caution, and must remember that she is likely to lapse into the melting mood when the eyes of the world are not upon her.

A Shrewd Father. About a year ago, if I remember rightly, a story went the rounds which credited that ingenious gentleman, the Western man with having successfully carried out one of the most original of plans for getting his daughters comfortably settled in life, without any cost whatever to himself. He had a large and expensive family. Three out of four of the daughters were marriageable. They were very pretty girls, and had many admirers. The father permitted them to receive attentions from the most eligible young men, and to all outward appearances seemed perfectly content to part with his treasures until asked to do so. Each demand for consent was the signal for an outburst of feeling that ended in the sudden exit of the applicant. The lovers, however, were not to be prevented from attaining happiness by what they believed to be the whim of a selfish father. They eloped, were married and forgiven. The real state of the case was, the father could not afford to buy three suitable outfits, and pay the expense of three feasts. Not seeing any prospect in the immediate future of being better able to do so, after ransacking his brain to find a way out of the difficulty, he at last concluded to frown on the young people, and take the chances of what might follow. The elopements didn't cost him a cent; the expense of outfits and weddings was saved; and his reputation for liberality did not suffer in the least, and his neighbors continued in ignorance of the actual condition of his exchequer.