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...is shall reach your eye, dear ...ome day when you are turning ...the relics of the past, I shall have passaway forever, and the cold, white stone will be keeping its lonely watch over the lips ...u have so often pressed, and the sod will ...growing green that shall hide forever ...n your sight the dust of one who has so ...n nestled close to your warm heart. For ...any long and sleepless nights, when all but my thoughts were at rest, I have wrestled with the consciousness of approaching death, until at last it has forced itself upon my mind; and although to you, to others it might now seem but the nervous imagining of a girl, yet, dear George, it is so! Many weary nights have I passed in the endeavor to reconcile myself to leaving you, whom I love so well, and this bright world of sunshine and beauty; and hard indeed is it to struggle on silently and alone with the sure conviction that I am about to leave all forever ...go down into the dark valley! "But, I ...ow in whom I have believed, and leaning on his arm, I fear no evil."

Do not blame me for keeping even all this from you. How could I subject you, of all others, to such sorrow as I feel at parting, when the time will make it apparent to you? I could have wished to live if only to be at your side when the time shall come, and pillowing your head upon my breast, wipe the death damps from your brow, and usher your departing spirit into its Maker's presence, embalmed in woman's holiest prayer. But it is not to be—and I submit. Yours is the privilege of watching, through long and dreary nights, for the spirit's final flight, and of transferring my sinking head from your breast to my Saviour's bosom. And you shall share my last thought, and the last faint pressure of the hand, and the last feeble kiss shall be yours, and even when flesh and heart shall have failed me, my eyes shall rest on yours until glazed by death; and our spirits shall hold one last communion until gently faded from my view—the last of earth—you shall mingle with the first bright glimpses of the unfading glories of the better world, where partings are unknown. Well do I know the spot, my dear George, where you will lay me. Often we stood by the place, and as we watched the mellow sunset as it glanced in quivering flashes through the leaves, and burnished the grassy mound around us with stripes of burnished gold, each, perhaps, has thought that some day one of us would come alone, and whichever it might be, your name would be on the stone. But we loved the spot, and I know you will love it none the less when you see the same quiet sunlight linger and play among the grass that grows over your Mary's grave. I know that you will go there, and my spirit will be with you there then, and whisper among the waving branches—"I am not lost, but gone before."

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"Miss Simpkins," said I, "it's no use denying it. I haven't got the pewter. I wish for your sake I had."

"There," said she promptly, "I don't wash another rag for you."

"Stop," said I. "Susan I will do what I can for you. Silver and gold I have none; but if my heart and hand will do, they are at your service."

"Are you in earnest?" says she, looking a little suspicious.

"Never more so," says I.

"Then," says she, "as there seems to be no prospect of getting my pay any other way, I guess I'll take up with your offer."

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