

THE CHIMNEY'S SONG.

BY BRET HARTE.

Over the chimney the night wind sang
And the charmed melody no one knew;
And the woman stopped as her babe she

HIS OWN DAUGHTER.

'Dear mother, it is the best thing af-
ter all that could have happened; it is

'First let me put this endless sewing
away, mother. These poor, dear hands

'But, Nellie, child, you haven't told
me—'

'I know, mother,' broke in the
blithe voice, 'but you see I haven't for-

'Yes, I will engage you to come to
my house every day at ten o'clock and

'And he laid out the money, which I
was only too glad to take.'

And now, while Nellie and her mother
are enjoying their dinner, let us cast a

Then followed weeks of happiness for
the young girl whose life had been so

came to her with a troubled look, and
told her that his only relative, an uncle

And so he left her with plenty of
money, but with an aching heart, and

Troubles had seemed to multiply
after that. A contagious disease broke

As his face grew thinner and his step
slower, he seemed to turn to the young

'Yes,' he continued, slowly, 'I shall
soon be gone, and there will be no one

For answer she bowed her head upon
her clasped hands, and wept.

He waited a few moments, then tak-
ing one little palm in his hands and

'No doubt that you have often won-
dered that I, a perfect stranger, should

'I have taken a strange interest in
you, child, and my heart seems to cling

He was interrupted by a fit of cough-
ing which lasted so long that Nellie was

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'No, I must stop you there. You
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