

A LAUGH IN THE CHURCH.

She sat on the sliding cushion. The dear wee woman of four; Her feet in their shiny slippers; Hung dangling over the floor. She meant to be as good as had promised; And so, with her big brown eyes, She stared at the meeting-house windows And counted the crawling flies.

A BUNCH OF DAFFODILS.

"Where are you going to spend your Easter vacation?" Little Mita made her way between property boxes and scenic shrubbery to where the contralto was waiting. "At home, dear; I spend all my vacations at home with the children. Poor little things, it is so seldom they see their father and mother that we never let an opportunity go by for being together."

had sent her flowers every evening for weeks and had stayed on this side of the water long after he was due in political circles at home, waiting to take the fair girl's promise back with him, but she delayed long in giving it. She folded a few long-stemmed blossoms from the bunch and held them in her hand looking at them. It had been a long time since she had held daffodils in her hands. They were the flowers that hedged the garden path leading down to the street from that little cottage in Dale. When the last snow was melting under the hemlocks in the ravine in the spring it was time for the "daffys" to be in bud, the little, sharp points of green that stand like lances to grow and swell and burst into rich bloom.

To-morrow, I am coming home for a while. I do not know how long I shall stay—perhaps as long as you all care to keep me. Will you help me gather Easter posies for the table as you used to do? She folded the note and sealed it with her dainty monogram and addressed it in her bold, dashing hand to "Dr. Walter Hale."

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