(Concluded from First Page,) pleasant pastime it had once been, for we found it difficult to sustain conversation on topics of minor interest, while the one subject which engrossed our hearts and minds was tabooed.

"Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" As day after day paraed away, and the week drew to a close a heavy weight settled on my heart. My husband appeared a different person to me. It seemed to me that a great gulf had come between us; even baby, who before had been associated only with the purest, deepest joy, seemed changed. I could not take her in my arms without thinking of what I chose to call my trouble. Friday morning came. It was a lovely, sunshiny day; but it seemed to me the dreatiest ever sun rose upon. "Who would think Robert could be so obstinate?" I said to myself as I rocked my little one to sleep.

Just before noon our paster called. I was so ill at ease that it was with difficulty that I sustained my part in the conversation. I suppose he noticed my agitation, for he inquired if I were well as usual. For an instant I felt half inclined to tell him all. It seemed as if it would be a relief to open my heart to some one, but a feeling of pride restrained me.

Robert seemed unusually silent at dinner, and I fancied he was looking pale and ill. He kissed the baby, but did not toss her in the air and play with her as he generally did; as for myself, every word I spoke cost me an effort. When Robert had gone, I took my little girl in my arms, and rocked her to sleep, then I threw myself in my chair again, and silently brooded over my unhappiness. It seemed to me that a good, hearty cry, would be a luxury, but it was a luxury in which I had determined I would not indulge.

The time passed slowly away, and I began to wonder why baby did not wake. I went over to the cradle. Her face was flushed, and I thought her breathing very unpatural. "What if our darling should be ill?" I cried, and then with a chill at my heart, "What if God should take from us the cause of our dispute?"

At that thought a great revulsion of feeling came over me, I knelt down by baby's cradle, and wept unrestrainedly. "After all," I thought, "is it not natural that Robert should not care to have his child given so common a name as Mary? And what right have I to decide without consulting him what her name should be? Oh if he would only come!"

I took baby in my arms, and went to the window to look for him. Then I remembered his pale face at dinner. "If anything should happen, I should never forgive myself," I said. At last I heard his footstep on the stairs; I laid baby down, and just rushed to meet him.

"Oh Robert!" I cried as I threw my arms around his neck, "name her Laura or anything you please, but do let us love each other again." He kissed me in silence, and then went into the parlor. In an instant he came out, bringing with him my father's wedding gift -a large family Bible.

He opened it, and turning to the Family Record, pointed to a line under the head of Births; it was this: Mary Evelyn Spencer, born May 19, 1825. "I wrote it this noon," he said.

I cannot tell what happened next, for really do not know, but I have sever children since then, and they have all been named without the least particle of trouble between their father and mother, and in closing this little account of our first real difficulty, I thank God that I am enabled to declare it was not only our first but our last.

Current Bems.

Chicago has a female sexton, and they charge her with reserving all the best graves for young men.

Quiz believes in cremation, for the benefit of the soap trade. He knows lots of people whose ashes would make splendid lye.

Using a cancelled postage stamp caused a man to be fined \$500 and costs in the United States District Court the other day in Utica.

An uncle left eleven silver spoons to is nephew in his will, adding. "He his nephew in his will, adding. "He knows the reason I have not left him the whole dozen." The nephew had stolen one.

"And so they go," said a member of a Bosfon school committee; "our great men are fast departing—first Greeiey, then Chase, and now Sumner—and I don't feel very well myself."

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