

Lewisburg Chronicle & West Branch Farmer—June 29, 1855.

Mrs. Smith's Charity.

BY ALLEN ASHTON, Esq.

"Isn't that seamstress come yet?"
Mrs. Smith, as she spoke, leaned over the balustrade, calling down the staircase to the footman.

"No, mam."

"I declare," muttered the lady, but quite loud enough for the servants to hear, "that lazy thing ought to be turned off. It is 8 o'clock already. A pretty day's work it will be, begun at such an hour."

"John," and she raised her voice to a louder key, "be sure you tell the coachman to be around by eleven, for I've got to go collecting, with Mrs. Huntly, for the poor, this morning."

She left the staircase as she spoke, and passed to her chamber, where she expected to spend the next two hours in dressing to go out.

It was a cold, wet morning in March. While this scene was transpiring in the elegant mansion, a thinly clad, delicate-looking girl, was feebly struggling against the rain, on her way to Mrs. Smith's.

She had been awake over half the night, tending her sick sister, who lay dying of consumption, in the comfortless and fireless room, which they occupied together, up three pairs of stairs, in a narrow, ill-ventilated alley. For breakfast she had eaten nothing but a dry crust, and drank nothing but a cup of cold water. And now, with a faded summer shawl, a pair of thin, worn-out shoes, and an umbrella that only half protected her, she was braving the inclement weather, in order to do Mrs. Smith's plain sewing at a dollar and a quarter a week.

The bell rang, and the rich lady, throwing on a splendid dressing gown, went to the staircase.

"Ann! that's you at last, Miss Jones, is it?" she said sharply. "A full hour behind time. Recollect, Miss, what I told you. I shall keep my word, and take off a shilling for every day you are late. Go at once into the back room, where everything's waiting for you."

The heart-broken to remonstrate, the girl did as she was directed, and took her place in an apartment, which, as it was to be occupied "only by the seamstress," as Mrs. Smith said, was, from motives of economy, never more than half heated. Here the girl sewed in her damp clothes and wet feet, all day, there not being warmth enough at the fire to dry either; and at night went home through the storm to her sick sister, and the cold, unfurnished room they occupied.

All that morning, Mrs. Smith, protected from the rain by her comfortable carriage, drove about ostensibly to collect for the poor, but really to indulge in gossip; and gratify her vanity by being called benevolent. While exhibiting her splendid tableau on which to write the names of donors, and expatiating sentimentally on the sufferings of the indigent, she took good care to say nothing of the needswoman who had left working at a starvation price, in a cold unfurnished room.

The next day the seamstress did not come at all. Mrs. Smith was highly indignant, especially as a piece of work, which she had particularly wished to be finished, was incomplete.

"You may tell Miss Jones, if she comes again tomorrow," she said, angrily, late in the day, "that I don't want her services any longer. People who work for me must be punctual."

When the footman went back into the kitchen, and rehearsed the message with which he had been charged, there was a general outcry among the servants.

"Pears to me," said the cook, "that some ob the rich hab no hearts at all, dead it does. Dat poor chil was a'most starved yesterday, and looked as she had danger; and she has a sick sister, a dyin' of a consumption, she says. Ef I was you, Jim I'd tell missis she might turn her off herself, 'deed I would." And Diah, thoroughly aroused, flounced around the room indignantly.

But the seamstress never returned to receive her dismissal. The exposure of the preceding day had brought on a violent inflammation of the lungs, and she was lying, in high fever, and drawing her breath in agony, by the side of her dying sister. Here, about dusk, her landlady found her accidentally, both having been ill to too soon assistance.

Yours, respectively,

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Lewisburg, April 27, 1855.

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March 30, 1855.

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DAVID BLAIR,
J. L. BARRETT.

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J. L. BARRETT.

Philadelphia, April 7, 1855.

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