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Words and Needs.

They do the best. Who talk the most; Whoose good designs; Are all their best; For words are slow.

THE YOUNGEST CLERK.

"Is it a beggar, Jane?" said Mrs. Troop. "Oh, don't send the poor creature away! Give him a glass of milk and a bit of cold beef."

said Mrs. Troop, evidently desirous to alleviate the newcomer's thanks. "Barbara, this is the youngest clerk. His name, I believe, is Browne."

"I never was more serious in my life," asseverated Mr. Browne. "I do love you, dear little Barbara, truly and tenderly. Do you think you could dare to trust your future to me? Poor as I seem, I could yet give you a good home."

THE WINTER PALACE. Magnificence of the Home of the Czar of All the Russias. A letter to the San Francisco Chronicle from St. Petersburg says: Scarcely as money is and poor as are the mass of people, there is enough to keep up a certain style, especially in the royal palaces and public buildings.

Holland. Holland, writes W. A. Croft, was originally a sort of archipelago—a vast sea made shallow by the alluvium washed down from Central Europe through the changing channels of great streams.

PEARLS OF THOUGHT. Words are the key of the heart. Affection is the broadest basis of a good life. Ingratitude is the very poison of manhood.

Parting. You know when friends are parting And hearts must say goodbye; How oft they kiss, long linger, And how they weep and sigh.

HUMOROUS.

"No more reflections, please," said the looking-glass, after it had tumbled downstairs. It is very unlucky to have thirteen at a table, particularly when there is only enough to satisfy the appetite of ten.