

the words of a young woman who sat at the same table and who complained that the shop was cold.

Of course the girl had no idea that her language was to appear in print and spoke carelessly. But Mr. O. was displeased and the girl was promptly discharged from his employ. The Knights of Labor were promptly notified and so was the *Times*. Yesterday a reporter was instructed to investigate the case and if the facts were as reported to assure the girl, whose name is Mary Kane, that the *Times* would secure for her another and better position.

Mr. O. was found on the upper floor of his shop and pretty mad yet, though he had had a week to cool off in. But he soon quieted down, led the way to the office in the basement, and sent for Foreman M. Then the *Times* article was read and liberally commented on, M. doing most of the talking because he could turn sharp corners in English a trifle more skillfully than O.

"Mary Kane has left, but she wasn't exactly discharged," said O. "If the rooms are cold in winter why didn't she complain to me instead of 'Nell Nelson?' I know they are cold at times, but not for half a day. I frequently feel chilly myself in the early morning. I know the house is not a model; It was built directly after the fire and needs many improvements. Why didn't Mary Kane complain to me?"

"She preferred no charges against you. In a casual way she stated to a table-mate that the shop was cold in winter as you now acknowledge. The situation is this: If you have discharged Mary Kane because of a chance word, *The Times* will see to it that she immediately secures a situation in some other shop."

After a few moments Mr. O. said the girl was one of the best in his employ, that nothing could be said against her work or her character, and he would be willing to take her back.

"You may tell Mary K. she may come back to work if she

wishes to. I don't want to do anybody any injustice. All I had against her in all the years she worked for me was that remark about my shop being cold."

"But I may not see her, as she is away from home."

"Well, just go over and tell her mother that it's all right and Mary can go to work when she likes."

It was the work of an hour, but no bull-doing or pleading was used. The case was squarely discussed on its merits, and if Mary K., whom all the neighbors, including O. himself, say is a steady, industrious, and thoroughly deserving girl, walks into the shop to-day she can have her old seat and at the same time the consciousness that she has not compromised herself or been compromised in the least. Both O. and M. will be glad to welcome her back, which is much to their credit.