

The Legend of the Beautiful Hand

There was a dispute among three ladies as to which had the most beautiful hand. One sat by a stream and dipped her hand in the water and held it up; another plucked strawberries until the ends of her fingers were pink; and another gathered violets until her hands were fragrant. An old, haggard woman passing by asked "Who will give me a gift, for I am poor?" All three denied her; but another who sat near, unwashed in the stream, unstained with fruit, unadorned with flowers, gave her a little gift and satisfied the poor woman. And then she asked them what was the dispute, and they told her, and lifted up before her their beautiful hands. "Beautiful, indeed," said she when she saw them. But when they asked her which was the most beautiful, she said, "It is not the hand that is washed clean in the brook, it is not the hand that is tipped with red, it is not the hand that is garlanded with fragrant flowers, but the hand that gives to the poor is the most beautiful." As she said these words her wrinkles fled, her staff was thrown away, and she stood before them an angel from Heaven with authority to decide the question in dispute. And that decision has stood the test of all time.

Stub Ends of Thought.

Work fast reaches rest first.

It's a cold day that can't get colder.

It isn't the long sermons that reach to heaven.

A ton of complaining won't raise a pound of relief.

A handful of sunshine can knock out a carload of clouds.

Waited for opportunities are usually more or less frazzled at the edges.

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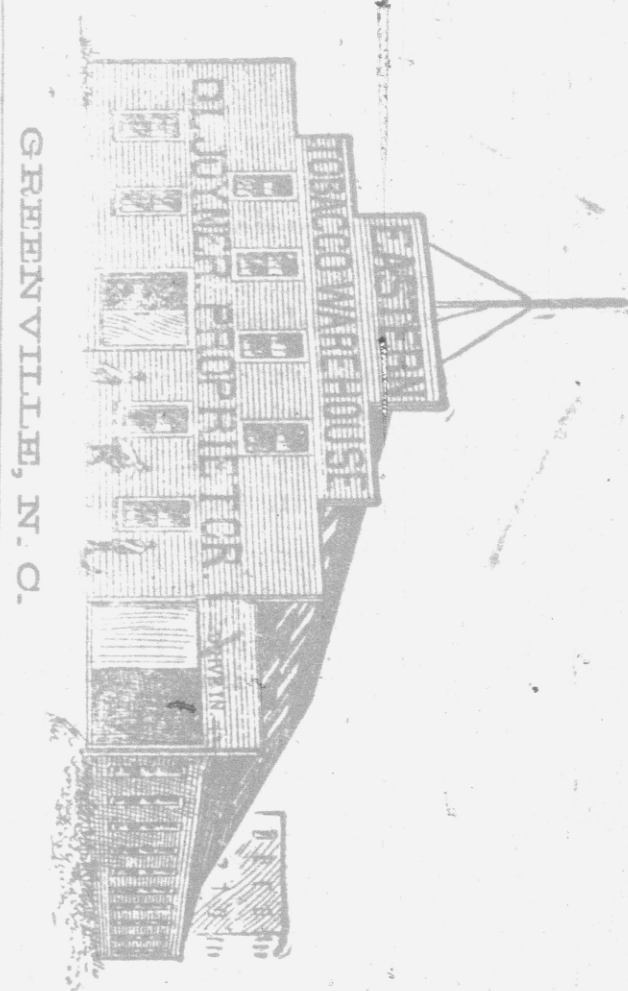
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