

be capital. Now, Connie, clear your throat and begin."

Connie burst out laughing. "Why, Reggie, that's the very way to make me do it badly."

"Well, I'm waiting," said Reginald, "please do not keep me in suspense any longer."

"Well, we went first to Mrs. Green's, and we found her very grumbling and miserable."

"She had rheumatics terrible bad in her shoulders," put in Ernest.

"Yes, and so she said a great deal about people who had plenty of warm clothing on their backs not knowing what it was to want, and to shiver and shake with the cold; and she said that she hadn't anything to keep her warm. And then we gave her your ticket, and she said, 'Bless the young gentleman; but coal don't keep the shoulders warm, and it's there I've got rheumatics.' And then Ernest tried to make her understand that if her room was warm, her