

## MARY'S SEARCH.



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That afternoon, as she sat on a log of wood, watching the bulrushes as they swayed to and fro, Mary said to herself, "If I had plenty of pearls, I could sell them, and get plenty of money; and then I could relieve the poor who come to our door so often, and who are so in need of help."

Then she thought, "What did the old woman mean by saying that 'kind words are often better than pearls'?"

Mary thought on this a good deal; and at last she made up her mind that what the old woman meant was, that, if we could not give money to those in want, we could at least let them see that we would give it if we could, and so cheer them by our love and sympathy.

"Then there are many simple ways in which we can let others see that we love them and think of them," said Mary. "Did not grandmother, the other day, call me a little fairy just because I presented her with a bunch of violets? Yes, I begin to see what the old woman meant."