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### A DISCOVERY IN MORALS.

**T**HAT'S the worst of being a child. The world is all so new and puzzling, and there is never anyone to explain anything to children, nor any way (known to them) of asking. Grown-up people feel lonely and isolated too, but it is nothing to the isolation of inarticulate childhood. Sometimes indeed the child makes an effort to understand a mysterious dispensation of Providence or Nurse, but any inquiry is sure to be silenced by a reply which makes them feel that unimagined dangers attend any

further attempts to find out the why or wherefore of life. "Little girls shouldn't ask questions,"—investigation can hardly flourish under such a gag—or, "Don't pass rude remarks; never let me hear you say that again," and the questioner succumbs in bewilderment, submitting helplessly to a rule which silences and stupefies at the same moment. It is all so inexplicable and surprising, that one thing hardly strikes them as being more unjustifiable than another. They only feel in a blind kind of way that if 'grown-ups' hold the reins of power in such an absolute and overbearing manner there is little help to be got from them. And there is none to be had from other children either, for they all speak the same stammering tongue, and are perplexed by the same insoluble problems. Each child