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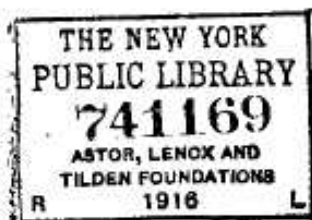
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OF THE
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THROUGHOUT
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THIS VOLUME

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RUTH THE GLEANER.

WEARY gleaner in the field ;
Small the gain her toil doth yield ;
Yet, with earnest heart and hand,
Firm she walks o'er stubble land,
Gathering up the scattered grain,
Strength of body to sustain,
Working with a patient will,
Filial duties to fulfil,
Not till setting of the sun,
Will her toilsome task be done.

Here a little, there a little,
Culms of barley she doth bring ;
Gladly now her praises sing.

Gentle gleaner in the field,
Blest reward her toil doth yield ;
Blest her works of heart and hand,
Stranger in a stranger land ;
Precepts deep of faith and truth,
Learn we of the gleaner, Ruth.
Lessons sweet of gentleness,
Come to cheer us, come to bless.
From the endless ages past,
Fading not while time shall last.

Here a little, there a little,
Let us glean the golden grain,
Fainting spirit to sustain.

Gleaner in God's harvest field,
Small the gain your toil doth yield,
Judging from our human sight ;
Yet in heaven's most glorious light,
Great it may be, none can tell.
If we learn our lessons well,
Greater gifts He will impart
To the longing, faithful heart ;
Many sheaves of golden grain,