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TO

An only Daughter,

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THIS VOLUME.

COUSIN BERTHA.

"Cousin Bertha, Cousin Bertha, have you forgotten your promise?" cried several merry voices, as a pale, slender young lady came into the parlor where half a dozen little girls were amusing themselves; "we have been waiting for you this hour or more."

"So long, that Kitty and Mary have both fallen asleep on the sofa," said one of the group, pointing to two of the children curled up like lapdogs among the cushions.

"We are not asleep, Cousin Bertha," they both exclaimed, in rather an indignant tone; "Agnes, why do you say so? We are as wide awake as any of you."

"I am sure, Kitty," said Agnes, "you told us but a minute ago, you were too drowsy to understand what Emily was talking about."

"But I am not at all sleepy now," said Kitty, opening her little black eyes as wide as possible; "and I can listen to Cousin Bertha's story as well as anybody, so please begin at once."