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### AUNT CHRISTINA.

Mrs. MORLACH was a widow with four children, two boys and two girls. Her very feeble health, the effect of excessive grief for the loss of her husband, impressed her nearest relatives with the saddest forebodings; and the idea, that her children might shortly become motherless, was, to them, insupportable. This brought her mother and brother, who tenderly loved her, together, in order to consult with each other as to means, whereby her life might be preserved for a longer time. They called a consultation of the most eminent physicians, who unanimously declared that undisturbed repose was necessary to restore her shattered health or preserve her life; and that a long residence in Italy would produce the best results.

Mrs. Morlach was day and night surrounded by her children; they could not endure the thought of parting with her: yet a long separation, of many months, was quite necessary.

Providence had moulded the disposition and capacity of the children to amiability. Over their gradual improvement and development watched the attentive eyes of the mother; their progress in learning authorized the brightest hopes. Had they possessed bodily strength and health, no wish would have remained ungratified in respect to them. But both the girls, as well as their brothers, were of a frame of body not very robust; and their personal welfare required a very careful attendance. It cost the mother, therefore, a great struggle before she could resolve to leave her children; yet she was so rational as to submit to the representations of her faithful mother and brother, as well as of the doctors. Even her love to her children, whom she ardently sought longer to maintain, bade her consider herself in the separation. It was finally resolved that the children should, during her absence, live at a country seat, and it was hoped also, that this residence would be very conducive to their health.

But the great question now was—where could any person be found to supply, in any mode of education, the place of a mother; who would understand not only how to nurture children carefully, but also be capable, at the same time, of instructing herself and them, and of imparting agreeable entertainment, so requisite for children; and to find these qualities also in an aged person, in whose habits work and play must interchange with each other.

After each had thought of it, the brother of Mrs. Morlach at length exclaimed—"I have found an excellent person, who unites in herself all that we desire. It is impossible to find