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“ I do think, Willy,” said his Mother to him one morning, “ that the trees will soon be in leaf.”

“ Oh, how glad I am ! for then it will be summer, and we shall go to Ash Grove.”

“ Not yet,” replied his Mother ; “ we cannot jump at once from

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winter to summer ; the spring comes between." Willy enquired what the spring meant ; and his Mamma told him, that in the spring the weather was neither so cold as in winter nor so hot as in summer ; and that the green leaves come out in spring.

" I thought," said Willy, " that the spring was made of water ; for I remember John said one day, that he had been to the spring to fetch a pailful of water."

" That is quite another thing," said his Mother : " a spring of water is a little stream of water which comes out of the ground ; and sometimes it rushes out so fast, that it seems to spring up,

just as you spring up, when you jump into my arms: and that is the reason it is called a spring of water."

"Oh, do take me to see one, Mamma," cried Willy.

"I will, my dear, when we go into the country. But you see that a spring of water is quite another thing from the spring of the year, which is the time when the leaves and the flowers come out."

"But, Mamma, the trees look as if they were nothing but dry sticks, just as they have been all the winter. I cannot see any thing on them like leaves or flowers."

"I can see something," said

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his Mother, smiling, “ that tells me there will soon be leaves, and then flowers.”

“ Whereabouts, Mamma ? Can your eyes see better than mine ? ”

“ I believe that you can see as well as I can ; but then you are not so much used to observe, that is, to take notice of what you see ; besides, you have not seen so many springs as I have. There is but one spring in every year : can you tell me how many springs you have seen ! ”

“ You know, Mamma, that I am four years old ; that is, very nearly, so I have seen four springs ; but you are a great woman, very old : how many springs have you seen ? ”