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## **The Dear Departed**

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- Mrs. Slaters instructs Victoria to put her white frock with a black sash on. Henry wears the new slippers of grandfather's.
  - The Slaters fetch the bureau and the clock from upstairs.
  - The Jordans arrive and learn the details of grandfather's demise from the Slaters.
  - The family sits down to have tea.
  - They discuss the obituary announcement in the papers and the insurance premium payment.
  - Victoria is asked to fetch the bunch of keys to bureau to look for the insurance receipt.
  - Grandfather comes down and is surprised to find the Jordans.
  - Grandfather comes to know how his daughters were in a hurry to divide his things between them.
  - Grandfather announces his intention to change his will and to marry Mrs. JohnShorrocks.
  - Mrs. Slater chides her daughter Victoria for loitering around in a colourful dress when her grandfather is lying dead upstairs.
  - She asks Victoria to put a white frock with a black sash on.
  - Mrs. Slater wants to grab things that belonged to grandfather before the Jordans come.
  - Mrs. Slater is not pleased. Ben asks for the receipt for the premium paid that morning.
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