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A Baby No More.

Since Willie goes to school the days Are always full of peace, And in a hundred little ways The cares of life decrease; The halls are littered up no more With blocks and tops and traps; No marbles lie upon the floor, But are we happier than before?-Ah, well, perhaps-perhaps!

Since Willie goes to school the cat Lies dozing in her nook; There are no startling screeches that Make all the neighbors look; His playthings all are piled away, No books bestrew the floor, But I have found a hair to-day, Deep-rooted, glistening and gray, That hid itself before.

Since Willie goes to school I hear No pounding on the stairs, Nor am I called to help my dear Make horses of the chairs; A sense of peace pervades the place, And I may be a fool To shed the tears that streak my face, But a boy is in my baby's place, Since Willie goes to school.

Suggestions for Girls.

Make happiness a habit. Keep within your means. Hard places successfully filled make heroines.

It is not pleasant to hear disagreeable speeches, do not make them. Loyalty to friends does not include

criticism of others. Blessed be failure, if it corrects mistakes and strengthens endeavor. It is a graceful thing to apologize

for a mistake or wrong doing. The whole world will run more smoothly, if our work is well done. Girls grow old and nervous, crotch-

ety and disagreeable if they continually "fuss." Stop it. Practice makes perfect is as good a rule for cheerfulness and happiness, as

for sewing and cooking. Make a heaven of your home, and your family and friends will believe in

a Heavenly Home. Do first the thing that must be done. If the lessons are difficult master them; if you have done wrong, confess it; you will enjoy the rest of the day bet-

It is not so much what we do, as how well we do it, that counts.

The habitual observance of courtesy prevents many a tempest that makes ship-wreck of home and families.

Prove your friendship by the sympathy, sincerity and self-sacrifice it develops in your life. A selfish spirit is like a bushel of

nettles in the home. Some people are so busy making a halo for themselves, that they have no

time for anything else.
Graciousness of manner and goodness of heart make an attractive per-

sonality and a noble life. True love does not always live in the sunshine, sparkling with jewels and gav with silks and laces. More often you will find her in the shadows, footsore and weary, bearing the burden of others on her shoulders, but with a

glory on her face. Patience is not indifference; spell it with capital letters on your heart, and it will lead to power and influence in

your home. What I aspired to be, and was not, comforts me.

Helping His Mother.

He lives just across the way from us- this little boy we have watched so times. He is perhaps twelve or m years old; a light-haired. c eyed, manly little fellow. He is ly child in the family, and it is 'a ofulness to his mother that esattracted our attention.

We hear him working with her in the kitchen, helping in all sorts of little household matters, singing away at his task as cheerily as can be. Every morning before school time he is hustling around doing chores and errands, helping with the morning work in the kitchen, doing it as carefully and skillfully as any girl. And the beauty of the whole thing is, he never seems to think for a moment that he is doing what is generally called girls' work.

It does not embarass him at all to help wash the dishes, sweep the kitchen floor or any other work usually done by the girl in the family. Unlike some boys we have known, he does not consider it beneath his dignity to do housework or help his mother in any way he can, and he is not a namby-pamby girl-boy either.

As soon as the morning work is over, he gets ready for school and is off with a hurrah and a bang, ready to play with the other boys. He plays just as boisterously and vigorously as any of the rest of them, and to see him on the playground you would never think for a moment that he was a boy who could make beds, wash dishes. and do any kind of housework that the ordinary girl can do.

Girls' work has not by any means spoiled him as a boy. We believe he is really more of a boy from the fact that he does those things to lighten the work of his mother. He is not a rowdy boy by any means, but a manly, useful, bright, wide-awake boy, and will be all the stronger and better man because of the very things he has learned to do about the house.

Fancy Housekeeping.

The decorative side of home-making is the one oftenest entrusted to the daughter of the family. She may dust a room, arrange a vase of flowers, concoct a salad, an ice-cream or a cake, or embroider a center-piece. Such accomplishments are anxiously acquired in the vacations, or in the scant hours of the working-day which may be snatched from schoolbooks.

Mother and daughter have an uneasy sense that something ought to be done to fit the girl for her probable duties as wife and mother, and fancy housekeeping is the tribute they pay to the demand of conscience for an education outside of text-book or lab-

In the strange, inevitable unrolling of life, the gay school-girl may be called on in a few months to be cook, seamstress, laundress, general houseeeper, each in turn, perhaps all at once. But there is no magic she may acquire these arts. She must, then, choose among them-with such wisdom as she may.

Fancy housekeeping is of less importance to the embryo home-maker than any other branch of her profession. The ordinary experience of the sudden emergency of the future is far more likely to call for a well-broiled beefsteak than for ice-cream; for a fire in the range rather than for an artistic arrangement of roses; for a strong buttonhole rather than for an embroidered doily.

Neither the dainties of the cookingschool nor the decorative arts of the housekeeper are the best investment; for the scant leisure of the school-girl. The cooking of a chop, the supreme achievement of boiling a potato so that it shall be mealy, and the ordering of a morning so that the dinner-getting shall not infringe on the bedmaking-these are the labors in which the daughter may well acquire skill. When the demand for it comes, the fancy housekeeping will take care of itself.—Youth's Companion.

If you live in the same place, let your steps be, if possible, daily a familiar sound in the old home. If you are miles away-yea, many miles away -make it your business to go to visit your parents as frequently as possible. In this matter do not regard time or expense: the one is well spent, and the other will be even a hundredfold re-

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