

should also do well, and the ways of politeness are never so easily learned as in youth.

The boy who is habitually coarse and rude in his bearings towards other boys will be such as a man towards men, and all his life will never gain the reputation of being a gentleman.

NEVER SORRY.

Not long ago the writer asked a class of small boys in Sunday school what their idea was of heaven. It was curious to note how their replies were influenced by their own circumstances in life. A ragged little urchin who had been born and brought up in a squalid city street, said it was "all grass and green trees"; one from the richer quarter of Boston said it was like a big, broad avenue, with tall houses each side. A sweet-voiced Episcopal choir boy was of the opinion that people would sing a good deal in heaven. The last member of the class—a quiet, thoughtful boy—though one of the smallest in the class—answered; "A place where—where—you're never sorry!"

RUBY'S COBWEBS.

"Look up! Ruby, look up!" said Aunt Katie, gently, as Ruby plied the broom in her cosy little sitting-room. "I like to see you digging out the corners and sweeping so nicely along the edges, but don't be like the man with the muck-rake, always turning your eyes downward. Look up, and you'll see some hideous cobwebs festooning the otherwise clean, pleasant room."

Ruby's eyes went up to the ceiling at Aunt Katie's word, while her broom quickly followed.

"I never thought much about cobwebs, auntie," she said, as she ran around the room, taking down the ugly festooning. "I don't call them hideous, though."

"I do," said auntie, "for I am always certain, when I see cobwebs in a house, that somebody in that house is not neat, and of course it must be either the mistress or maiden who sweeps."

Ruby blushed a little at auntie's plain words, but she was her truest, best loved friend since her mamma went to the home above; so she only laughed and said:

"Well, auntie, as I am born mistress and maid, I shall certainly have to plead guilty this time, but we'll see if I do it again."

Auntie smiled as she continued: "There is another thing. Cobwebs make me think of some of our sins—besetting sins they are, too, sometimes like pride and selfishness. They don't come to the front and get right before us all the time, like our naughty tempers, and so get swept out of the way. They hang up in the corners and dark places of our hearts, where we don't mind them, but where they make our whole lives unclean and unlovely. If we would but look up more, more toward the light which cometh down

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from above, we should see these cobwebs of our pride and selfishness, and, by God's grace, work away at them till they should no more make our lives unclean and hateful."

"Thank you, auntie," said Ruby; "it is a very good text and a good little sermon, and I'll try and remember."—Selected.

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