

cook had done so and so, and she had said so and so. When her story was finished I said, smilingly, "There is dust on your glasses, Katy; rub them off, you will see better." She understood me and left the room.

I told the incident to the children, and it is quite common to hear them say to each other, "Oh, there is dust on your glasses." Sometimes I am referred to; "Mamma, Harry has dust on his glasses; can't he rub it off?"

When I hear a person criticising another, condemning perhaps a course of action he knows nothing about, drawing inferences prejudicial to the person or persons, I think right away, "There's dust on your glasses; rub it off." The truth is, everybody wears these very same glasses, only the dust is a little thicker on some than on others, and needs harder rubbing to get it off.

I said this to John one day, some little matter coming up that called forth the remark, "There are some people I wish would begin to rub, then, said he. There is Mr. So-and-so and Mrs. So-and-so; they are always ready to pick at some one, to slur, to hint,—I don't know, I don't like them." "I think my son John has a wee bit on his glasses just now;" he laughed and asked, "What is a body to do?" "Keep your own well rubbed up, and you will not know whether others need it or not." "I will," he replied. I think as a family, we are all profiting by that little incident, and through life will never forget the meaning of, "There is dust on your glasses."—*Observer.*

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### THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

A Christian merchant who, from being a very poor boy, had risen to wealth and renown, was once asked by an intimate friend to what, under God, he attributed his success in life. "To prompt and steady obedience to my parents," was his reply. "In the midst of many bad examples of youths of my own age, I was always able to yield a ready submission to the will of my father and mother, and I firmly believe that a blessing has, in consequence, rested on me and upon all my efforts."

He who would learn to command, must first learn to obey; and if he does not learn obedience in early years in his father's house, how and where will he ever learn it? Without obedience and subjection to the will and mind of God, there can be no true prosperity in this life, or hope in that to come. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."