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## Before School.

'Quarter to nine! Boys and girls, do you hear?'

'One more pancake, please, quick, mother dear.'

'Where is my dinner-pail?' 'Under the shelf. Just in the place where you left it yourself.'

'I can't say my table!—Please find me my cap.'

'One kiss for mamma and sweet May in her lap.'

'Be good, dear!' 'I'll try! 9 times 9's 81.'

'Here's your mittens.' 'All right: Hurry up, let us run!'

With a slam of the door they are off, girls and boys,

And the mother draws breath in the lull of their noise.

## AFTER SCHOOL.

'Do not waken the baby! Step softly, my dear.'

'O, mother, I've torn my new dress over here. I am sorry! I only was climbing the wall.'

'Say, mother, my map was the nicest of all, And Nelly in spelling went right to the head.'

'Now, please, may I go to the hill with my sled?'

'I have such a toothache.' 'The teacher's not fair.'

'Is dinner most ready? I'm just like a bear!' Be patient, tired mother, they're growing up fast. Such nursery whirlwinds not long do they last; A still, lonely house would be worse than the noise. Rejoice and be glad in your girls and your boys. 'Waif.'

## Simple Shampoo.

An efficient shampoo liquid which is recommended for frequent use is made by dissolving any good soap in boiling water. Ends of cakes may be kept for the purpose, three or four tossed into about two quarts of boiling water, and left until entirely dissolved. Add a very little oil of lavender when the liquid has cooled and use as a shampoo, rinsing the hair thoroughly with clean water afterwards.

## Care of the Rubber Plant.

To keep a rubber plant in excellent condition see that there is plenty of mold about its roots. That it is kept sufficiently watered but not soaked. Give a shower bath about once a week and, when it has dried, sponge off the leaves with milk. Let it have plenty of light but no direct sunshine. Good House-keeping.