

"Poor child! she has had many days and nights of intense suffering. At one time it was doubted if she would ever recover; but now she is thought out of danger. The doctor thinks it is owing in a great measure to her gentle, patient spirit in bearing her pain and obeying all his directions."

"If she is better now, do you think she will care for any of my Easter eggs?"

"I do not doubt she will be pleased at your thus remembering her; and they will be something bright to look at while convalescing."

Ethel could now scarcely wait for her expected friends to show them her beautiful eggs before she started for Jennie's. In the centre of a tiny basket she tastefully arranged a little nest of green moss, on the outer edge of which she placed some bright immortelles. Into the nest she laid a few of her choicest colored eggs, and her little gift was then complete.

"Oh, Ethel!" exclaimed Kate and Nellie Treadway, at that moment entering the sitting-room. "I thought you did not know anything about Easter eggs, and yet what elegant ones you have before you! I never saw such beauties! And for whom have you arranged that lovely basket?"

"For Jennie White, and I was just wishing to take it to her as you came in. Now, girls, please show me your eggs."

"Oh, ours are nothing compared to yours!" replied Kate, in a rather disappointed tone; "and if you are going to see Jennie we will not detain you."

Their eggs, it is true, were not as beautifully colored as Ethel's, but when she brought forth the ones bearing their names and laid a few others among their less showy ones, they were surprised and exceedingly grateful.

"Ethel, dear, what a generous girl you are!" warmly exclaimed Nellie. "You have given away many of your prettiest eggs and fairly shamed me out of all jealous feelings."

"I was not thinking of doing so, Nellie," gently replied Ethel, "but of our Lenten services, and the spirit of self-denial we have been taught and ought to preach in remembrance of Him who died for us."

"Lent has not been kept in vain by you, dear child, if it has taught you this lesson," said Mrs. Stanley, entering the room while Ethel was speaking to her young friends. "Now, dear, run off to Jennie's with your basket, for it is almost dinner time. The girls will, I am sure, walk part of the way with you."

Jennie, though still pale and suffering was found propped up in bed, gazing with loving looks upon a vase of Easter flowers that had been sent to her from the church. Ethel softly entered the room and silently laid her little offering upon the bed.

"Oh, Ethel!" exclaimed the child, "this too is surely not for me! Just see the lovely Easter flowers that have been sent to me, and now you have brought me such a beautiful, beautiful nest full of wonderful eggs! Are they Easter eggs, such as I have read about but never before seen?"

"Yes, Jennie, they are bright

Easter eggs; emblems, mother says, of the resurrection, as also the flowers you have by your bedside, and this is why both are so freely used at Easter."

"And you have brought these lovely ones to me. How good every one has been to me while so sick!"

"Because we hear how gentle and patient you have been in the midst of your sufferings."

"How could I be otherwise than patient when mother read some of the appointed lessons through Lent. Oh, Ethel! only think of all our dear Saviour suffered for us."

"Yes, Jennie; I suppose it was this that enabled you to be patient, and also induced me to bring you a share of my pretty eggs."

"And, Ethel, Dr. Minturn says we must not forget these things—patience, self-denial, overcoming evil with good—as soon as Lent is over, but try to always bear them in mind."

Seeing that Jennie's cheeks were flushed and that she was getting tired, Ethel gave her a loving kiss and turned away. She, too, felt that this had been a happy season, and, like Jennie, hoped she would long remember the many lessons that had been taught her during Lent.

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