

the rain was so heavy that even the men of the family could not get to Church in the morning. Did I tell you it was a very long way off? But they were so happy as to have service every Sunday evening.

So Elsie put the fifty cents into an envelope, marked on it what it was for, and handed it to her brother—I think he put some money of his own into the envelope as well—and as it was not raining so hard now he walked off to Church, and when the proper time came placed the envelope on the plate.

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#### WHAT A GIRL SHOULD LEARN.

A girl should learn these things, to wit:

- To sew.
- To cook.
- To mend.
- To be gentle.
- To value time.
- To dress neatly.
- To keep a secret.
- To be self-reliant.
- To avoid idleness.
- To mind the baby.
- To darn stockings.
- To respect old age.
- To make good bread.
- To keep a house tidy.
- To control her temper.
- To be above gossiping.
- To make a home happy.
- To take care of the sick.
- To humor a cross old man.
- To marry a man for his worth.
- To be a helpmate to a husband.
- To take plenty of active exercise.
- To see a mouse without screaming.
- To read some books besides novels.
- To be light hearted and fleet footed.
- To wear shoes that won't cramp the feet.
- To be a womanly woman under all circumstances.

#### A RUNAWAY.

On a bright winter morning Minnie took the train to Providence, all by herself.

Not a word had she said at home about it; and what she did it for nobody knows. But there she was, all wrapped up in her pretty grey coat and white mittens. She had a blue bow under her chin, and looked very pretty as she climbed into the cars.

People looked at her in some surprise as she passed along the aisle.

She curled herself up on one of the soft crimson cushions and looked out of the window. The cars went rumbling on, with Minnie, in high feather, enjoying her stolen ride. Pretty soon the conductor came by; but in some way he missed Minnie, and did not ask for her ticket. What she would have done if he had, she didn't know.

When the cars stopped, a lady came in, and took the seat by Minnie. She was a pretty lady, and wore a dress of a soft brown cashmere. Minnie touched the lady's dress with one little white mitten. The lady smiled, talked to her awhile, and gave her a jumble out of her bag.

\* Minnie liked the jumble very much. The lady asked Minnie where she was going, but she couldn't tell.

"The conductor knows, I suppose," thought the lady. "Perhaps she belongs to him."

Rumble, rumble, went the cars, and Minnie grew drowsy. Soon she was fast asleep. The train reached Mansfield. In came a gentleman, in a great hurry, looking about him right and left. The first thing Minnie knew he picked her up and carried her into the station.

The gentleman looked kind, and patted her head; but he did not tell her what he was going to do. Minnie had half a mind to cry, but concluded she wouldn't.

When the down train came along he gave her to another gentleman; and this one took her into the car. He took care of her all the way back to Boston. Do you think Minnie thanked him? Not a bit.

Do you wonder how he knew where she lived? Just this way. She was missed from home, and word was sent to Mansfield by telegraph. Her home was in the Providence station.

Do you think she was a very naughty little girl, and was sent to bed?

She was not a little girl at all, only a gray pussy. But this is a true story.—*The Nursery.*

#### DOING ERRANDS FOR CHRIST.

"Mamma," said a little five year old boy, "I wish Jesus lived on earth now."

"Why, my darling?"

"Because I should have liked so much to have done something for him."

"But what could such a little bit of a fellow as you have done for the Saviour?"

The child hesitated a few moments, then looked up into his mother's face and said: "Why, mother, I could have run on all his errands for him."

"So you could, my child, and so you shall. Here is a glass of jelly and some oranges I was going to send to poor old sick Margaret by the servant, but I will let you take them instead, and do an errand for the Saviour; for when upon earth he said, 'Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me.'"

So remember, children, whenever you do any kind act for anybody because you love Jesus, it is just the same as if the Saviour were now living on the earth and you were doing it for him.

#### THE CROWN-PIECE.

Fridolin, a pious farmer, often said, "He who loves God with all his heart, will find it easy to do good and avoid evil."

Now he had a man who was very passionate, and at such times broke out into the roughest language. Fridolin often reminded him how he should strive to subdue his passion, out of the love of God. But the man said, "It is impossible for me to do so; both man and beast put me out so much."

One morning Fridolin said to him, "Mathew, see, here is a bright new crown! I will make you a present of it, if you go through the day without letting an angry word escape from your mouth."

The man was pleased with the proposal, and gladly accepted it.

The rest of the servants, however, agreed privately among themselves to make him lose the crown. All that they did or said during the whole day was done with the purpose of putting him into a passion. But the man behaved so firmly that he did not let a single angry word escape him.

In the evening Fridolin gave him the crown; but took the opportunity of saying to him, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, that you are able to overcome your passion so easily from a desire of obtaining a paltry piece of money, but will not do so out of love to God!"

The man did correct himself after this, and became a peaceably-disposed character.

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