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"I could forgive everything else," Louise declared, "if only they would take mother in. You may say what you please, Jess Ainslee, but people who for six weeks have seen mother pass, and who have not made any effort to get acquainted with her, can't be our kind of people, that's all."
"To say nothing of her daughters,"

Jessie added. "I don't know how much longer I can stand the strain of this argus-eyed watchfulness over my gloves

"And to-morrow is sweeping-day again," Louise warned. "I should sweep with a good heart if I could hope for the pies revealed the types of their even a five-minute caller, but to do it

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The first lesson

oven, and while they were baking the complacent cooks partook of doughnuts and coffee.

The born housewife made an appetizing delicacy, tempting to the palate, while the artistic girl played with hers, adorning it with a landscape of currants and colored dough.

The men, naturally, baked a whole menagerie of animals and pie-dough curiosities, and afterward undertook the ceremony of pie-judging with great

A tiny toy rolling-pin and board labelled "Practice makes perfect" was given as the booby prize. The total outlay for the party of twenty-five young people was under five dollars.

#### The First Call

By Mabel Nelson Thurston

Of course the Ainslees all said that they were not at all lonesome, and that they had expected nothing else the first winter, and that, anyway, they were too busy for calling, but none the less, the change from the village where they had lived all their lives and knew everybody for miles about, to the city where they

The next morning, Louise, in sweeping-cap and apron, was busily engaged in "standing by," when she heard the front door open. As she was expecting her mother, she ran out into the hall, and to her surprise, found a lady whom she recognized as their next-door neighbor. The lady was looking round in a bewildered way.

"I must have made a mistake," she apologized. "I do beg your pardon. Our keys must be just alike."

Louise caught her breath, and hesitated; then she burst out:

"Oh, if only you wouldn't mind my sweeping-clothes, and would come in and make a call for a few minutes! You see, we're strangers—and it's lonesome not to know any one; and I'm so afraid that I shall forget how to talk to anybody except milkmen and grocers."

The lady looked at the girl's pretty, eager face.

"My dear," she said, "I am ashamed. I have been meaning to call, but the time slipped by-

An hour later Jessie, on returning home, found Louise joyously folding her sweeping-cloths.

"You don't mean," Jessie gasped,