## THE HOUSEHOLD.

## ELSIE'S. VICTORY.

 by ernest gilmore.There was no light in Mrs. Henry's house, except in the dining-room; thence a feeble ray issued from the almost tightlyclosed blinds.
".There must be soine one sick," Uncle Hugh said anxiously, as he stamped the snow from his heavy boots as lightly as possible, and then rapped at the side door.
"Oh, Uncle Hugh, I'm so glad to see you," Elsie Henry said, putting her arms around Uncle Fugh's
the threshold.
"What's the trouble, Puss? Any one sick "? he inquired, returning Elsie's caress, "No one sick now. W
ask "Because the house is not lighted, and your face is so doleful, and you are sitting here alone in this forlorn dining-room
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"Well, my denr?" her uncle said questioningly, as he threw aside
down in a large arm-chair.
"Do you wonder that my face is doleful, when your know that my darling sister is dead ? And what do I eare for the house being
lighted,' when I'm doing nothing but just lightcd, when I'm doing nothing but just
sitting here, brooding nad mourniug over sitting here, br
Ellen's denth?"
"Surely I do not wonder at your doleful face, or your darkened house, if that is all. I had hoped better things of you," Uncle Hugh said tenderly.
"What had you hoped" Elsic asked.
"Hoped that you would lean heavily on Him who has said, 'I will never leave thee nor forsalke thee ;' hoped that you would checr your saddened mother, who has had so many crosses to bear that they have borne heavily upon her; hoped that you would brighten up the house, -mot make the darkness more intense." Elsic looked up wistfully through eyes briniming full of tears, to ask: "How can one undertake to che another, when that one is depressed ?" one resolutely goes to work to cheer. You may sob and mourn for Elien ; it isonly the expression of a loving, human heart ; but it is not quite the right way, to; sit down deliberately to liood and mourn; Remendeliberatiely to brood and mount Remem-
ber, Elsie dear, that the sun still shines, and ber, Elsie dear, that the sun still shines, and
God reigns. It is hard for us to know, that we can never -see Ellen's sweet face here ; but is it not joy to feel sure that we here; but is it not joy to feel sure that we
will greet her again over there? I was thinking this evening of the Master's words,
'I gave wy life for thee,' and of how little 'I gave wiy life for thee,' and of how little
we could do in return. You have a grand We could do in return. You have a grand
opportunity of auswering the Master's question, 'What hast thou done for me ?' You can say, 'I give up my sister willingly
at Thy call. I will not bee rebellious. I at Thy call. I will not be rebellious. I will remember that although her work is
finished, mine is not; and just now this finished, mine is not; and just now this
seems to be, to bring sunshine into my seems to be, to bring sunshine into my
home. Will you not try to feel this way, Elsie dear ?"
Elsie could not answer then; she only sobbed; but when Uncle Hugh came in sight of his sister's house the next evening, he was answered to his satisfaction. There wasa glimmer of light beckoning from the hall, and the large,comiortable sitting room
was brilliantly illuminated. Uncle Hugh rubbed his hands with delight,as he opened the door into the warm, pleasant room. Elsie met him with a smile; her
"II fought a battle last neght, Uncle Hugh. I conquered at last; but it was in the wee, I conquered at ast i but it was in the wee,
sma' lours, before I won the victory," she sma nous,
whispered.
"Ah, my dear, thank God that you won," he answered heartily, looking about him at the sweet home picture,-Elsie's mother busy with some bright worsted work; El. sie's father sitting near her with a pleasant
book in his hands; while all around were book in his hands; while all around were
evidences of Elsic's loving thougltfulness. evidences of Elsic's loving thonghtfuness.
The ten-rose in the vase upon the table the dish of rosy apples near by, the slippers warming by the fireside, were all voices proclaiming victory. While Elsic ran up to
her room for a little gift she had been preher room for a little gift she had been pre-
paring for Uncle Hugh, he remarked : "You look very penceful and happy here."
"Yos, and we feel so. It has been so poor child, grieved herself almost sick. We thought until to-day, that we had lost both of our daughters,-the house seemed
like a fomb; but we've found our dear in, and Grace reached out her hand and took of air that did no good whatever to the fire She looked, and thought, perhaps, she had them upside down, for there is a hole on the under side, where the air draws in, and then a little flap falls down inside and keeps the air from coming out that way, and sends it through the nozzle. But if the bellow are upside down, this little trap falls open No ; the hole was right, and yet there wa no air. "Pshaw!" said Harry, "you can't blow worth a cent ;" and he took the bel lows out of Grace's hands. Harry was a boy who could always do things better than any one else, at least in his own opinion. He went to work with great zeal; with much more zeal than success.
"What's the matter the mean things won't half open!"
"Let me try," said Susan ; "you must hold them so. . Oh, I ssee! somebody has tied them together. Now. John, you're tied them together.
"I didn't," said John ; "I don't like to be ilamed when I don't do things;" and there was a prospect of a lively dispute.

Stop, children !" said Dr. Ellis; "I tied them ; but don't you see, they will work just as well ;" and he began to use them ; it must be owned with very small success.
"Why, how absurd!" broke in Susan, taking hold of them. "Of course the bellows can't do any good tied up in this way;" "and she proceeded to loosen the
"But, said the Doctor, "you told me yesterday that it made no difference."
"Why, papa!-oh!" and she stopped conscious-for her father had gently told her she was wearing her dress too tight about the waist, and that her bellows, that is; her lungs, which, with the ribs, work in the same way, were tied down too tightly, and could not do their fult work. Down in her inmost soul Susau was conscious that her dress was a trifle tight, but ahe hoped to train herself, or reduce herself, or get used to it. It was so very nice to have a slender, trim waist! And as sho was an honest 'girl, and did notreally mean to do wrong, this lesson rather came home to her. She saw a great many girls who breathed up She saw a great mair ghoulders because their
and down with their lungs had not room "east and west," as her father said, and she saw corsets advertised "for day and night wear" for the poor misgor day and night wear" for the poor mis-
guided souls who did not know how the guided souls who did not ghe would not be good God had made them ; she would not be so wicked; but, then, it was dreadful not to
look trim and nice! So Susan and her sislook trim and nice! So Susan and her sis-
ter both understood the lesson of the belter both understood the lesson of the bellows, and took it to heart. Thenr father
meant to interpose his authority, if neces sary, but he much preferred they should see for themselves and apply the lesson. He took off the string; and the bellows worked freely; he picked up the cat, who was quietly taking her case by the fire, and
showed how her ribs moved and swelled at showed how her ribs moved and swelled at every breath. Then he proceeded to puta
band around and prevent this motion of her ribs. But pussy had no pride, aud wasnot willing to be made uncomfortable, especially as there was so little to be gained by it, So she resolutely protested against a tight band,
The Doctor then went on to talk incidentally of the Flathead skull and the Chinese foot, to show how much the frame can bear and live, made some incidental allusions to high heels and pinched toes as not being exactly what the Maker of all intended, and left his lessons to work their purpose. Then he hung up the bellows by the side of the
fire-place, and they went out to tea.-Christian Union.

One Way to economize and to produce excellent results in cooking is to use suct in place of butter or lajd. For many purposes it is better than cither of these. Sonic people who object decidedly to cakes fried in lard relish them when suct is used for
frying. Beef balls are very nice fried in frying. Beef balls are very nice fried in
suct. Round steak ean be used for these. Chop the meat fine, scason well with pepper and salt and any herb you may choose, shape them like flat balls with your hands, dip in egg and fine cracker or bread crumbs and fry in the hotsuet.
A Delicious way to prepare baked apples for tea is to cut out the core before baking. When ready to send to the table fill the space left in the apple with swe
cream with a little powdored sugar in it.

PUZZLES.

## PHONETIC CHARADE

My first and second reveal a nam That finds no place on the roll of Fane, A houschold term, to which-comes, when heard,
A maiden at times, and at times a bird.
My third and fourth disclose a name
That holds high place on the roll of Fame :A name that will live, renowned and bright,
the "speaking canvas" is lost to sight
My whole is one of a class accurst
Of nuisances often called the worst ;
Which the people too willingly tolerate, And one which they could, if they would, abatc.

FIVE CONUNDRUMS.

1. Which is the most ancient of the 2. When is a boat like a heap
2. What comes after cheese ?
3. What is that word of five letters from which if you take away two, only one re: mains?
numerical mitgmas.
I am a proverb of 22 letters.
My 18, $9,16,3$ is hard to luear.
My 22,6,5, 4, 21 is to part.
My 13, $20,17,15,19,11$ is something
hildren are always losing.
My $9,14,2$, is the track of a wheel. My 1, $7,19,3$ a very common metal My 12, 10, 18 is a taste.

My 13,-14, 16, 1,4 , isa small house.
My 11, 17, 22, 23 , is a tanall animal. My 2, 15, 19, 8, any authoritative prohi-

My 18, 10, 7, 20, 6, pliant.
My 12, $9,21,24,23$ is a small brush. - My b, $18,3,22,23$ is a peculiar glance My whole is a proverb.
charade.
A house is what my first doth mean,
Or 'tis oft called the place
Was also called the temple,
By a well known ancient
By a well known ancient race.
(Second.)
Senrch well through Webster's volume, For instriction or for fun ; There 'y ou'll find I'm well-defined,
y one.
(Whole.)
A village on the eastern slope
Of old Mount Olivet
Here many wondrous things were done, Which none must e'er forget.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES.
Rasy Geographicar, Puzzin-1. Fear. 2
 Hidpen Cirres.-1. Lisbon. 2. Paris. 3. Bath Word Changes:- Near-tear - year-hear Enigna. Noah.
 Sans Teres
ugago $; 8$, tavern 4 , adieu; 5 , farce; $;$,

Rainy-Day Work for the LittifeOnas. -It is raining and the children do not know how to cmploy their surplus energy. "Mammia, what shall we do now ?" they at wit's mor Provide some moulds, such as are used for blancmange and jellies, or even some cups and bowls, or saucers will answer, and give the children plaster oi Paris and water. Let them fill these and turn them out. The birch bark plates which are used hy bakers and grocers will make plaques which hae littleartists may hang upon the chamber or bitting-room wall, if they choose. In This may be provided for by a bit of riblon This may be provided for by a bit of ribbon
or braid of the proper length, the ends of or braid of the proper length, the ends of
which may be Iaid under the wet plaster. When the plaster has hardened, the loop will be firmly adjusted. Then a pretty scrap picture may be pasted in the centre of che plaque, and the result will be, to the child's eyes at least, a thing of beauty
and joy until it is broken. And the rainy and joy until it is broken. And the rainy day will have been busy, quict, and charmed
out of fretfulness.-Cliristian Intel

