Sick.

When mother's sick, the house is all So strangely hushed in room and hall!
But mother never will admit
She's suffering a single bic! She's suffering a single bit!
She won't let people do a thing—
There's nothing any one can bring—
She just lies there, and tries to fix
Herself, by cunning little tricks!
And as for doctor—why, the word
tShe scouts as being most absurd.
And when he comes he has to guess
At symptoms that she won't confess;
And then he's apt to frown and say;
'You should have had me right away,
I'll come again this evening'—for
It's bed, you see, a week or more! It's bed, you see, a week or more!

When father's sick—I tell you now You ought to hear the dreadful row! The talk of 'dying,' and the groans! The orders in convulsive tones! The orders in convulsive tones!
The hasty runnings to and fro:
To rearrange the pillow—so;
To fix hot-water bag and shade;
For mustard-plaster, lemonade!
Appeals to get the doctor, quick—
And 'Can't you see I'm awful sick?'
And then the doctor sits and hears
While father grunts his pain and fears.
He leaves some drops, and tells us: Hum!
Unless I'm needed I shan't come
Again. I think he'll do all right.'
And father's up, perhaps, by night. And father's up, perhaps, by night.
—Century Magazine.

Hospitality.

Hospitality is a Christian duty. We are exhorted in Holy Scuipture to be ready to entertain strangers, since by doing so some have even entertained angels unawares. Some people say they have not time for hospitality, that duties press too urgently, that guests in the home interrupt the order of the household life. But it can only be with two-fold loss that one refuses to offer hospitality,—the losing of countless opportunities of doing good to others and the loss to one's self of the good which 'angels unawares' bring when they come. Not many young people can plead that they are too busy to see those who come to them, and they cannot know the value of a cordial welcome to those who come, nor can they estimate the blessings to themselves that even a stranger, received in the name of Christ, may bring to them.—Louis Albert Barké.

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