

asked them what he liked and what he hated most, and then washing himself and giving his slippers a final polish, he said he had a fine cornstack best of all and he hated most boys, farmers, barbers, and fox terriers! And then he snuffed off.

THE MAKING OF CHARACTER.

Do not let us suppose that character requires great circumstances for the making. Character can be made in poor circumstances. There are huge manufactories in this country, with magnificent machinery, with chimneys belching forth clouds of black smoke to pollute the air, where they turn out carpets of the most wonderful aspects, which would almost make you ill to look at, and which perish quickly in the using.

Far away in the East, in some poor little hut, an Eastern workman is working with threads of many colors beside him. He has been toiling for years, and when he has finished he will have turned out a single square of such beautiful coloring and such perfect workmanship that when it comes to this country it will be bought at a great price, and the owner's great-grandchildren will see it fresh and beautiful. So much for the great manufactory and the whirling wheels and the noise and the smoke; so much for the quietness and obscurity of a single workman!

A HAPPY HOME.

I have one more word of advice to give to those who would have a happy home, and that is, let love preside in it. When your behaviour in the domestic circle becomes a mere matter of calculation, when the caress you give is merely the result of study of the position you occupy, happiness lies stark dead in the hearthstone. When the husband's position as head of the household is maintained by loudness of voice, by strength of arm, by fire of temper, the republic of domestic bliss has become a despotism that neither God nor man will abide. O, ye who promised to love each other at the altar, how dare you commit perjury? Let no shadow of suspicion come on your affections. It is easier to kill that flower than it is to make it live again. The blast from hell that puts out that light leaves you in blackness of darkness forever.

"THY KINGDOM COME."

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What do we wish for or pray for? And is the wishing or praying enough? Or, if we wish and pray, is there aught besides, which we ought to do? . . . When that kingdom does come, will it come to us, or upon us? It will come to us, if we have indeed prayed for it, prayed that we might have a share in it, and as we could, by prayers, by alms, by examples, by receiving the fight of God within us, promoted it. . . . May none of us slothful servants, saying listlessly, "Thy Kingdom come," yet asking as if they cared for nothing less. But may God give us grace to use faithfully what He has for this short time entrusted to us, that we may see in that day, with joy, those whom our prayers, our alms, our words, our deeds, our lives, have helped to love our God.

PREPARED FOR GOOD FORTUNE.

People are never weary of telling us to prepare for evil days, but there is also wisdom in being ready for good days. Any moment the turn of fortune may bring us joy and prosperity, but what boots it if success comes to a sour, morose and uncomfortable spirit that no external change can beautify or sweeten? The peril of the mood of despair is that in it we may be tempted to do something that will vitiate the delight of every bright day that may follow. We mortgage our best days in advance, and no diligence or care can put on record a good satisfaction piece. The defense against such errors is a belief in yourself that will defy the illusion that there is nothing better in store for you than present adverse conditions. Always expect the wind to shift and carry you to your port. One of the saddest of sights is a workman's tools in a pawnshop window. It shows that someone was so discouraged or overwrought that he sacrificed his readiness to take advantage of a change of fortune.

JACK'S QUEER DREAM.

"I want somebody to come and button my shoes," called Harold down the stairs.

He waited, but no one went to his help, for the reason that Aunt Amy had told Emma, the girl

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who waited on the children, not to go.

"I can't find my brush," came another call. "Emma, you come here." Emma did not go.

"I think you are mean, Emma," in a fretful tone. "You can leave Harry as well as not. Bring some warm water with you." But Emma still played with little Harry.

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saying, 'tell me are?'"

That was it. children had been time. Now she for her health, a come to take of four them plea posed children, in the small which take all t mother to form

"I suppose it the 'little thing when they final table Aunt Am about it, assuring children could along agreeably out a good suggestion small change a "thank you," the like. "You "we wouldn't a or steal, or slap words, because But 'please' is forget."

"And so poor keep dinging Harold.

"Oh," said a laugh, "I had last night. I garden, oh! be and grass and never could get those trees."

"Apples, peaches, nuts?"

"Oranges, b "Now, I know It was all can't think of there. There a bat and ball a balloon tree jumping jack of dogs and monkeys and go. The and a lemon there were about and they wanted."

"Did you g "No, I didn't Lots of other outside, and in."

"I guess so "I saw son and asking if And they can the man at t fierce and