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BETTY'S VICTORY.

Betty Haskins lived on a farm ton miles from the academy. Her three years' course of study had been bought by many sacrifices and by much patient work Betty had not counted her own tails boarding herself, walking home on Friday nights, making one gown do for Sundays and weekdays, ignoring worn shoes and a hat of forgotten fashion-and now the end was in sight, and Betty was valedictorian of her class

It was the Saturdays before graduation Betty's essay was finished and committed to memory. Her white gown was freshly ironed. As she stood on the chapel steps after her last rehearsal she was glad to be alive and conscious only of that joy -save for one pin-prick of anxiety as to why she had not had her usual note from her mother during the week. But that was lost in the; happy surmise that the parents meant to surprise her by a visit to-morrow.

Suddenly she caught sight of her father in his buggy driving rapidly down the street. She sprang to meet him, quick to see that his face WAS GTAYO.

"Betty, child, you'll have to come home with me. Three of the children are down with measies. Mother is ailing herself. The neighbors have been good, but they are worn out, I can see. Mother wants you. Seems as if nobody else would do. The baby-my dear, I'm afraid he's going to die!"

"O father, he musn't! I'll be ready in five minutes."

Not a word was said of the relation of this hasty summons to the coming Wednesday and its valedict-

When Wednesday came Betty was too busy to think much about the academy. She was grateful that she had a course of emergency lessons there and that the doctor said she was as good as a trained nurse. She was fighting for the baby's life.

Three weeks later the baby was getting rosy and plump again. Mother was back at her post, but Betty was tired and restless and could not sleep very well. She found herself dreaming herself back at the academy and wondering how the chapel looked on commencement day, and finding it hard to see how her disappointment had been right.,

pal of the academy knocked at the door of the farmhouse. He had in his hand a blue-tied roll.

"I've come to bring you your diploma, Betty," he said. "I thought you would be glad to hear that Kate Fisher read your essay at commencement, and it had more applause than any of the others. The folks seemed to like your being at home with the baby. And, by way, the trustees want to know you will come over to the academy to teach English next year. They seem to think that a girl who could write that essay could teach other girls and boys to write. The salary would be ten dollars a week and 'found!' "

Betty's face was worth seeing just then. It was a curious coincidence, too, that the subject of that same essay had been, "Victory in Defeat." -Youth's Companion.

A LITTLE GERMAN STORY.

There lived one time a poor widow who had seven children, and all must eat; so the poor mother had to go out to work all day, and only in winter evenings she could spin and

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The child was a happy little fellow, four years old, who had a wondrous love for animals and flowers Whenever he saw a lamb he ran to find fragrant leaves to feed it. when he found a young bird that had fallen from the nest, he carried it home and fed it till it was grown then let it fly away He was fond of the spiders, too, and when be found one in the house he would carry it outdoors, saying, "This liftle creature shall also live " But one time his shirt had become so thin and old that it fell from . His body, and as it was summer his mother had to go to her day's work, and she could not make him another. So he ran about just as the dear God had made him. One day as he was hunting for ber-

ries in the forest he met a Lamb, which looked so kindly at him and said: "Where is your little shirt?" The little boy answered sadly "I have none and my mother cannot make me one till next winter. But no, the new one will be for my oldest sister and mine will be the old one. Oh, if I only once could have a new shirt!" Then the Lamb said: "I am sorry for you; I will give you my wool and you can have a new shirt made of it." So the Lamb pulled off his wool and gave it to the little boy.

As he now passed by a thorn bush with his wool the Bush called. "What are you carrying there?" "Wool," said the little boy, "to make me a shirt." "Give it to me," said the bush: "I will card it for you." The boy gave his wool to the bush, which passed its thorny branches to and fro and carded the wool most beautifully "Carry it carefully," cried the Bush, "so that you do not spoil it "

So he carried the soft rolls along till he saw the web of a spider, and the spider sat in the middle of it and cried to him: "Give me your wool, little one. I will spin the threads and weave them. I see 21ready how it is." Then the spider began and worked bually with his little feet and spun and wove the finest piece of cloth you ever saw and gave it to the child, who trotted merrily along until he came to the brook, and there sat a Crab, who called out: "Where so fast? What are you carrying there?" "Cloth." said the little boy, "for a new shirt." One afternoon, however, the princi- "Then you came to the right one," said the Crab. "Let me take your cloth." And he took it and with his great shears cut out a little shirt very nicely. "There, little one," he said, "all that remains is to have it sewed."

Then the boy took it and went on sadly, for he was alraid that even then he could not have his, new shirt till next winter, when mother would have time to sew. But pretty soon he saw a little, bird sitting on a bush, and the Bird twittered: "Wait, little one, let me make your shirt." So the bird took a long thread, flew back and forth. working with his little beak, till the shirt was sewed together. "Now," said the Bird, "you have as nice shirt as one could have."

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CARDINAL MORAN'S TRIBUTE TO THE AUSTRALIAN IRISH.

Speaking to the Urban Council of Letterkerny on Sept 7, Cardinal Moran paid the following hearty tribute to the Irish in Australia

"I beg to assure you that in the

distant land of Australia you will find your brothers and your sisters quickened by the very same spirit that quickens you at home, and I would venture even to say that the Irishmen in Australia and the daughters of Ireland there are animated by a more ardent spirit of enthusiasm for the land of their fathers than the most ardent and enthusiastic sons of Ireland at home (cheers) As an old Bishop and air old Iri-hman, I may perhaps be permitted to give a few words of exhortation to you (bear, hear) Those words will be, preserve unbroken that union which cements the hearts of your people and the hearts of your clergy (cheers) That union is the pledge of every blessing that Heaven can bestow, and so long as that union remains it will be impossible for any enemy of Ireland, no matter who he may be, to overcome the courage and devotedness and the selfsacrifice of Ireland's sons (cheers) It may be asked what will be done with those who would sow dissension amongst you. I would recommend you to take some island in your beautiful Lough Swilly, to prepare a comfortable hermitage there, to equip the hermitage with plenty of bread and water, and to give that as the portion of those who would sow dissension amongst you (laughter, and applause). Australia will pray that every success may attend the champions of Ireland's faith and of Ireland's freedom. In the same way you will pray that those blessings of faith and the true love of country may be the heritage of the sons of Ireland in Australia. You may rest assured that wherever the scattered Gaels may be found in Canada, in the United States, in Australia, from them one united prayer shall ascend day by day, and that prayer shall be that every grievance under which Ireland suffers may be redressed, and that Ireland's sons. Ireland's Bishops, and Ireland's priests may remain united in one invincible phalanx until Ireland becomes, as she is destined to be, the most beautiful island of the ocean, and the happiest and the hollest island of the Western world." (Loud cheere).

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