The Family.

The Dropped Stitches.

BY MRS. M. E. M. SANGSTER.

Sitting alone in the corner,
In her own old easy chair,
With the firelight softly falling
On her beautiful gray hair,
She's knitting away at a stocking,
Rounding the heel to-night;
And nobody knits like mother,
Though age is dimming her sight.

Glancing like silver, the needles
Backward and forward go,
And the rings on her thin white fingers
Are flashing to and fro.
There's the golden band that has never
Been off since her wedding day,
And the hoop encrusted with diamonds,
From Tom, when he went away—

Away at the beck of fortune,
To the far off China seas,
While his mother compassed his out-bound ship
Day and night on her knees,
Pleading that the wind and weather
For Tom might ever be fair,
And that never the boy might wonder
Out of reach of his mother's prayer.

This blue-mixed sock—it reminds her
Of some she sent to the camp,
For Willie to wear, poor soldier-boy,
To keep his feet from the damp,
And Willie, he never wore them,
His tired feet were still—
Oh! so still in a narrow grave
On the side of a Southern hill.

It's wonderful she remembers
The first little sock she knit,
A wee thing, white and dainty,
Marveling, 'would it fit?'
Tucking it up in her basket,
As if half it were a sin,
And fearing lest careless eyes should see
The dreams she was knitting in.

Dear little baby Alice!
Never was babe so sweet.
Alice's own are all very well,
But ah! those dimpled feet
That she fondled and kissed so often,
That she taught to walk alone—
They are walking life's long pathway,
They are hurt by many a stone.

Knitting alone is the mother.
And the firelight softly falls
On the pleasant room of the household,
On the beautiful pictured walls;
But I think when the lamp of evening
Scatter the shadows there,
They gleam over nothing half so sweet
As the mother's silver hair.

And oh! she has dropped her stitches;
To be sure, it is not strange,
Since she herself has been far away
Beyond this world of change;
Away for a half hour's vision,
To the realms of the brave and leal,
Where the love of the past are together,
In the land of endless weal.

'My Peace I give unto You.'

'I wish they had come with this entertainment some other night than the evening of the weekly prayer meeting, don't you, Ruth?'

'Well, yes; I don't know but I do Lucy; but it will make no difference with me.'

The voice of the young girl was very low, only a broken whisper.

'Why, Ruth, are you not going to the concert, to the hall? The performance will be splendid, and everybody will go.'

'Oh, no, not everybody,' was the quiet reply of the weary child. Mr. Goodwin, the minister, will not be there; nor Deacon Fourley, nor—'

'And that will be all,' the elder sister answered, quickly.

'All, excepting yourself, the minister, and one deacon, and my little sister of twelve.'

'No not all. Jesus will be there,' was softly said. 'For he says, 'That where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.,'

'I like to go to the prayer meeting as well as any one, and always do whenever convenient, Lucy remarked, a little troubled. 'Our prayer meetings are getting very dull of late, and to-night, I am sure, it will be no desirable place to go to.'

'Oh! Lucy!'

And then a little trembling voice added,

'If we go to please Jesus, the meeting will never seem dull, if we only the few—two or three—are there. And he remembers it, too, just the same as if it was a cup of cold water given to one he loves. Don't you love Jesus, Lucy, darling Lucy? I know he loves you, as one of his little ones. And when you stood there, last summer, with many others, to be baptized, giving yourself to him with a willing consecration, I know his own dear hand was laid upon your bowed head with a blessing. And oh, how I wished that I could be a Christian too; but it does not seem as if I was. But it is so dark, and I am so blind and weak; and God is so good, so kind, and patient, and forbearing and long suffering; and I am so unmindful and forgetful. But I wish I could be spiritual, be like Christ.

And the child's yearning words revealed the aching longings of a heart that thirsted for the living waters, for a divine nearness to the Saviour, to be made meet for the mercy of God for a service and a life work.

Why did not the elder sister go down to her in the deep waters, and help to lead her forth from the solemn darkness into the narrow way, into the loving light, into the path of life?'

And each one went her way; the one to the concert, the other to the lecture room.

Lucy came home that night tired and bewildered. An hour had Ruth been at home waiting, and thinking dear blessed thoughts.

'And so, I guess you did not have much of a prayer meeting, did you?'

The sister said this in a tone that intimated that it was perfectly right for her to go the way she did.

'For everybody was at the hall—Deacon Brown, and Doctor Root—and—Mrs. Deacon Smith, and her daughter that plays on the melodian, you know,—and so you did not have any singing, I suppose. How dull and tiresome.'

And as she gazed in Ruth's face you could see her start back with an awakened startled look.

Surely some angel had breathed upon it, as it passed on by, there was such a sweet, peaceful, holy light there. And Lucy was saddened and troubled, and said, half to herself,

'And Jesus *was* there.'

'Oh, yes, dear Lucy, Jesus was there.' And low like a remembered music strain was that young, yearning voice. 'And I will tell you, darling sister—you know after the hymn and the prayer, the minister always reads from the Bible. And to night he read the sixth chapter of the gospel of St. John. In the seventeenth verse it says; 'It was now dark, and Jesus had not come to them.' And I thought how long it had seemed to me. It has been dark and lone and weary with this helpless waiting. And then he read the fourteenth chapter. It commences, you know: 'Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.' And then it reads in the twenty-seventh verse: 'My peace I give unto you.' And it seemed, too, as if he looked around on the vacant seats where this one and that one usually sat, sad and grieved and sorrowing. And then, and there it was as if he lifted up his wounded hands over the few that were gathered there, and said, softly, mournfully: 'My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.' How real and sacred, and blessed it all was. And that poor, forsaken boy, Mattie Mills, knelt down and prayed. It was a faltering, broken prayer, to be sure, like a low wail of want, and of tears and of thanksgiving. And I know the Savior waited to hear; and I know there was joy in heaven among the angels of God. And I do believe that Jesus come on purpose to speak these words to-night, to him and me: 'My peace I give unto you.' How kind and condescending, and forgiving, and yet I know it is.'

With a strange wonder Lucy said:

'But Mattie Mills never goes to prayermeeting or to church. He is poor, and ignorant, and friendless, and—'

'Just like a lost lamb that Christ came to seek and to find,' Ruth answered humbly and hopefully. 'And don't you know, Lucy, that the superintendent of the Sabbath school wishes us to bring in as many scholars into the school as we could. And so I asked Mattie to go. It was long before I could persuade him.

''He could not be like the others,' he said; 'no one cared for him, he was cast out and forsaken, forgotten.'

'And so I used to lend him the papers and the books to read. And when he gave them back, he would thank me in such a painfully sad and despairing way—with such a wistful tremor in his desolate words, that I could not help but go away and cry and pray, pray that Jesus would care for him, would comfort him, would be his friend; and he might lean his wearied life and tired heart, so crushed with pain, upon his mercy, upon his love forever. And to-night he said he had been wandering along in the darkness. He stood on the banks of the cold surging river. Oh, how he wished to lie down in its solemn depths to die. But he dare not. He remembered the words he had read, and dare not. The light from the lecture room trembled in among the silent shadows, along the hushed and broken pathway. He stole into the half-deserted apartment, as one alone and uncared for. The minister was reading this as he came in:

''It was now dark, and Jesus had not come unto them.'

''And he never will,' was the mournful cry the poor boy crushed back to his heavy laden heart. He gave it all up, with that strange and sacred submission of soul that is conscious only of its own helplessness. And then the minister came to these words:

''My peace I give unto you.'

''And he heard a voice, and I heard it too—as it seemed, so solemn and low with tenderness and love:

''My peace I give unto you.'

'Oh, it was blessed, blessed!'

Dear Sabbath-school children, are there not many just such left and forgotten ones as Mattie Mills, to whose weary lips you can lift the cup of cold water, to whose suffering heart you can bring the helpfulness of little kindnesses—for Christ's sake, that he will remember and bless?

'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'—*S. S. Times.*

Poisoned Fun.

Young readers you know there are poisoned drinks for sale at saloons in abundance, and foolish persons, old and young to buy them, and poisoned candies, too. But did you ever notice that a great deal of the fun we see is also poisoned? I have seen four kinds of poison in it.

1. *Falsehood.* The talk of many fun-makers is very highly seasoned with this. They seem to think the more false the more funny. Some of it they call jesting or joking; or they tell you they said it 'only in fun.' Nevertheless, it is really falsehood, and as such it is poison. The destroyer, Satan, has used it to injure men ever since he deceived our mother Eve in the garden of Eden. I do not think that you can find a single person that uses it, or is fond of the fun it makes, whose soul is in good health. This poison is injuring all such persons, and to many of them it will soon prove fatal. You know what the good book says of all liars.'

2. *Obscenity.* This is a filthy poison, and I do not like to say much about it; but I know that, vile as it is, many mix it with their fun, and so poison themselves and others by it. Beware of it!

3. *Profanity.* Quoting Bible expressions in a trifling sneering way, or using uncommon forms of swearing or cursing, or ridiculing religious people or their practices, seems very funny to many persons, both old and young. When they want to make fun they put in some such profanity to season it.

4. *Cruelty.* One boy knocks off another's hat, and runs away with it, or spatters his clothes. One girl snatches another's pencil or comb, and hides it; or one vexes another about a poor dress, or an old bonnet, or about some awkward action or mistake in speaking; or one laughs at another about some friend: in these and many other ways, some persons take pleasure in injuring or vexing others. They delight in making others feel bad. They make their fun almost wholly of such cruelties. But it is dreadfully poisoned fun. It makes those that love it like the enemy whose delight it is to do evil.

Now I like *good* fun, and like to have other people, especially the young, enjoy it, and plenty of it; but *poisoned* fun—young readers, what do *you* think about it? Is it best to make it? If we eat poison it commonly harms only the body; but can we take of these poisons without harming the precious soul?

Then when you make fun do not mix any of these things with it; and, when you seek to have fun made by others, go where they do not mix poison with it.—*Child at Home.*

Diptheria.

The Editor of the Sacramento *Bee* gives the following as a cure for diptheria:

Perhaps the best preventive and cure, one which we have seen tried a hundred times, and which did not fail once, is the following: When the throat or tonsils begin to swell, gargle with strong alum water, and keep gargling every two or three hours, until the throat assumes its natural color and proportions. Mothers must hold their children's tongues down with a spoon or fork handle, and swab the throat with a rag dipped in the alum water. If the throat becomes much swollen before the disease is noticed, keep a wet towel around it, and that will materially assist in cooling down. The alum water and wet towel are all that is needed, so long as the throat remains red, but when it becomes white, then is the danger, and other remedies must be used.

Children who have diptheria should have their throats examined often, and whenever the white spots begin to appear, pulverized alum and borax, in equal proportions should be put into the throat, either by throwing it from finger and thumb, or by taking a piece of pine stick, chewing the end well, and touching the spots; or a piece of wet rag on the stick would answer every purpose. Let the spots be touched with this powder every two or three hours, and give the child a teaspoonful every two hours or so, of the following mixture: A teaspoonful of burned alum, a teaspoonful of borax, both pulverized; a teaspoonful of gunpowder and a teacupful of honey or syrup. This remedy we have never known to fail. Parents who loose their children by diptheria have themselves mainly to blame. Attention at the proper time, and the use of this remedy, will save them."

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Temperance.

Wine Drinking.

Where do we stand in relation to the temperance question? The press cannot remain neutral. Its voice and its influence must and will be heard and felt.

A period of forty years have elapsed since the organization of the first societies, the members of which were required to sign a pledge of abstinence. An immense revolution in public sentiment has been effected in that brief space of time, and incalculable good has been accomplished in correcting the habits of the people.

Thousands of inebriates have been lifted out of the gutter, and restored to their families clothed and in their right minds. And at the present period more than ever before, the reformation is marching onward. The future is full of promise, and the hearts of temperance men are growing strong. Cheering news comes from all sections; east, west, south and north, that total abstinence and prohibition are constantly gaining ground.

And yet one of our city cotemporaries, an old and influential journal, assumes that the temperance reformation has been a failure; that men still drink, will drink and must drink, because God has given them an appetite for stimulating beverages. It thinks that none but the *extremists* would hold on to the idea of total abstinence. It gravely advises that distilled spirits shall be abandoned and the people shall betake themselves to California wines. Whisky stupefies and besots, while the wine is sparkling and promotive of wit and jolly humor. It then repeats what well informed persons know to be false, the oft told tale of the universal wine drinking and entire freedom from intoxication in southern Europe.

Travelers again and again, within the past few years, have stated that more intoxication is to be seen in the wine producing regions of Europe, than in any other portion of the world. Men women and children stagger along the highways, and are to be seen reeling about the farms and shops of the laboring people. In portions of Germany where wine is drunk like water, it is no unusual thing for field hands to be drawn home in carts at night, too much intoxicated to stand or walk. Drunkenness is so prevalent and fashionable that the most disgusting case of debauch does not excite either attention or remark.

California wines are not to be used with impunity. They possess the properties that intoxicate, and will never be used freely without their producing sad results. The fallacy of drinking wine to render the people sober, has been already exploded. Few intelligent people ever believed such stuff A moderate degree of stimulus never gives satisfaction. A moderate quantity of alcohol never destroys the craving for more.

There are a few competent and reliable business men in California, who have fully experimented, and have become convinced of the folly of the attempt to drink wine freely and remain temperate. Vineyards have been planted, wine has been produced, and families and employees have used the sparkling beverage till moral and financial ruin have seemed to be inevitable.—Proprietors, to save themselves and their families, have in some instances abandoned the business. No drunkard *can* or will reform, who attempts to abstain from brandy and yet continues to drink wine. A single glass of the latter will arouse the fiery demon and his thirst must and will demand the strongest stimulant. To drink moderately is an utter impossibility, after the appetite for alcoholic drinks has become once created.

Those who attempt to compromise the matter, by avoiding what are called the exigencies, are enemies of the temperance reformation. In that class will be found a very large portion of liquor dealers. They always recommend *moderation*. The bar keeper with toddy stick in hand, will deliver temperance lectures, that are as pertinent and forcible, as is the *Alta's* dissertation in favor of wine drinking. When a leading newspaper ceases to be the conservitor of good morals, the public should give it such a rebuke as will not go unheeded.—*California Advocate*

Drunkenness as a Disease.

Dr. Bacon read a paper on this subject at the last meeting of the Cambridge University Medical Society. He noticed the prevalence of the evil in northern climates, and classified drunkards as the casual, the chronic, and those in whom the tendency to excessive indulgence was purely mental disease—a form of insanity called dipsomania. The chronic drunkards he described as the most intractable—women preponderating over men—as generally of the class above want, and often clever and agreeable persons, though full of deceit, and capable of any stratagem to gratify their appetite for drink. The vice of the disease is often transmitted. He quoted Dr. Howe as showing that, in the State of Massachusetts, of three hundred idiots as many as one hundred and forty-five were the offspring of intemperate parents. Dr. Bacon advocated the establishment of sanitaria for the treatment of inveterate drunkards. It is amazing that such institutions are so rare, and that we are as yet without legal sanction for treating chronic or inveterate drunkenness as a case of insanity or irresponsibility. Many a good life and character would be saved if the law would give this power to friands, subject to medical certification The very fear of being sent to such an institution would operate powerfully in some cases. The study of drunkenness as a disease is still imperfect, and would well repay more special attention than it has yet received.—*London Lancet.*

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