

### Children's Department.

TRUE GENTLEMANLINESS.

"O Harry, do wait a little! I'm so tired!"

"Pshaw! you are always tired now-day's" said Harry Long impatiently; "I wish you were like Jenny Dent; she's the kind of a girl I like—no whining or fretting about her."

Edith's pale face flushed, and picking up her bag of books, she started again, saying wistfully, "I suppose I am a trouble to such a bright, healthy fellow as you, Harry. How I wish we had a little pony wagon, so you could drive me to school!"

Her gentle answer made her brother ashamed of his words. "Here, give me your bag Edie," he said more kindly. "If you are not as strong as Jenny, you're a deal better natured. I heard her scold Tom and Bob awfully yesterday."

But though Edith bore the unkind words so sweetly, they made a deep impression upon her. "I mustn't complain," she said to herself, "no matter if I do get tired, or Harry will grow tired of me, and I want him to love me dearly." So day after day she walked the mile to school and back, never asking to rest or in any way complaining, Harry never thinking she was tired, would walk fast, run races, or go home by a round about way. One morning Edith had started on before her brother, that she might walk more slowly; and Harry, as he ran down the lane, heard the servant calling.

"What is it?" he cried.

"Come back and get Edith's rubbers and umbrella; it's going to rain."

"Nonsense! It won't rain. Besides she's not made of salt," said Harry to himself, as he ran on. He caught up to Edith, and the two heard each other's lessons, as they walked on, Harry never once thinking of the rain. But they had hardly started for home when a storm came on, and the two were both thoroughly wet before they reached the house.

"I say, Edie, get in the back way if you can, for mother sent Bridget after me with your umbrella and rubbers, and I didn't go back for them. If she sees you so wet, I'll be punished."

Edith, always ready to shield her brother, went quickly up to her room, changed her clothing hurriedly, not taking the precaution to rub herself, and went downstairs chilled and tired. Harry was a little anxious, but never had Edith's cheeks been so red or her eyes so bright.

"I am so glad you didn't take cold!" he whispered; and Edith did not tell him her throat was sore and her head aching. But by midnight the poor girl was so ill that her father went in haste for the doctor, and for days she lay almost unconscious.

"The wetting finished the business," said the doctor, "but the girl has been going beyond her strength for some time." Harry heard his words, and thought with shame and dismay of his carelessness.

"I teased her again and again about her tired ways, and she has kept up; and may be she'll die."

But Edith grew slowly better, and after she was out of danger Harry had to go back to school. Jenny Dent



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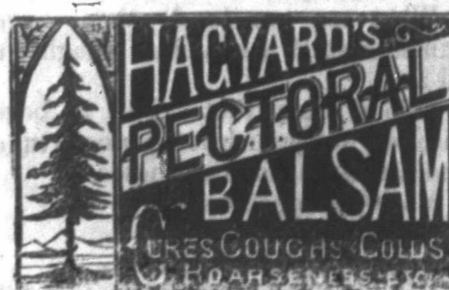
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