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ed, and beloved. The Rev. W. E. Pryke, vicar of Ottery St. Mary, said all that Mr. Moore had done in that parish no one on earth would ever know, but every one would know and acknowledge that he had done something for them individually. The influence he had exerted among the young men with whom he had played cricket and football would be felt long after he had departed. Mr. Moore returned thanks for the kindness he had

Children's Department.

THE OLD STONE BASIN.

In the heart of the busy city, In the scorching noontide heat, A sound of bubbling water Falls on the din of the street.

It falls in an old stone basin, And over the cool, wet brink The heads of the thirsty horses Each moment are stretched to drink

And peeping between the crowding heads,

As the horses come and go, The "Gift of Three Little Sisters" Is read on the stone below.

Ah! beasts are not taught letters; They know no alphabet: And never a horse in all these years Has read the words; and yet

I think that each thirsty creature Who stops to drink by the way, His thanks, in his own dumb fashion, To the sisters small must pay.

Years have gone by since busy hands Wrought at the basin's stone-The kindly little sisters Are all to women grown.

I do not know their home or fate, Or the names they bear to men, But the sweetness of that precious

Is just as fresh as then.

And all life long, and after life, They must the happier be For the cup of water poured by them When they were children three. -Susan Coolidge.

THE SECRET THAT WOULD NOT KEÈP.

"School begins to-morrow," said a little maid, who danced along by the side of her grown-up cousin Marian, as she walked in the garden.

"So I have heard. Vacation days are all over at last. Are you sorry?" "No"

"Glad, then?"

"No."

"Neither one nor the other! That is surprising."

"I don't care either way," laughed the small girl.

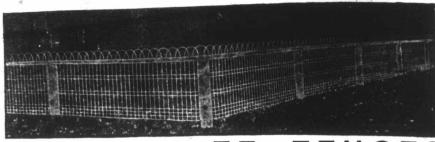
"Do you like study?"

"I-don't study. Much."

"Why, how can you get along at school without study?"

"Oh," still with the laugh, "I don't get along. Nobody expects me to get along. I have the most miserable reports."

"What a sorry story for a bright little girl like you. What can be the matter?" asked Cousin Marian.



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so I get marked away down in those. And the spelling letters get all mixed up. And deportment-oh, that's the worst of all," confessed Margery.

and run out of your head?"

"I suppose so. Mother calls me scatterbrain, and Papa calls me addlepate, and Jack calls me muddlehead."

"But what can a little girl do to get such dreadful names as those?"

"Oh, I laugh in school and make the other girls laugh, and spill my ink; and I don't study, and-lots of things."

"Well, I'm sorry. How Mother must feel about it."

"She doesn't mind."

"Are you sure of that?"

"Yes. Jack and Emmy do the studying. Nobody expects me to be good at school." "But why not you as well as they?"

"Oh, you see, it's their way. They always do it. Their per cents. are al-

ways 'way up." "But why shouldn't you do it, too?"

"Why, it isn't my way."

"And why is it not?" "Oh," Margery stoope to pick a pansy and kissed its face, "because."

"See here, little girl," Cousin Marian began, soberly, "I think it a great pity that you should go on so. Why do you?"

"That's the way I always have."

"But why don't you brace right up and do the other way? Think what a delightful surprise it would be. How glad Mother would be, and Father, and your teacher."

Margery stopped short in her capering walk.

"Don't you think it would be worth trying, dear?" asked Cousin Marian.

"Cousin Marian!" Margery looked grave with the weight of a new idea; "I might do it, and have it for a se-

"Exactly."

"All the figures go out of my head, | hands and ran away to look for her

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"Well, we must all agree that it was a very lovely secret, but how long do you suppose it kept? Before the first "Does 'deportment' get mixed up week in school was over, Miss Ward. the teacher, began to look with surprise at the desk in which a small wiggle had always kept up, extending to the desks around it. Before the second week was over, she had learned to expect an earnest little face in class, and to listen for answers which would call for per cents. "'way up."

> At the end of the month "deportment" also was "way up." When Mother read the report she opened her eves in delighted surprise, and clasped a dear little girl in her arms. And long before the year was half over everybody had forgotten that such names as "scatterbrain," "addlepate," and "muddlehead" had ever been used in the family.

> Other dear little scatterbrains might try Margery's secret. They would find it a good one even though it might not "keep."

-Sydney Dayre.

LUCILLE'S "BOTHER."

It was Saturday afternoon. Lucille sat curled up in the hammock on the long, shady veranda, mending some stockings. Down on the grass lay Tommy Bill, and Lucille was frowning and all criss-cross on account of Tommy Bill.

It was hard enough having a little bother of a brother to tag you everywhere you went, and tease for all your books and toys; but that one should have to stay at home all this beautiful autumn day, just to take care of a runaway rogue like Tommy Bill—it was dreadful, Lucille thought.

All the week the girls had planned their Saturday outing at school. Mr. Penrose, the rector, lived in the big white house next to the river, and he had promised the girls of the Bible "Be just as good as Emmy and Class a trip in his launch, the "Min-Jack and not tell a soul. I'm going nehaha," if they would gather waterto!" The little madcap clapped her lilies enough to decorate the altar

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