

Florence was a perfect little girl. Oh, no! She had her faults, and among them was a hasty temper, that sometimes made her do and say things that she was sorry for afterwards. But she knew that this was something that she must strive against, and she tried very hard not to let her temper get the better of her.

Florence had heard that one good thing to do on your birthday is to make good resolutions. She asked one day what "resolution" meant, and her mamma said it was a promise made to yourself.

On her tenth birthday Florence slipped out into the garden, and there she made her birthday resolution. What do you suppose it was? Why, it was simply this: That, with Jesus' help, she would try to keep her temper better than ever before.

I think that was a good resolution to make, and I am sure that the Saviour helped Florence to carry out that promise which she made to herself, because she did not trust to her own strength, but looked to Him for help. There is no one who can help us to keep the good resolutions we make so well as Jesus our Saviour.

BOYS WHO SUCCEED.

Thirty years ago Mr. H—, a nursery man in New York State, left home for a day or two. It was rainy weather, and not a season for sales, but a customer arrived from a distance, tied up his horse and went into the kitchen of a farm house, where two lads were cracking nuts.

"Is Mr. H— at home?"

"No, sir," said the eldest, Joe, hammering at a nut.

"When will he be back?"

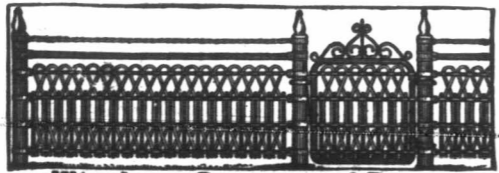
"Dunno, sir. Mebbe not for a week."

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The other boy, Jim, jumped up and followed the man out. "The men are not here, but I can show you the stock," he said, with such a bright, courteous manner that the stranger, who was a little irritated, stopped and followed him through the nursery, examining the trees and left his order.

"You have sold the largest bill that I have had this season, Jim," his father, greatly pleased, said to him on his return.

"I'm sure," said Joe, "I'm as willing to help as Jim, if I'd thought in time."

A few years afterward these two boys were left by their father's failure and death with \$200 or \$300 each. Joe bought an acre or two near home. He has worked hard, but is still a poor, discontented man. Jim bought an emigrant's ticket to Colorado, hired as a cattle driver for a couple of years, and with his wages bought land at forty cents an acre, built himself a house, and married. His herds of cattle are numbered by the thousands, his land has been cut up for town lots, and he is ranked as one of the wealthiest men in the State.

"I might have done like Jim," his brother said lately, "if I'd thought in time. There's as good stuff in me as in him."

"There's as good stuff in that loaf of bread as in any I ever made," said his wife, "but nobody can eat it. There's not enough yeast in it." The retort, though disagreeable, was truth. The quick, wide-awake energy which acts as leaven in a character is partly natural. But it can be inculcated by parents and acquired by a boy if he chooses to keep his eyes open and act promptly and boldly in every emergency.

FASHION'S FESTIVAL.

THE HORSE SHOW AT THE ARMOURIES THIS WEEK.

The Canadian Horse Show, the great fashionable event of the spring time, will be drawing large throngs to the Toronto Armouries on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The reduced rates on the railways and the excellence of the show attract large numbers from outside places. The show will be opened on Thursday afternoon by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. On Friday morning His Excellency the Governor General arrives and will be a constant attendant in the ring, as Lord Minto thoroughly loves a good horse. Saturday morning is specially dedicated to the school children, and in addition to the regular events there will be an exhibition of trained dogs, monkeys, and birds, by Professor Sam wells and Miss Millie Gracey of New York.

MR. HARKER'S PEAS.

"Father, I don't like to go to school," said Harry Williams one morning. "I wish you would always let me stay at home. Charlie Harker's father don't make him go to school."

Mr. Williams took the little boy by the hand and said kindly to him: "Come, my son, I want to show you something in the garden."

Harry walked into the garden with his father, who led him along until they came to a bed in which peas were growing, the stems supported by thin branches which had

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been placed in the ground. Not a weed was to be seen about their roots, nor even disfiguring the walk around the bed.

"See how beautiful these peas are growing, my son. We shall have an abundant crop. Now let me show you the peas in Mr. Harker's garden. We can look at them through a great hole in the fence."

Mr. Williams then led Harry through the garden gate and across the road to look at Mr. Harker's peas. After looking into the garden for a few minutes, Mr. Williams said: "Well, my son, what do you think of Mr. Harker's peas?"

"Oh, father, I never saw such poor-looking peas in my life! There are no sticks for them to run upon, and the weeds are nearly as high as the peas themselves."

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