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doctor without delay.' Elsie promised, and her father kissed her, adding, gently, "My darling sometimes puts things off, but she will try to be on time while I'm away, I'm sure.'

She returned the kiss, but felt a little hurt; she did not like to be corrected, however kindly. Still she thought over her father's words, and was too honest not to own their truth. "I wonder if am such a put off," she meditated. " Let me see if I did it today. Yes; I was late for breakfast because I did hate to get up, I was so sleepy. That was because I sat up so late last night, I suppose papa would say; but then I had to mend Frank's jacket. Well—I suppose—I might have done it in the day, but ... It seems to me I am going all the way back, and don't get on with to-day! Papa wasn't pleased with my being late, and I had no time to cover Berta's new book-well-perhaps I ought not to have left it until morning, but-oh, what a bad, miserable girl I am!"

Elsie had a little cry just here, and then went on with her review of the day, and found plenty to be sorry for. She knew where to take her faults and troubles, and she knelt by her bedside and earnestly prayed for forgiveness and help, and as she rose from her knees her duty seemed clearer to her.

"Without delay," she said; "I will try to make those words my motto.' Elsie was up early next morning, and did all her duties so punctually that the wheels of the house ran smoothly. In the afternoon Berta came home from school feeling cold and tired, and looking very drooping; she ate no dinner, and headache and fever came on toward night. Elsie put her to bed and sat beside her; she was very tender with her little sister, but, unused to illness, felt no fear, and did not think of the doctor, until Berta murmured in her restless sleep the words of the Collect: "' Without delay-without delay.' '' Like a flash came into Elsie's mind her father's words, "Send for the doctor without delay," and she ran downstairs and despatched Frank for him.

Happily, the doctor was at home and came immediately. He looked very grave, but said little more than "I am glad you sent for me at once."

The few days that followed seemed ages to Elsie; she wrote to her father, and he replied that he would return at once if Berta grew worse. She did not, but she was very ill, and required round not get them.

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