baby grave, under the Nan's very numerous day-dreams, spirit. And this was the reason. there was none more dear to her than the thought of the little sister, with whom she would have shared her lessons and grievances, her guinea-pigs, and hor garden. This little sister was to have been a very beautiful placid child, with long, curling. flaxen hair (Nan's own was brown and straight), and a faultless temper (hers was short). Next after her the person that most occupied "Ah! Herbert," she said on look-her mind was her cousin Molly, who ing up, "I was just coming to find was much about the age of the little you. These letters are from Hugh sister, and whose picture as a nice fat oaby was one of Nan's greatest ed to Vienna." treasures; but Molly's parents were, "Capitai," said the rector, who living in Germany, and the children was easily pleased. had never met since they were tiny things, which as Nan remarked," was just worse than nothing."

hung all about the windows in sumis essentially a home, and which is with its irrogular outline of shall have to give them an answer chimneys and gables it was pictur-, pretty quickly."

esque enough.

Generations of children had laughd and cried in the pleasant old rooms; had romped about the passages, and set up independent the "Cook and the Captive," or housekeeping in the big cupboards before Nancy's parents came to band from T. Whittaker, Publisher, settle there, with what sense of per-Bible House, New York. Cloth, 246 manent ownership which such a pp.; \$1.25. place is too apt to engender in its inmates.

with thorn trees (in which the same birds built with the utmost regularity year after year), sloped away to a little river, on whose gravelly bottom gudgeon lay snugly on sunny April days and in whose shelving banks all kinds of engineering projects might be attempted.

The garden boasted of few borders or "bedding plants," but went straying hither and thither, in a desultory fashion, with tangled shrubberies, edged by rows of tall old-fashioned flowers, and little patches of turf in unexpected places. It was not very easy to say where the grounds ended and the heath began, for the sunk fence which separted them was not visible from the windows, and through the accasias and laburnums one caught glimpses of the red and white stems of pines and birches beyond.

The glorious August days, with the delights of harvest and rabbitshooting, followed by the long hot nights when the doors and windows are all open, and yet one has to sit out in the garden, had slipped away, and Nan's face was growing very long when September came, and she apples were ripe in the orchard the Address "A," care Church Guardian, boys would have begun their school P. O. Box, 501, Montreal. lite, a fact which they deplored less than she did! But just at this time something happened to dispel the gloom which seemed to surround her,

Nancy was the only girl, though receive their last commands as to she had once a little sister, whose certain precious possessions in the fir-tree shape of tin boxes of fishing tackle, in the churchyard, was still kept and caterpillars at a critical stage of bright with flowers. And of all their existence, in a fairly cheerful

> Shortly before the boys' departure, the rector coming into the dining. room one morning found his wife with a pile of new shirts waiting to be marked beside her, while she was poring over an open letter, which she had saved from breakfast time to read quietly, when the children were saying good-bye to various village folk.

and Alice. Hugh has been appoint-

"Yes, it's a good thing for himbut it means breaking up their home at Schwarzburg; and they are bother The rectory was a cosy old red- ed about Molly. There are good house covered with creepers, which reasons against taking her with them just now, and the fact is they wonder mer time—the kind of house which if we could have the child for a bit over the winter at any rate. Alice loved more for its associations than writes very nicely about it all, and for any architectural merit, though they are moving so soon that we

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