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PURPLE VIOLETS.

Violets in purple mourning.

Bloomed as flakes of driven snow,
Calvary's rugged path adorning.
Ere the Saviour knew its woe.

When the Virgin Mother, holy,
In her bitter anguish passed,
O'er the blossoms, white and lowly,
Was her sacred shadow cast:

And the agony of sorrow
Falling like a purple pall,
Unforgotten with the morrow,
Still doth linger over all.

Purple violets! remind us,
Oh, reproach us with His pain;
Lest the fleeting days should find us,
Crucifying Him again!
—Alma Frances McCollum.

WHAT I SAW THE TOAD DO.

All my life from childhood to age has been favoured with the pleasure of a garden's work and play. The living creatures were for us to pet, to love, but not to treat with wanton cruelty. Among others the toad was a favourite study. In the terribly destructive days of the canker-worms, I used to watch one big old toad, and could never see him get beyond swallowing a hundred worms, before he gave up his task.

Our garden was very full of toads; and I always picked up in the street the tiny little ones, which were liable to be trodden on, and put them in a safe place.

One day, when I came home from church, as dinner was not quite ready, I went into the garden, and under one of the cherry trees I saw a very odd-looking toad.

His coat was so dull, dusty, and shabby, I wondered what ailed him. Suddenly and instantly his skin cracked open from the tip of his head to the hindermost end of his body, in a straight line down the middle of his back, drawing itself away on each side, leaving the whole breadth clear. A bright, clean, beautiful, new skin met my view. It was sprinkled with sparkling drops like dew and finely mottled.

"Oh," I cried, "now I can get a toad's skin! How glad I am!"

I watched him eagerly. He began to undress on his left side. With his hind claw he pulled down and off the sleeve of his coat in a very careful way. Then he rested a little while.

Next he pulled off the sleeve of his right side, with the same careful motions and rested again. After a few minutes he resumed operations on his left side, and pushed down and off the leg of his

trousers, keeping all the skin carefully rolled together. Then he took another rest.

"Oh," I exclaimed eagerly, "now I will get his skin in a moment." I bent down in order to seize it at once.

Alas for my fond expectations! The toad drew off his skin; but, as he did so, he carefully rolled the whole into a little ball, which he instantly swallowed.

He winked his bright eyes at me, as much as to say, "you did not do it that time!"

I soon turned away and left him in his beautiful new garments, and went sorrowfully into the house.

That was more than fifty years ago, and with all my watching I have never again seen a toad shed his skin.

THE CHARITY THAT DOES NOT TELL.

There is a great deal of charity abroad in the world, but the charity that causes one not to tell of the sad and unfortunate happenings within one's own experience is about as sweet and helpful a charity as God has put into human hearts. The charity that keeps silent when one's friends are overtaken in a fault; the charity that causes one not to repeat gossip; the charity that causes boys and girls not to become tattlers; the charity that "suffereth long and is kind;"—if there were more of such charity as this in the world sin would be decreased. There is a very broad and beautiful charity that boys and girls, as well as older people, should cultivate, and that is the charity of forgiving those who are always getting into trouble through their own blunders.

I know of a boy who, not long ago, came to grief through his own stupid blundering. A good many of the other boys who knew him said:

"It is good enough for him. Maybe he will learn to be more careful next time. He is forever making some sort of a blunder. I don't feel a bit sorry for him."

But there was one boy who said

"It is too bad. I don't suppose Will can very well help making so many blunders. Some people are always making mistakes. I'm ever so sorry for him, and I'm going around to tell him so."

Now this boy had true charity in his heart and the spirit of criticism was not in him. Perhaps he recalled some of the mistakes of his own life and his sense of injustice when he was condemned for them.

A boy of about eighteen years was caught by his employer not long ago pilfering a money drawer. His conduct had been above reproach up to that time. He gave a cry of dismay when he knew that he had been caught, and, covering his face with his hands, cried out:

"Oh, I don't know what made me do it! The temptation came to me suddenly, and I did not for

FRIED ONIONS

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It is a matter of history that Napoleon was a gormand, an inordinate lover of the good things of the table, and history further records that his favourite dish was fried onions; his death from cancer of stomach it is claimed also, was probably caused from his excessive indulgence of this fondness for the odorous vegetable.



The onion is undoubtedly a wholesome article of food, in fact has many medicinal qualities of value, but it would be difficult to find a more indigestible article than fried onions, and to many people they are simply poison, but the onion does not stand alone in this respect. Any article of food that is not thoroughly digested becomes a source of disease and discomfort whether it be fried onions or beef steak.

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the moment seem able to resist it. I never stole anything before. I am so sorry I did it!"

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"And you're not going to have me arrested?" asked Harry, in surprise.

"Not at all. I am going to keep it a secret from your associates in the store. No one shall know anything about it."

"And you're not going to discharge me?"

"Not at all, Harry. I might feel that I would have to do so if the offence were repeated, but—"

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