

## Children's Department.

### A Loving Mother and Her Children.

If mothers sometimes feel that they are living rather narrow lives in confining themselves to a routine of home duties while others are busy in the world's affairs, let them take heart of hope from testimony like the following, given in a little book called "Letters to Elder Daughters": "We were very, very poor," said a now wealthy business man, talking of his early life; "but it never seemed to us children that we were poor, because our mother always seemed happy with us. She was constantly planning some little pleasure for us that was all our own, and we thought we had the nicest time at home of any children we knew. It was making for us little rabbits or birds out of bread dough, or turnover pies in fruit season, or some little thing to give us pleasure and show how she thought of us continually. Then she was always encouraging us to hope for better days, and was always hopeful herself for the great things her children were going to do for her when they grew up to be good and useful men. We went to school barefooted and carried with us our dinners, often very humble fare, but it was always wrapped up in a clean white bit of cloth, so that it might look attractive; and one of the most touching recollections of my childhood is of seeing my dear mother patiently washing and ironing those bits of white cloth for our school lunches. And when that mother in after years was suddenly stricken with a fatal sickness, a special train took two of those stalwart sons with all the dispatch that money and influence could buy to that mother's bedside, to receive the parting words of love and blessing and witness her dying smile. Such a place in the hearts of her children is worth any mother's toil and care and weariness to win."

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