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to come to our May party, and Margaret was chosen for the queen, then she had to go away with her mother for a visit! Should you think, Mollie, that she'd want to go? "

"Well," replied her sister sensibly, "you see she loves her aunt, and maybe going to Boston is better than being a queen."

"Maybe," responded Harriet, doubtfully.

" And now we must choose a queen all over again," said Mollie. Just then up the lane and through the bars came hurrying another little girl, who sank down on the grass by the sis-

"I s'pose, Marietta," began Harriet, "you've heard the news-we've lost our queen. Who can we have? Just try to think who is the dearest, prettiest one know? Who has light hair, for we're sure, Marietta, a queen ought not to have black hair."

"All queens in books have long, shiny, gold hair," added Mollie.

Marietta was silent for a minute her brown eyes fixed upon the far-off mountains; then she spoke, but hesitatingly: "You asked me who was the sweetest, prettiest one I knew, with light hair. Well, girls, that's just my Grandma Parsons-it is."

Harriet's cheeks flushed pink with excitement, and she sprang to her feet, clapping her hands delightedly. "Oh, we've found a queen, she cried, "we've found her, we have! Why, white curls are a great deal prettier than yellow ones; anybody might have yellow curls, but there aren't many white curls around. We needn't look any more for a queen."

"Do you think that Grandma Parsons would be a little old?" suggested her grand-daughter.

"No!" exclaimed both the sisters together.

"S'pose she wouldn't want to, what would we do then?" mused

"Let's think she will," chirped Harriet, and the trio started straightway for Marietta's house, and Grandma Parsons. Astonished, a little frightened, was grandma when her quiet room was invaded, a few minutes after, by three excited little maids, who all tried to talk at once.

"And you want me for your queen, dearies?" she replied, putting down her knitting; "such a wrinkled old queen!"

"We do, we do!" cried the eager voice; "say yes, please, say yes!"

"After all this time!" half whispered Grandma Parsons; "why, children, nearly fifty years ago I was once a May queen; I remember, for a long, wonderful day, I wore a wreath on my head; then my hair was as yellow as cowslips, and my gown was a pink print." Something glistened in grandma's eyes, but no one noticed it, and before her little callers had left the room she had promised to be their Queen of May. Mollie's and Harriet' mother thought it was a most beautiful idea, and Marietta's mother was quite enthusiastic over the plan.

Great was the surprise of the young they trooped over the meadow, across ting in her low wicker rocking-chair, Thorn. on a gray rug, by the flower-trimmed

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pole, a quaint little figure! Who but Grandma Parsons, smiling shyly on all around? About her shoulders was a fluffy white and lavender shawl, while a wreath of violets encircled her very best lace cap.

"What a beautiful queen! what a lovely queen!" they cried, and, join ing hands, danced merrily around and round their chosen lady.

But a short time only could she stay with her subjects, this frail little queen, and soon they escorted her to the house with due honour, as befitted royalty. At the door they left her, and went back to their play.

From her window grandma watched them, and still she smiled, still she wore the wreath of violets, fading now. The warm sunshine flooded the room, and sunshine was in her heart. guests, the following Saturday, when Where, in the country round, could be found that day a happier Queen of the road from the house, to find, sit- May than Grandma Parsons?—Alix-

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#### THE PRIVILEGE OF STRUGGLE.

Overcoming brings the greatest joy that a child of God can know. But overcoming is not possible without something to overcome; and that something is offered to us with every temptation. We weary of our temptations; we long to be free from them; yet if that longing were granted now and here, we should be robbed of a privilege that nothing else could replace. Probably there are no regrets. in heaven; but if there were, can we imagine a keener regret than that of looking back at the privilege of struggle which belongs to every soul on earth along with the assurance of victory through Christ, and knowing that we were now cut off forever from the joy of resisting and conquering the powers of evil-a privilege that we had so often wasted when it was ours? God gives us only a limited lifetime of this sort of charactermaking opportunity. It is a privilege that perhaps angels do not have; but the Son of God shared it with us. Shall we not rejoice in it and use it to the uttermost while we may?—S.

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