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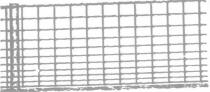
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our Nook this summer, with the repeated references to bits of home to understand. Children are so scenery, to beauty by brook and wayside, which they have contained. I have been glad to see these references, and to know that our Ingle folk do not need to go to foreign lands to find out that there are beautiful and good things in this grand old world. It is a great privilege, certainly, to travel in far distant countries, to feel, upon the crisp mountain steep, the thrill which forced the poet into song as he looked down upon the Vale of Chamounix; to watch, from the deck of the ocean steamer, the lines of phosphorescent foam run off into the darkness over the curling water, and realize the vastness and strength of the great sea; to thread the plashing waterways of Venice, Bride of the Sea, or be hushed into silent awe in the dim aisles of great cathedrals, from whose walls look down the masterpieces struck into being by wizard hands long since cold. Yet, everyone cannot go abroad to see these things, least of all, perhaps, the farmers' wives and daughters, into whose homes the "Farmer's Advocate" comes. So the pest these can do is to read the delightful descriptions of these places as written by "Mollie," "Eleanor," and others-and learn to enjoy the humbler, yet still peerlessly beautiful things right about home. Yes, I firmly believe there is as

keen a pleasure to those who have entered the secret of it, in sitting upon the old home hillside at sunset and watching the gold-green change to purple and gray as night draws on with silent footsteps; in lying full length within sound of a "hidden brook in the leafy month of June,' with the cool, soft ferns nodding in one's face, and the soft light falling from above through beneficent green branches, among whose leaves one can look up, and up, and up, seeing, as Charles G. D. Roberts has said, in this little vision, something of the wonderful perspective of the forest"; as vast a joy, if one knows how to get at the nectar of it, in watching the wave after wave of bloom pass over the prairie as the change; in letting enter one's heart the sapphire and emerald and silvern sheen flitting over the little lake of which, perhaps, none save you and your neighbors have ever heard; in following the mazes of the bush-road where the shadows lie deep and the shy sheep stand watching you, half in trepidation, half in interest at your coming; in leaning from your bedroom window to see the pink and gray steal up from the early morning horizon, or in taking a little walk out all by yourself when the "moving moon goes up the sky" full-orbed, flooding the vast levels with brightness, or tipping branch and chimney and housetop with glints and ripples of silver.

It is so easy to get into the spirit of feeling all these things too; just a little opening of one's eyes, and being thankful, and realizing what a blank and weary world this would be were any of these things lacking, the moonlight, or the glorious coloring of sky and water, or the infinite variety of vegetable life. One can imagine that a condensed food might have been created for man and beast, to be taken by the capsule. should have had no grain-fields then, nor shocks of rustling corn, nor the trouble of attending to these things. But an eternity of food for the æsthetic nature would have been lost forever. Yes, it is quite possible to

I have been much struck, in read-train ourselves to appreciate all the ing the letters which have come to beauty and mystery of it; still more is it our privilege to help the little ones with whom we come in contact easily taught to see and feel, you know, if they are taken in hand early enough. If you see a boy who, at fourteen, would rather in his heart of hearts look at a grinning clown on top of a circus wagon than wade knee-deep through wild-rose and meadow-rue beside a trout stream on the 24th of May, depend upon it there has either been something missing about that boy's training, or there is something constitutionally wrong in his make-up.

The impressibility of children was illustrated in a little incident which occurred the other day, and may be worth the telling. "It" was all coming up street together, a nondescript bunch of little dirty-faced ragamuffins, a little wagon, and a little dog attached to the wagon by a tangle of clothesline. Sometimes the urchins were to the fore, sometimes the wagon, and sometimes the dog-just a bit of a black puppy it was, with the baby tone still in its yelp. Presently one of the lads jumped on the back of the wagon, upset the puppy, and ran a wheel over its foot. The little creature immediately turned on its back, howling and wriggling with pain, and the young savages laughed. "Whoop! See 'im wiggle!'' shrieked one.

Then a lady passing by stopped. Poor little doggie, is he hurt? she said, and there was a world of compassion in her tone as she stroked the little black morsel that found time between yelps to wag his stump of a black tail. Immediately the "tone" of the group altered. One by one the ragamuffins dropped down beside the puppy, and the grinny faces became serious and sympathetic. "Say, Mike," said one presently, "Take 'im home! Better take 'im home an' give him Нарру sumpin to eat." . thought! Panacea for all ills! The next moment a small figure with an armful of black fur was making off down the street, and a stubby black tail was wagging more vociferously than ever. "No," I thought, "not savages—just thoughtless little chaps in need of a bit of guiding.' Yes, children are impressible, wonder fully so. Let them see habitually refinement and kindness in others, and the sentiment will grow in them. It is never too early to begin to lead them toward appreciation of that

which is beautiful and kind and true. I'm afraid I haven't kept to my text. When I began at Chamounix I had no idea of landing at a little black puppy on the hot granolithic pavement of a dusty city-but let it DAME DURDEN.

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