

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

NEDDY.

Hiding behind the sofa,
Playing hop-popp through the chairs,
Eating from attic to cellar,
Sliding down the stairs,

Running for lunch to the pantry,
And leaving the door ajar,
Where puss'puss shyly enter,
And make havoc near and far;

Trying on grandpa's slippers,
That hide his merry black eyes,
And with newspaper open before him,
Looking so wondrous wise,

Yet clearly we love our NEDDY,
In spite of his mischief and play;
And bow'd and dull seems the household,
When his smiling face is away,

STARTING AFRESH.

"I've come again, Aunt Sophy," said Alice Maynard, as she sauntered into the room where a grave, elderly woman, sat at her sewing.

"Mrs. May was 'Aunt Sophy' to every body in the neighborhood. Her great motherly heart held a larger parcel of young folk's confidence than any woman in town. The visitor helped herself to a chair by her kind friend's side with the air of assured welcome.

"Of course, you've come again, Alice."

"And with special request of you this time, Aunt Sophy. This is my birthday. I'm twenty years old to-day."

"Twenty years! O, how the time does go!"

"It don't seem as old as it looked four years ago. I feel just as young as ever. But life has a different aspect, after all. I don't feel so careless. I want to be, Aunt Sophy—O, I want to be a good woman—a better woman than I ever used to think of. And so I've come to talk with you about it; maybe you can say something good to help me, and I want your blessing. That would certainly give me a lift towards goodness."

"My blessing, dear child! why, you have that all the time!"

"But I want something in particular to-day; it is a solemn sort of a day to me, in spite of the presents, and the kisses, and all the good wishes. There's always any amount of advice to young people; but I don't see exactly how it is to get me prepared for the future, the solemn duties of life, as the preachers and writers are wont to say."

"Do you want I should tell you what is the very best preparation for the duties of to-morrow, near or far?"

"O yes, Aunt Sophy, do!"

"Well it is simply to do promptly and faithfully the duties of to-day. If I could inspire you with the one idea, Alice, it would be a rich blessing to your birthday."

"I thought Aunt, you would offer a great, strong prayer for me, and God would hear it, and I should be blessed."

"And so I will, dear, ask for you in earnest prayer a very great blessing. It shall be this: That you may have the disposition to be diligent, to be punctual, to be thorough in everything that belongs to you to do. And then you must yourself answer my prayer for blessing by becoming diligent and punctual through every day. A birthday is a good time to turn over a new leaf, and get a new blessing. Praying and doing, you know, must go together. God wouldn't mind much about our prayers for preparation and special blessing, if we didn't rouse ourselves up to grasp a blessing with our own hand. Praying that does not take hold of doing is either hypocritical or sentimental; neither the one nor the other makes a woman much better."

"I'm afraid my duties don't amount to much, Aunt Sophy."

"Then, my dear, I suspect it's because you don't take hold of them rightly. Let's see; you get up in the morning, of course. I wonder if it's always promptly, so nobody is hindered or tried with your tardiness? And if you go at once about the care of your room, or the breakfast, or the children, no matter what, any thing you have to do?"

"O Aunt, mother has been telling of me, I know she has!"

"No, indeed; you've been reporting yourself to me, little by little, these two years. And so, I am master of the opportunity to offer you a great blessing. I've been at your home, too, a good many times. What was that you were saying the other day about your sewing always getting behindhand, and about falling back in practising? And especially of the hooks and buttons that tore off so much, as if they were never properly sewed on? Seems to me you confessed, too, to reading more novels than anything else, and to forgetting, for lack of review, the science and the history it cost so much to learn at school. On the whole, if you were to sit to Miss Opelia for a daily picture, I'm afraid that woman would label you with her terrible 'shiftless.'"

Alice began to cry. "O, Aunt Sophy, do show a little mercy! Why, you are as bad as my mother when she gets out of patience!"

"Cry away, child; you know I mean only love by talking so. Such tears are what Mrs. Browning would call 'salt, and bitter, and good.' I'm sorry for your mother, and sorry for you, and so I deliver my blessing to you, even as the Lord sent you here to receive it."

"It's all right, I know, Aunt Sophy, and true, and I ought to thank you, I suppose. But I didn't think of being blessed in this way by confronting my faults."

"You thought I would say some loving, tender words, and pray for some spiritual blessing, and then you would feel sweet and happy, and in some mysterious, spiritual way you would be made better by it. You would go home and be very nice and kind to everybody for a little while, and you would do some things extra, that happened to please you to do; and then, when the transient impression had worn off, you would be just as before. But you may be sure that is not the way God gives a blessing. His blessing for birthdays is a new inspiration that does not die out through the year. It holds on day after day until another anniversary comes round, and then it starts afresh. His blessing is vigorous self-discipline; it is putting one's hand right into the duty—no matter what it is—that belongs to the moment, and compelling one's self to be thorough in it. His blessing is hard work for other people as well as for self. His blessing is being patient with slack and disagreeable folks, while you are prompt and well behaved yourself. A new resolution in God's strength to begin at once, and be this and do this is God's blessing on your twentieth birthday. This is what makes a woman good, better, best."

Alice was heartily crying by this time, and tears were dropping on Aunt Sophy's folded work.

"Now let's go aside, dear, and lay the case before your Father and mine."

They knelt down together, the gray haired matron tenderly clasping the youthful hand.

"Shall I ask him for this blessing, darling, this that can come only by your own earnest persistent will in every-day prayer?"

Slowly and carefully Alice replied, "Yes, Aunt Sophy, even for this; I've felt for a long time that I must turn over a new leaf, and I need—you know I am so slack and careless—all you can ask God for to keep me to the resolution. Ask him for his inspiration, his strength." It was a precious season to both; to Alice it was the golden opportunity to begin a new year, and a renewed life. This twentieth birthday has but just passed. We shall see in another twelve months what comes of a true resolve in a sacred hour.

"Again and again in our lives, 'God takes us by the hand,' and says, 'Start afresh.'"—Advocate and Guardian.

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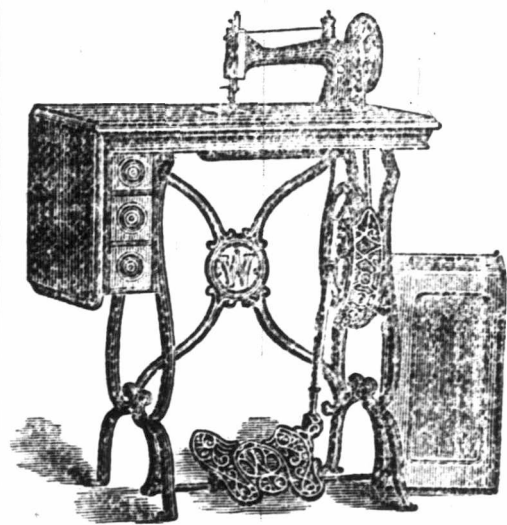
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