away. It was a drive through the entire town, from the doctor's residence in the suburbs to the station, and when

allowed her thoughts to run dreamily forward. So absorbed did she grow

been lifted and borne across the street did the cabman turn toward his vehicle

or notice that his passenger was im-prisoned. He pulled open the door then, his face white and his hand trem-

turn the horses; I couldn't help it, but
on! I'd give anything if it hadn't

he was done speaking, and following the crowd which an accident always collects

They made way for her, but as she

Why it's her little brother !" Whose brother? The pale-faced girl

even in thought, but the

seen the car and hurried across the track without seein' our team."

The splintered wagon and scattered

Ernestine dared not look at

petacoes still lay in the dusty road, mute witnesses of the brave little heart's

determination to "take care of mom

to make ready for the piteous little burden that was tenderly borne to them half an hour later. But all that night, as she shared the method's match heids

half an hour later. But all that night, as she shared the mother's watch beside the sufferer, the words she had heard kept repeating themselves in her thought, "Little brother—her own little brother." Were there then no binding ties but those of blood? How her father had loved this child, caring the him as his own and calling him.

ber father had loved this child, caring for him as his own, and calling him always "My little son!" The very accents of the dear voice came back to her in those silent hours of watching, and memory and conscience grew strangely alert. She recalled times when he had tried to interest her in his

he had always cared for her bearing even

nis loneliness when he thought she could

be happier elsewhere, but quick to en-

herself with an apology for troubling him about strangers. His reply had been swift and tender. "Could any-

been swift and tender. Could any-body be dear to my girlie without my counting her my friend, too?" That had been his loving loyalty, always, but she had not returned it in kind.

She glanced from the mother, sitting with bowed head in the dimly lighted room, to the bruised little form upon

the bed—both so loved by him, missing him so sorely now—how could she ever

have thought they were nothing to her?

"Children are queer creatures!"

ful lightening of tone after a careful examination of his patient the next morn-

ing. "Here's this young man has been knocked up in a way that would

have killed a grown person, and there's not a single broken bone discoverable

except that one in the leg, and there is no evidence yet of the internal injuries

about her in momentary be-

entered the room one who knew her face exclaimed: "Dr. Barclay's daugh-

pefallen. Let her go in.

accident.

It's a child, miss; we run over him.

a very becom rror said—and don at the last eady to begin waited for the conto the balresting on the the world she the world she der. A sturdy the corner of f yellow curls hat rim pushed ung face, and a cidedly muddy,

you are a very marked Ernes-

flashed up in aking garden,"

"I'm goin' to of things for nybody but me w; she said so. gs for her like

n with his imple the faint s ad watched him It was true that y of them since d. But for that out to make her certainly not as the daughter re-

coung and strong, upon teaching as ead no fear con-She was free to and the outlook t was, of course, relay, but Ernes-th in that direc-ed always given ays when she had the announcement had been with an are much of her passed since her

y that worthy rearclay's marrying ong for five years! onely for the poor at could really be estine hasn't beer narge of anything, been with me more But to marry a children! What binking of ? Two

Men do the

for!

her views on the

i not concern hims. He had chosen d house blossomed gain, and if in the cointment that his not become an in-hid that as he had tine acknowledged t home-which was old, partly because and partly State - but she

relationship rather not as anything in personal interest. polite and kind to made no demands and she grew accus ones' affection for earing them call him taught them. She t the new alliance; we her father happy, s family much as she life, but scarcely a

little household in usy, useful life was been but four years nd then he was take eed of theirs could Ernestine had been s. ready to assist ked, but quietly layor her own future, as arrangements here t left her wealth, he education that would vide for herself, she king her belongings, r plans so far as she at can be called tes watching her wist-ed to her now, as out of sight, that she little of what Mrs. doing, or of h children with "father

rriage wheels and the ispelled her thoughts, ned her wraps and wn stairs to find Mrs.

od by! Tommy isn't

l always feel that this ne-to come back to are here," said the testly, yet half timidly,

kfast Table te without

food, with all qualities intact, l up and maintain h, and to resist

no evidence yet of the internal injuries I feared. Give him a little time, and I think he will pull through all right."

Time was nothing. The two watchers looked at each other with tears of thankfulness in their eyes. Then, moved by a suiden impulse, the tall girl bent her head and kissed the little woman's cheek. cheek.

"I'm so glad—mother," she said.

It needed only that to set the long-

as if not quite sure of her ground. " I sh—good by, dear."
Whatever the wish was, it remained unspoken. Ernestine ran down the steps the carriage door slammed, and she was

repressed tears flowing. The tired head dropped on the girlish shoulder.

"O, Ernestine, it's all been so hard!
I've been so lonely, and I thought——,

"Yes, I know," interposed the strong, caressing young voice, "but we'll never think it any more, either of us."

"Yes, I've the strong of the str Up in her own room again—the room she had left so confidently only yester the familiar maples at the gate had faded from view, the young traveler leaned back against the cushions and day to conquer her place in the world, Ernestine unpacked her trunk, and as she shook out her dresses and hung them away, she mentally rearranged

she noticed nothing around her her plans. "I must write to Mr. Lloyd that he until she was startled by a quick shout from the driver, a sharp cry of fright or need not trouble himself about secur ing a school for me; [will use my own influence instead and secure one here pain, and sudden stopping of the horses. The cabman sprang down from his seat. and she saw people running from various directions toward them.

"What is it?" she asked, trying vainly to open the door that shut her in, in Glenvale, where I've more than once been told I could have one," she decided in her prompt, energetic fashion. I neant to make friends and help people anyway, and my opportunity seems to be very much at hand I What has happened?"
There was no answer, but she saw a think I'll choose my world nearer home, and have a real home and 'folks' in it, group of excited people in the road, those in the centre bending over some one. Not until a helpless form had

So the little invalid had two nurses who petted and spoiled him to their heart's content, and he throve and re-covered as marvelously as only a small boy can. One day, when games and stories had wearied him until he was ready to sleep, there seemed to flash upon him the suggestion that much of It wasn't my fault; he dodged into the read right in front of us to get out of the way of a street car—but I'm afraid he's awful bad hurt; I hadn't time to this attention must presently cease, and he asked :

and he asked:

"When are you going away, Ernie?"

"I m not going, dear. Sister means to stay at home with you."

The brown eyes studied her thought fully for a mo nent. "Well," he said, with a long sigh of relief, as his head turned on its pillow, "then you'll help take care of mommer, and it don't matter so much that those 'tatoes didn't get planted after all."—Kate W. Hamhappened. They've carried him into that office across there." Ernestine was on the ground before matter so much the get planted after in the carriage," said some one with a swift recognition of her right as one of get planted atter all."-Kate W. Ham-

MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

We may safely say that more than one half of our difficulties with people result from misunderstandings. In one way, this is a very great consolation, and it leads directly to charity and patience. But, in order to gain these benefits, we must carefully consider the wilderment. Then, as those about the subject in detail.

hastily improvised couch moved aside Each man is, by himself, an interestfor her, she saw that it was Tommy ing biography; each life is, if we could but pierce behind its mysterious who lay there—Tommy, with marble cheeks, closed eyes and bright curis stained with blood. veils, a history more fascinating than any romance we ever read. All of us have our dealings, not only with one Her own little brother !" said some one in pitying whisper again.

She had never called him by that another, but with the good angels and and the evil angels, and above every-thing else, with the Maker of angels and of men. Sometimes one's life repeated like an iterant echo in her brain while she answered questions history lies out in active fields of labor that were asked her and gave directions or in keen home interests, or in intellectual pursuits; sometimes it is engressed with the things of the spirit. for his removal to his home.
"He is not dead; it is impossible to tell yet how badly he is injured," repeated the surgeon, who had been sumseen and felt through and above all outward interests, pursuits or loves.
Again, we are brought up in various we'll trke him home in a few moments. You would better go first and tell his ways, with different habits, tastes, requirements, different rules, aim, regula It was the one necessary thing to be tions, very different modes of thought done, Ernestine knew, and she obeyed,

and of viewing events and people.

What results from all these variabut a vision of that mother's face rose tions, more variant, more perplexing, of far more vital moment, than are the before her and appealed to her then as it had never done before. How could she add to the grief in the sad eyes?

The carriage that had brought her was waiting for her still, and the variations in the leaves of the trees or the petals of the flowers? The result is, that, without meaning to give pain others, we do give pain, we hurt, we troubled driver tried to explain the sting, we annoy, we grieve; and friends are parted and life is embit-" He was drawin' a little wagon with pertaters in it—had just bought em at the grocery, they said—and I reckon he tered, not because we intended it, but because we do not understand.

Now what are the remedies for this very common, this all too frequent trouble? The remedies are charity and patience, and of course prayer, but quiet prayer. We are not to expect to mend things all at once. A sensitive soul, try as it will, may go on feeling things acutely for very many "Go quickly," she said, as the carriage turned homeward.
Shn never knew exactly how she carried her sorrowful tidings or helped years; and what is far worse, it may go on hurting others for many years. We feel acutely, yes. But let us

remember that some one else may feel acutely something that we know nothing about at all in their daily lives. We see a changed look, we hear a sharp tone; perhaps we ourselves never really caused it, but, back of everything, and before we met, that day, our friend had had some trial from which every nerve in our own being would shrink in fear. Or perhaps there had been a long wakeful night, a succession of wakeful nights, a sorrow kept to one's self with God, a pressure on the brain or heart that has set the sharp word surging from the lips, when the true love, the long love, the tried and tested love, never meant it. Only God can understand us wholly; but oh when he had tried to interest her in his plans for the children and the hurt look in her eyes when she had lightly turned the subject. Was it not so that he had always cared for her bearing even the had tried to interest her in his can understand us wholly; but on the how long it takes us to discover that the is really sufficient for all our needs. Yet, after everything is said and done, what a comfort, nevertheless, it is to know that so many trials do arise from nothing worse than a misunder-standing! What a comfort to believe that people do not mean half they say or do, when they seem so carcless, severe, unreasonable, neglectful! Let us rest mean that thought, and by conbe happier elsewhere, but quick to enjoy every joy or pain that touched her lite? She remembered, as though it had been but yesterday, one day when she had been telling him something of the history of one who had been kind to her at school, and had interrupted herself with an application.

us rest upon that thought, and be content to wait. It is not necessary to be over-assiduous, with anxious, nervous haste, to make our friendships just what they make our friendships just what they were before the misunderstanding occurred. That is contrary to the laws of our being; and, by this break in human affection, God may even find the way to draw us nearer to Himself. Let Him do His own work, and get His

Let Him do His own work, and get His own glory, even out of our fault, our humiliation, our pain.

But let us be conscientiously careful to harbor no ill feeling towards any one; let us be patient, quiet, courteous, kind; and especially let us never give way to the mean temptation not to notice or speak to one with whom the trouble has occurred. We ourselves may have been the one most at fault; and perhaps neither was very much at and perhaps neither was very much at fault. Let us have patience, even with especially with—our own exasperating, trying, sinful, yet struggling and sorrowful selves; and, above all, let us love God, Who deigns to love us, though He, best of all, knows how little we deserve His love, or anybody's love at all .- Sacred Heart Review.

Our Lord went about doing good. How few we find these days who are

VIRTUE OF FORCITUDE.

Fortitude is that virtue which in parts to us the power of resisting the evils of life and the strength to suffer even death rather than to abandon our faith or duty in the face of danger. Hence it has been aptly called the armor of a Christian life. The evils men tioned are the forces which are constantly drawing us from a good life and endangering our eternal salvation.

On the other hand, the virtue of fortitude is the power which enables us to resist and to overcome these dangers. As has been said by a certain writer, the lessons it teaches are those of the lessons it teaches are those of patience, constancy and perseverance. Patience that we may willingly bear the evils of life rather than abandon that which is good. Constancy, that we may continue in virtue against every difficulty, no matter whence it comes And perseverance to persist in good to

But the virtue must not be confounded with the natural quality frequently manifested by men. Of the latter we have an example in the dreadful war in far East. Granting this to be a just war, those who are giving their lives in defense of their country are also giving illustration of fortitude. Yet it is of a character which even the heathen may possess in high degree. How different that fortitude which

prompts one to voluntarily give his life for God, or to escape sin, or in de-fense of virtue or the true faith. This we call the virtue of fortitude, Christian fortitude, martyrdom. It is the fortitude which has crowned so many lives in the early days of the Church with saintly glory. It is the virtue to which our Saviour counseled His diswhich our Saviour counseled His disciples in the Gospel, Matthew, chapter 10. verse 28: "Fear not those that kill the body * * * but rather fear him that can destroy both soul and body in hell."

To understand how greatly

To understand how greatly in need we are of the virtue of fortitude it is only necessary to consider the many dangers which beset our salvation. Nor are they all dangers from without. Our perverse wills and sensual appetites are watchful sentinels against our security. Hence the grave necessity for the virtue of fortitude, that we may with-stand these as well as all other evils which threaten our eternal salvation .-Church Progress.

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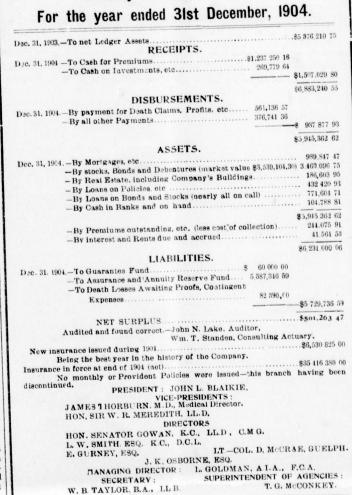
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