to her feelings, and she would see no fault in this child. He was, too, just at that age when children are very amusing and interesting. He was an eager little fellow, inclined to be passionate, but always droll and good-humoured when he had everything his own way. The next to him, Edwin, was very different. He was fretful, and had rather a melancholy expression of countenance, was never in very high spirits, and not at all passionate. He was inclined to be selfish, and generally took all his toys, and sat in a corner by himself, looking on at the others while they played, but seldom joining them. Laura was very shy, and, though quieter than any of them, had a trick of teasing the others. out of fun more than anything else. Augusta was more like little John, very vehement and passionate and proud in temper.

One day, as they where all sitting together, John set up a violent screaming, and stamped his feet, because Augusta and Laura had some toy which he wanted. Esther was busy arranging a drawer, but on seeing her little favourite so put out, she rushed forward hastily, and in an angry voice said, "What ever are you doing to him now P give it to him directly." Then, without a moment's thought, she kicked down the house they where building, seized on the toy and gave it to John. Laura began to ery, and Augusta caught hold of Esther's apron and kicked her. "You shall not take it, Miss!" "You should not have pulled down our house," was quickly said from one to the other. "But I shall, and I shall tell your mamma of you," said Esther. "And I shall tell mamma of you, you naughty, bad Esther," said Augusta, sobbing.

At this moment Miss Marston came in, and on her inquiring what was the matter, Esther complained of Augusta's passion, and of her speaking improperly to her. Miss Marston saw by Eether's face, which was very red and angry looking, that she was much excited, and quietly taking Augusta by the hand she led her away. Augusta was a child of truth, and directly her cousin spoke seriously but gently to her, she gave an exact; account of all that had happened. That evening, when the children where in bed and E-ther was in Miss Marston's room, she began talking about the children, and said it was a pity that Augusta was so passionate. "Yes," answered Miss Marston, " great care is necessary. Esther. I am afraid you are passionate too. Children learn more from example than anything class they eatch the tone of voice andmanner of those who are with them. You should be quiet and gentle, though firm with them." Esther made no answer., The truth was, she knew she was hasty, but had not accustomed herself to think much of it, and having lived with so quiet a person as her mother, was not very often provoked, and it had never entered into her head that in undertaking the situation of nurse-maid, she was responsible for the example she set the children, and that she could hardly expect a child to be otherwise when she herself gave way to a passionate manner of speaking and acting. Let any one ask themselves this question-if they speak rudely, orroughly, or hastily to a young child, will it be of thuch use to tell them not to be rude, or rough; or hasty?

It is to be scared that most people do not sufficiently consider this, and particularly nurses. And yet how much—how very much influence and power for good or evil must they have, who are so constantly with children, particularly if, as was the case with Esther, the mother leaves them a good deal in the nursery! And all this, too, at that young and tender age when their minds are so easily bent! However much people may blind their eyes to it, the fact, the awful fact, remains the same—that we are responsible for the example we set others, that all who have the care of children—parents, teachers and nurses, will have to answer for the evil which they through carelesiness, want of temper, or want of principal, have induced in them, or taught, them through their own examples!

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