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## Wildflower.

CHAPTER II.—Continued.

"I don't think so," answered Aunt Brigette, "but I hope that the adventure may teach you both a lesson. Remember never to destroy anything needlessly, whether it be insect or flower. That heather had its proper place marked out for it on the top of that rock; by displacing it, you would destroy its charm. There are laws of nature with which we should never interfere. The wind carries a quantity of seed, and it falls exactly upon the ground best suited to receive it, where it will germinate, blow and thrive. A plant torn violently from its natural bed in this way would never live. It would fade away."

"What!" cried Anna. "Must I then leave it here torn, and dying, by itself? Oh, Aunt Brigette, how unhappy I am!"

"Do not make yourself so miserable, darling," replied kind Aunt Brigette, "only another time think before you act, and do not give way to all the foolish fancies of your imagination. And now, if you care about it, you may carry home your heather as you intended. Perhaps it may bear transplanting; but I warn you, it will never be so beautiful as when it grew in its wild beauty on the mountain side."

Anna held down her head, and did not speak. Two great tears rolled down her cheeks. Renee, whose tender little heart was grieved at her friend's sorrow, put her arms round her and kissed her affectionately.

"Don't cry," she whispered, "we won't do it again." In the generosity of her heart, Renee wished to share in the consequence of the fault which had only really been committed by Ninette.

When the girls reached home, they called to Robert to come and help them to plant the heather. The little boy, delighted to make himself useful, at once set to work to dig a hole in the garden in which to place the heath. He was most careful that the plant should not suffer in his hands, and, assuring Ninette that the faded flower would soon revive and look bright again under his treatment, he carefully placed the roots in their new bed.

But, alas, Robert's hopeful words were not intended to prove true; the tiny pink blossoms were still closed when to-morrow's sun shone warmly on them, and one by one they fell to the earth.

I am sure he is hungry." Madame Hugueta was pleased to see the children thoughtful and kind-hearted, and at once gave her consent to the proposition.

So some nice bread and butter was put upon a plate with plenty of strawberries, and Madame Hugueta fetched a bowl of milk they carried these refreshments to the room where the unfortunate Jacques was shut up.

When they opened the door, they found the poor boy seated on a bench, crying bitterly.

"Yes, but it is," answered Robert, "because we give it to you."

Jacques raised his eyes, all full of tears, and looked earnestly at those standing round him, and then he murmured in a low, gentle voice, "Thank you."

Fearing to make the poor boy nervous and uncomfortable, Madame Hugueta and Marianne left him, taking the children with them.

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