

the disaster he had wrought. Then he tried to repair the damage by pulling at his sister's head with all his might, in order to twist it round into its proper place. But it was so firmly fixed that, though he nearly wrung the little girl's neck, and made her shriek with pain, he could not move it an inch. At last grief and fright triumphed. Paul forgot his dignity and melted into genuine childish tears and sobs. At the sound of his cries the servants came running into the room, and all talked at once, without, however, being able to suggest anything better than sending for the doctor, when suddenly the fairy Setto-rights appeared in the middle of the group.

"Well," she said to Miss Careless, "do you still think that it is not necessary for things to be put in their right place? Let this be a lesson to you. I will let you off this time, but remember in the future what carelessness may cost you." So saying she touched the little girl with her ring again and everything fell into its proper place.

After this frightful adventure, our heroine became so careful and tidy that she was soon a great favourite with the fairy, who married her, when she grew up, to a prince as handsome as the day, but who was so particular that his palace should be kept neat and in perfect order that he would look at no girl who did not always put things in their proper places.—*Churchman.*

Charlie's Lesson.

"I wish I wasn't going to school this morning," said Charlie Morton to himself, as he slowly collected his lesson-books, with an uneasy conviction that half his lessons were unlearned.

Summer is a time of temptation to school-boys and school-girls. Yesterday play out of doors had put off the lessons, and now the sunshiny garden made the thought of the school-room very unattractive. A little self-denial is really all that is needed in such cases, and Charlie knew quite well that instead of indulging in these foolish wishes, he ought to be preparing to start, resolving to do his work well, and enjoy play afterwards with an easy conscience.

As it was, another temptation quickly presented itself. Charlie had had a bad toothache a week ago, and, though it had been cured, a little twinge came now and then to remind him of it, and fortunately or unfortunately, one came at this moment.

"The toothache again!" he exclaimed cheerfully. "Mamma will never let me go with a toothache. I'll tell her;" and off he went to his too-indulgent mother with a dismal tale, which she heard with sympathising looks.

"Of course, dear boy, you need not go; it's an east wind, though so bright, and it won't do to have you laid up again." So the books were put away, a handkerchief tied round Charlie's head, and a bottle and glass brought out with some of the same medicine that had been ordered last time when he really was ill.

I must say that Master Charlie felt very much ashamed of himself, and he could not help feeling glad that his sister Ethel was going out to a party, for somehow he dreaded her clear truthful eyes, fond as they were of each other. Ethel was as open as the day, and could not understand why every

one should not be the same, and her pitying questions would be more difficult to answer than his mother's.

It was a pic-nic that Ethel was going to; a carriage full of young folks was to call for her at twelve o'clock, and it was now past eleven. Charlie listened for the sound of the wheels. He hoped his mother would not mention him to his sister, and after she had gone he meant to get better, and go out into the garden. Such scheming, however (happily for the schemer), rarely turns out quite as it is intended to do. Twelve o'clock struck, and Charlie heard the carriage drive to the door and drive away after a few minutes; but then the door opened and Ethel appeared, all dressed for her party; but she had thrown off her hat, and with tears in her eyes, but a smile on her face, the loving little sister came up, and, putting her hand on his shoulder, said:

"Poor old Charlie! Mamma says your tooth is bad again. I couldn't go and leave you in this pain; I shouldn't have enjoyed it a bit. We will stop at home together."

Charlie was punished now for his sin and folly.

"Oh, Ethel!" was all he could say, as he turned away his head. "Your pic-nic that you have so longed for; you must not give it up!"

"I have, Charlie; they are gone. I tell you I like to stay, if I can help you to bear your pain. Don't, Charlie! Oh, what is the matter?" for Charlie had burst into tears of shame and remorse. He had no pain, except the pain of knowing that he had deceived his mother and his good little unselfish sister. Never did he feel such a sham and humbug or so thoroughly ashamed of himself. There was only one thing to do now—confession, even if reparation were impossible. Just then he heard his father and mother outside the door, and, hastily pulling the handkerchief from his face, he ran out, Ethel following him in wonder, which turned to a mixture of sorrow and joy, as she heard him in broken accents tell his parents the whole truth: how he had been tempted and how he had yielded to temptation, and how he repented.

"Is there nothing I can do for Ethel?" he asked when all was forgiven, and he had also asked the forgiveness of his Heavenly Father.

"I think I can manage it," said Mr. Morton after considering. "Put on your hat, Ethel. I have my dog-cart at the door, and I know where your friends are gone."

So, to the relief of all parties, Ethel was carried off to her pic-nic, and her brother, thoroughly humbled, set out for afternoon school.

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