

Bob, if a young lady sitting by had not slipped her arm around him and said:

"Tell your mamma that we all congratulate her upon having a little man strong enough to resist temptation, and wise enough to run away from it."

NOT KEEPING THE GOLDEN RULE.

Willie's lips stuck out as if a humble bee had stung them. Think of it! When his dearest own mamma was softly putting him to bed, and talking to him so sweetly about the naughty things he had been doing all day!

"When you spoke so to Robbie, did you think it was keeping the Golden Rule?" said mamma, sadly.

"He says just that way to me always," cried Willie, excitedly; "and he's a-bound to break all my things, and he deserves to have his broke back again."

"But the Golden Rule, Willie!" said mamma. "My boy mustn't break that, if Robbie did break play-things."

Willie didn't say, "Don't care," but old Don't Care sat on his lips as large as life.

Mamma went away at last, and left him. She sat down by the window and tried to think up some plan to make Willie a better boy.

Next morning Willie came down to breakfast when he got ready. Nobody called him. They had hot buckwheats and honey for breakfast, and usually mamma called him so as to have them nice; but this time she said, "He wouldn't trouble himself to call us. Never mind him."

When he did get down everything was cold.

"Why didn't somebody put 'em in the warming oven, Katy?" he asked in angry surprise. "You wouldn't like it, I guess, to have old fried griddles stone cold."

"Deed, and I shouldn't thin," said Katy, "but a body can't be always doing to other folks as ye'd like them to do to yerself."

This was Willie's own idea, but it wasn't pleasant to take with cold griddles.

"Where's papa and mamma?" he asked after awhile.

"Gone for a ride," said Katy.

"Without me," cried Willie, chok-ing.

"Sure yis," said Katty cheerfully.

"They said they guessed it wouldn't pay to wait for you. You never wait for anybody."

He couldn't eat any more break-fast—no, not if the cakes had been red-hot. Mamma gone, mamma to do so, mamma to speak like that!

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He went and hid his face in her old wrapper in the closet and cried an hour or less.

After a long time he came out. In came mother, rosy, sweet, holding in her hand a lovely bunch of household roses; in her arms a brimming bag of chocolate caramels.

"Aren't they beautiful?" she said, pinning one to her collar and putting the rest in a silver vase.

"I want one in my button-hole," said Willie, wistfully eyeing the creamy, fragrant buds.

"Yes," said mamma sweetly, "It would be pretty!" and fell to eating the candy with great enjoyment.

Dinner was just as bad. They noticed him now and then carelessly. It didn't seem that anybody was displeased with him. Only nobody cared for him. O, the misery of that little sentence! Nobody seemed to be thinking to-day, "I wonder what my little Willie would like?"

After dinner mamma sit down and read, "What will he do with it?" Willie knew what he would do with it could he only get hold of it. He would take that book and pitch it "clear way down to the bottomest

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place in the well." Read and eat caramels!

Why, almost always mamma read to him. And who ever heard of mamma keeping nice things to eat all alone?

All at once mamma heard a great sob. She laid down her book and looked at Willie, sorrowfully.

"Does he want to come and sit in mamma's lap a minute?" she said gently.

Bounce! It was only Willie; but people who aren't used to boys might have thought it was a cannon-ball struck them, or something.

"O, mamma!" cried Willie, squeezing her tight, "I wish I was your mother, and you were my little boy."

"Dear me!" laughed mamma, though she was almost crying. "What for?"

"O, because I'd stop showing you how horrid it is not keeping the Golden Rule!"

Mamma took the hint, and gave him some candy, with two or three of her best kisses.

"O, mamma!" sobbed Willie on her neck, "wouldn't it be horrid to live in a house where nobody kept the Golden Rule?"

WHICH WAY.

It is very unreasonable to suppose that one can reach a certain place without taking the right way. A small child knows better than to think such a thing possible.

But suppose that a teacher asks a scholar the serious question, "Are you on the way to heaven?" and the scholar dare not say that he is. Does he not wish and expect to go there? Oh, yes. He intends to go, but he says again, "I guess I'll get there somehow." The same scholar would think any one very foolish who expected to reach Washington City "somehow," when all the time he was travelling towards Denver. If one actually desires to reach his home,

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"This is the way, walk ye in it," the way of love, trust, penitence and obedience. As soon as one finds out that he is in the wrong way, then is the time to turn.

Are you going to heaven, dear young heart? Then, are you walking in the way of life that leads to the eternal home?

—Be not anxious about to-morrow. Do to-day's duty only; fight to-day's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them. Enough for you that God is just and merciful, and will reward every man according to his work.

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