

malkin walked off, and left the ravens to carry their silly child back to the nest.

"Forgive me, father -- mother!" cried Downypate, repentant. "I have learned that he who would soar must have the right kind of wings; and that he who would do great things must learn first to obey."

The Play-work and Work-play Party.

"What are you thinking of, dear Gracie?" asked Mrs. Raymond, who had for some time been watching her little daughter's interested face, as she sat upon the green lawn in the bright sunshine, idly tossing a scarlet ball from one hand to the other.

"I was thinking that my fingers were just made for playing at ball, dear mamma."

"And what do you think poor little Jennie Maclean's were made for?" questioned her mother.

"Oh, they were made for work! I saw her yesterday peeling potatoes and washing them too, as I passed the cottage with papa. I do pity her so, mamma, because she has to work. Why, she is only eleven; no older than I am. I wish you would take me to see her, mamma."

Mrs. Raymond was quite ready to grant her child's request, and that very afternoon she and Grace called at Widow Maclean's cottage.

Jennie opened the door to them herself, looking perfectly happy and contented, which much surprised Grace, who had expected to find her very sad. As soon as she had offered Mrs. Raymond and her daughter the two wooden chairs which furnished the small clean kitchen, out she ran to call Mrs. Maclean, who was busy washing in the back yard.

Mrs. Raymond explained that Grace had wished to come and see the little girl who worked so hard to help her mother.

"She is a great comfort to me, ma'am," said the widow, looking affectionately at her child.

"Perhaps the young lady would like to see our little garden," suggested Jennie, after a few minutes, looking up timidly at her new acquaintance.

Grace sprang up at once. "May I go, dear mamma?" she asked.

"Certainly, darling."

The garden was not much larger than the Raymonds' drawing room, but small as it was, there were several rows of potatoes in it, each plant bearing snow-white blossoms, with a pretty purple and yellow centre, two rows of spruce little cabbages holding up their heads, a row of bright green lettuces, and another of onions.

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"Did you get a man to plant all this?" she asked innocently.

"Oh, no, miss!" and Jennie timidly hung her head; "I planted it all myself."

"Yourself!" exclaimed Grace in amazement. "It must be dreadful to work so hard!"

Jennie's eyes opened wide as she heard these words.

"Oh, it is so nice, miss!" she replied warmly. "I call it play," she continued, her eyes glistening with pleasure. "I watch the plants grow up; then I water them every evening when it does not rain; and when they are fit for use, I dig up the potatoes or cut the cabbages, and draw out the lettuce, and wash them for mother."

"More work!" thought Grace, as she listened. "How can she take it so easily? I should hate it all."

Suddenly she espied something pink peeping out from amongst the potatoes, which had been hidden from her sight by their leaves, and discovered that little Jennie had planted rows of pretty asters between them.

"Flowers too!" she exclaimed. "These are the first asters I have seen this year!"

Now Jennie loved flowers, as most children do, and she managed to make use of this little bit of spare ground to cultivate them. Seeing that her friend appreciated them, quick as thought she cut off half-a-dozen of the charming blossoms, and presented them to the delighted Grace, who soon after took leave with her mamma.

The little girl was very silent on their way home, only expressing herself much pleased with her visit to Jennie.

A few days after this it was Grace's birthday, and her parents gave her permission to invite some of her friends to spend the afternoon with her.

When they had enjoyed some delicious strawberries and cream on the lawn, one of them proposed a game.

"Let us play at work!" exclaimed Grace; and her proposal that, if mamma would permit, they should each one get something ready for dinner, was hailed with general satisfaction.

Mamma raised no objection, and soon all six were busily engaged. There were peas to be shelled, currants to be picked off their stalks for a tart, strawberries to be selected and placed in dessert dishes, with green leaves underneath, flowers to be tied in bouquets and placed in vases for the table.

They all worked away in good earnest. Everything was soon quite ready for cook, and the girls declared they never spent such a jolly afternoon.

Grace now understood for the first time how Jennie Maclean could call work "play." She soon learnt to feel that her hands were not made for playing ball only, but for use in every way; and that whatever we do, for others first, and for ourselves afterwards, is and ought to be a pleasure to us, whether we call it work or not.

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