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Little Margaret put on her garden-hat and they went out into the pleasant old-fashioned garden of Rose Cottage.

Every here and there they came across traces of the night beforebranches of trees lying across the path; fruit, still unripe, shaken from its hold, and some of the taller flowers bending very low, from the force of the wind, or the weight of the rain beating upon

nook where Margaret's garden was, you would scarcely have known there had been a storm at all.

The a few of the heavy fuchsia blos-But when they came to the sheltered

soms were splashed with the wet Loil; some of the largest rose blossoms had been knocked off; one or two scarlet geraniums looked rather weather-beaten; and there were deep marks in the ground where the heavy rain-drops had

But when Mr. Grant had put a stick to support this plant, lightly brushed the leaves of that splashed plant, cut off a dead blossom or leaf here, and put a few skilful touches with the rake there, you would have said the little garden looked all the better for the rainit was so fresh and green and bright.

And so Margaret thought, as she stood watching her father removing all the traces of the storm which had alarmed her so much the night before as she thought of her dear flowers all exposed to it outside.

"Why, papa," she said, smiling, "ny dear darling flowers are not much the worse, after all; I think they look all the fresher for the rain. I was going to water them yesterday, only John said we should have rain before night. Oh, thank you, papa! It does look so nice now, and my pretties aren't dead, after sary papers for making application.

"Daisy, my darling," said her father. as they moved down on one of the sidewalks, "you must try and trust the great Gardener, my child, who sends the rain and the wind as well as the sunshine. There was a time when four other little flowers besides my precious Daisy grew in my cottage garden, and were a daily and hourly pleasure to me as I watched their growth, and took care of them—my poor motherless dar-lings. But one day a great storm came, such blinding hail, such roaring raging wind and tempest, as I pray you may never see, my child—when no sun nor stars for days appeared. And my little flowers—tended with such love and care, watched over day and night with prayers, my little flowers were taken from me, and for a while I cried, dear—as you cried last night—in my darkness and in my fear. for it seemed as if I had lost them, as if they had been wrecked by that cruel storm which took them all away. But in the morning my weeping changed to joy. God had spared me my little Daisy, and as I clasped you to my arms, dear, your little baby lips asked me where brothers and sisters were, and I could only say, 'In heaven.' You taught me then, my child, what I am teaching you—to trust. And now I know my little darlings are transplanted to a better soil than this, where everlasting spring abides, and never-withering flowers—where no storms come, but all is calm and rest and peace. May little Daisy and I go there too!"

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