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called it, but she swallowed back a
lump in her throat, and went on
bravely:

"Mamma and Miss Abbott thought
I had better come over and tell you
that, but I want to say more. You
know none of us girls, Hazel, and
Mabel, and the rest, wanted you to
join our class, and we tried to be
mean, and—and, oh, horrid, so you'd
understand and leave."

"Why?" exclaimed Bessie in anx-
ious surprise, but Rob nodded his
head solemnly.

"Cause we're poor?" he said, and
Marion nodded back at him.

"And Bessie wore a sunbonnet,"
she added. "And yesterday we were
all cross because Rob came—"

"Why?" asked Bessie, again.

"Cause I'm lame, and wear
crutches?" said Rob, and Marion as-
sented, soberly.

"I just love those crutches, and
that sunbonnet, now," she said, "and
we're all sorry, and want you to come
over to our house this afternoon, and
have a good time, you and Rob, too."

"I'll have to wear my sunbonnet,"
laughed Bessie, shyly; but Marion did
not laugh. Somehow with the new
feeling of shame that had come to
her, there was also a great respect
for crutches and sunbonnets.

—IZOLA L. FORRESTER.

JOHNNY'S LESSON.

There was a great commotion in
the back yard. Mother hurried to the
window to see Johnny chasing the
cat with stones.

"Why Johnny, what are you doing?
What is the matter with the kitty?"
she called.

"She's all dirty, mother. Somebody
shut her up in the coal hole."

"Is that all?" mother wanted to
know.

"Why, yes," said Johnny. "She's
dirty and black and horrid! We don't
want her around."

Presently Johnny came in crying,
and ran to her for help. He had
fallen into a puddle, and was dripping
with mud. "O, mother! mother!" he
cried, sure of help from her.

"Jane," she said quietly to the
nurse, who was sewing near by, "do
you know where there are any good-
sized gravel stones?"

Johnny stopped his loud notes to
stare.

"Stones, ma'am?" asked Jane.

"Yes," said the mother, "to throw
at Johnny. He's been in a puddle,
and is dirty, and black and horrid!"

Johnny felt as if this was more than
he could bear. "Please, mother, I'll
never do it again," he cried in humble
tones. "Poor kitty! I see now just
how bad I made her feel."

Johnny was then washed and com-
forted, but he did not soon forget
the little lesson of kindness to those
in misfortune.—Sunbeam.

A WORD BY THE WAY.

Two ladies, both well dressed and
evidently belonging to the higher
walks of life, were going along a city
street, one of them stopped and spoke
a word to a dull, tired-looking woman,
who had a fretful-looking baby on
one arm and a basket on the other,
in which she had a few bananas and
apples and cheap candy for sale.

"Why, Helen," said the other lady,
"what made you stop and speak to
that woman? What did you say to
her?"

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"O, nothing much. It was just a
word or two by the way; that was
all. She looked so tired and dis-
couraged, and I stopped to give her
a few pennies and say a word or two
to her."

A few minutes later the two ladies
were in one of the great stores of the
city, where they made some pur-
chases, and while they waited for
their change the lady who had spoken
to the apple-woman entered into con-
versation with a sales-girl and gave
her half a bunch of violets.

When the two ladies were on the
street one of them said:

"Why, Helen, how could you be so
familiar with the shop girl? What
were you saying to her?"

"Oh, not much of anything. It was
just a word or two by the way. I
thought she looked tired and a little
ill, and she said that she did have a
severe headache. Did you notice how
she brightened up when I gave her
the violets?"

A word by the way! A kindly deed by
the way! How many burdens would
be lightened, how many heavy hearts
would be gladdened, how much wear-
iness would be forgotten, how smiles
would take the place of frowns, how
much more beautiful and how in-
finitely better the world would be if
every man and woman, every boy and
girl, lost no opportunity of speaking
a kindly word or doing a good deed
by the way! Try it for a single day,
and see if it is not one of the happiest
days of your life. It must be so,
because it will have the mark of
God's approval upon it. He takes
heed of every good thing said or
done in His Name. It is all recorded
in the book of His remembrance.—
Forward.

—Tribulation is the price we pay for
the crown and the robe and the palm.

—The flower of contentment does not
require any particular soil, and bloss-
oms the twelve months through.

—If we were to keep a record of all
the good things the Lord gives us we
should be as busy as the recording
angel.

—Heaven assures us that "the merci-
ful man doeth good to his own soul."
He who is forgiving and affectionate
with his fellow-man is not only a bless-
ing to his fellow, but becomes a bless-
ing to himself as well.



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