

singing keys again. "Use the soft pedal—that's the way to do. A great many 'nuisances' in this world have to be done, but you needn't make them any more disagreeable than necessary. Always use the soft pedal. It will do you just as much good and won't hurt anybody else, then."

Yes, they have to be done—scolding the paper-boy, for instance, when for the third time this week he gave my "Transcript" to the next door neighbour. But I might have used the soft pedal, so to speak, and considered his excuse and been merciful to his sheepishness."

"Rainy nights I forgits!" he told me bashfully. I ought to have remembered how hard it is to stand fumbling over papers and bundles under a dripping eave-spout.

Yes, it would have done me just as much good, and wouldn't have hurt Katy's feelings—I wish I had "used the soft pedal." She regularly mixes up the stockings and brings back mates and odd ones, and I have to tell her about it! But there are ways and ways of doing things. I'll see if I can't learn a lesson from Nelly's mother.

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Sunshine at Last.

It was such a disappointing morning! Pat, pat, went the rain against the window, and splash, splash in the street below. The grass bent before it and the clouds of dust that for a week had taken possession of the streets, dancing hither and thither, flinging themselves into people's eyes, and ruffling tempers, were laid low. The rain was very much needed, everybody wanted it, but not that day. That is the way with so many of our blessings; we would rather have them some other time.

To begin with, there was to be an excursion down the river, and all three children—Rose and Mary and Carl—were going. It seemed quite useless to explain to them that no one could go a day like that, and the treat was only postponed. They felt as if the opportunity of a lifetime was gone for good. Mrs. Shaw was disappointed, too, because she had planned to enjoy a most delightful day of rest and quiet when the children were gone. In the laundry Nora was grieving, because it was wash-day and the clothes would have to dry in the house. She never could make them so white as if the sun shone on them. So the whole house was out of sorts.

"Oh mother, what shall we do! What shall we do!" cried the children in chorus, viewing the dismal outlook.

Mrs. Shaw smothered a little sigh. "Suppose you cut out pictures," she suggested briskly.

"We haven't any to cut," said Rose. "Or scissors to cut with," added Mary.

"Oh, dear!" said Carl. "Just wait a minute before you make that exclamation, Carl," said Mrs. Shaw pleasantly, "for I'll lend you all three some scissors, and I have some papers, magazines and cards with lovely pictures on, that I have been saving a long time for you."

Soon they were seated on the floor and the scissors were snipping their way busily through the paper.

"Be careful, Carl," said Mrs. Shaw, as in his haste Carl clipped a corner off a lovely landscape.

"That doesn't matter, mother; it hardly shows," he answered. "I don't think it makes much difference how we cut out pictures."

"Indeed it does, dear, make a difference how we do everything! Cut your pictures out carefully and accurately, and you will enjoy them a great deal more. So will every one else who sees them. Besides," she added, smiling at him fondly, "you will have a little pleasant practice to make your hand steady and true for greater work some time."

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Success and Failure.

There are a great many young people who, like the heroine of a story, think they are making nothing but failures when really they are achieving the greatest success. The truth is we do not always know when we are successful in working for others. One of the most delightful surprises of the faithful soul in the next world will be found in viewing the results of words spoken, or things done here. It is probably because He wants us to have the full delight of such surprises that God does not permit us often to know what successes we have won, and suffers us to think that our efforts have been failures. What we need to do is to go right on in our work and trust God with the results. Some of these days we will see that we did not live and work in vain.

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In the heat of passion, Robert had done something that he was ashamed of and sorry for, after the excitement had passed away.

"I wish I hadn't let my temper get away with my good sense," he said; "but it's done, and what's done can't be undone."

"But isn't there a way to overcome the effect of wrong-doing, to a great extent?" asked a voice in his heart, "How?" asked Robert.

"By owning to one's blame in the matter," answered the voice. "Confessing one's fault does much to set wrong right. Try it."

Now, Robert was very much like all the rest of us—he hated to admit that he was in fault. "I'm wrong forgive me," is a hard thing to say. But the more he thought the matter over the more he thought that he ought to say just that.

"It's the right thing to do," he told himself. "If I know what's right and don't do it I'm a moral coward. I'll do it."

So he went to the one he had wronged and confessed his fault, frankly; and the result was that the two boys were better friends than before, and his comrade had a greater respect for him because he had been brave enough to do a disagreeable thing, when it was presented to him in the light of a duty.

My boys, remember that there's quite as much bravery in doing right, for right's sake, as there is in the performance of grand and heroic deeds—that the world will hear about.

Shining.

There is not one of us who may not preach a sermon every day, at home and among our friends, by the beauty of a Christlike spirit in our common life. Wherever a true Christian goes, his life ought to be an inspiration to those around him. Our silent influence ought to touch other lives with blessing. People ought to feel stronger, happier, more earnest, after meeting us. Our very faces ought to shed light, shining like lamps into sad and weary hearts. Our lives ought to be benedictions to the human sorrow and need all about us.

What is the Mainspring?

The boys in the class were so engaged in examining Alfred's new watch that they did not notice their teacher's approach, till he looked over the clustered heads and asked, "What interests you so much?"

"Alf's new watch. Isn't it fine?" Mr. Lane sat down in the circle and took Alf's birthday gift in his hand, admiring the case.

"Does it keep good time?" he asked.

"Very good, so far," answered the proud young owner.

"Which do you really value most; the pretty case, or the works that keep time for you?"

"Well," said Alfred, "I must have a case to carry the works, and I am glad that it is a handsome one, but the works are worth more, I know."

"It is the old lesson told again, isn't it?" said Mr. Lane pleasantly. "The inside is of more importance than the outside. Any one would choose good, reliable works, in a plain

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case, rather than poor works in a handsome one. When it comes to the choice of a good character in preference to a fine person, or fine clothes, I hope you will all be as wise both in choosing for yourselves and in selecting your friends.

"But now, boys," Mr. Lane went on, "tell me what it is inside this watch that makes it go."

"The mainspring," came in chorus. "Of course. That may be called the moving cause, the motive power, I suppose. Is there any special difference in the pattern of mainsprings, do you know?"

The boys thought not. "They are all made on the same general principle," said Mr. Lane, "and no one expects any variety here. But, scholars, it is a different thing with human hearts. Are the ruling motive the springs that set deeds in motion, the same in every heart?"

The boys were sure they were not, but were not so ready to answer as before.

"I want you each to answer this question," said the teacher, "not to me, but to God, and yourselves: What is the mainspring of my life? Is it love of God or love of self? Think how important is this secret spring!"

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