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THE VENDOME COLUMN.

The Vendome Column in Paris is an imitation of Trajan's Column at Rome, 142 feet high and thirteen feet in diameter. It was erected by order of Napoleon I. in 1806-10 to commemorate his victories over the Russians and Austrians in 1805. It was thrown down by the Communists in 1871, but a bed of manure was prepared to receive it, so that though broken, it was not utterly shattered. It was skillfully re-erected in 1875. It is constructed of masonry covered with plates of bronze, forming a spiral band of 300 yards, on which is represented in high relief the military career of Napoleon. The figures are about three feet high. The metal was obtained by melting down 1,290 Russian and Austrian cannons. A figure of Napoleon crowns the column. In 1879 the present writer climbed to the



VENDOME COLUMN, PARIS.

gallery shown at the top.

FOR LITTLE HANDS.

There are so many things which little hands may do that I am going to give you a hint about them. One task that almost every mother will be glad to have assistance in is dusting. There are, perhaps, vases that little hands may not meddle with, and costly trifles mamma has told you not to touch; but all the ins and outs, crooks and corners of fancy chairs, table legs, piano stools, and the like, as well as sofas and cabinets, may be carefully wiped and kept free from dust by a very small child. Then there are little errands to be run, and extra steps to take, that will keep mother from getting tired so soon. It helps mother, too, if the little hands will not throw toys or books on the floor, and will put hats and wraps neatly away.