

'I want to belong to the Saviour, but I could trust Him if only I could be sure that He loves me.'

"His had been a hard life in the world, poor heart; how shall I convince him of the fact of the love of God? I spoke to him of friends and play-mates. Is there any one you have ever known who, if you had to die, would be willing to die in your stead to save you? A moment's silence, and then with a sweet smile, he looked up and said, 'I believe my mother would.'

"In that brief pause he had looked back on life, and measured a mother's love. Perhaps there passed before his mind the vision of her toil late at night to mend his clothes, or earn tomorrow's bread, and convinced of the reality of a mother's love, his heart told him it would be strong unto death.

"Then see what Jesus has done," and I spoke to him of the bleeding hands and feet of the Crucified. He bowed his face in his hands, as he said, 'I can love Him back again, and trust Him, too.'

"Thus was the victory of the Crucified won in that young heart. So is it ever with us all."

#### Lost and Found.

"I don't care! you can go home as soon as you like—so there!"

Slam went the door. I confess I was surprised and grieved to hear the angry voice of the princess. "Poor child!" I thought, "how unhappy she must be!" If she had not been a princess, you know, it would not have been so hard. Princesses suffer dreadfully when they are angry.

While I was thinking, I wrote a little note and pinned it on my study door. Here it is:—

"Lost.—An article of great value to the owner, at about four o'clock on the afternoon of January, 25th, 1888. The finder will receive a liberal reward on returning the same to

THE LITTLE PRINCESS."

Pretty soon she came in with a pretty pink spot on each cheek. She was going to tell me all about it, when the notice caught her eye. She read it through, then glanced at the clock and looked puzzled.

"I know you want me to advertise it, dear," I observed, as if it was all a matter of course.

"What do you mean, please?"

"Why, of course, you are hunting for it now."

"Hunting for what?"

"Princess," said I, glad to notice that her eyes were brighter and her cheeks of quieter colour than when she came in, "oblige me by looking up a word in the dictionary: T-E—have you

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found it so far?—M-P-E-R. What is the definition, please?"

"Calmness or soundness of mind," read the princess slowly. "Now, if you please, read this verse: Prov. xvi. 32." That she read to herself.

"Once more, dear: Ps. xiv. 13, the first half of the verse. You see, Your Highness, it's a pretty serious thing for a King's daughter to lose her temper, so I thought you'd like to have me help you find it."

The brown curls dropped upon my coat-sleeve for a moment, and I am not sure that her eye-lashes were not wet when they were lifted again.

The princess bestowed a dainty little kiss upon me, and pausing only to say, with a dimpling smile through her tears, "That's your liberal reward, sir!" hurried from the room. A moment afterward I heard the outer door close once more, softly this time.

Fully ten minutes later it opened again, but it let in the sound of light footsteps and happy young voices chatting and laughing gaily.

I took down my notice and threw it into the fire.

#### A Butterfly's Friends.

Two little girls found a butterfly fluttering feebly; its wings seemed to be of no use to it. It tried to rise and it could not. Night was coming on, the shadows were gathering darkly round about; they were afraid the poor helpless butterfly might get eaten by a bird or injured by someone treading upon it as it lay panting upon the ground. It made them feel sad to see it, so they cared for it in the best way they could. They made a little round nest of moss, put a flower or two in it without the stalks, and they put a little milk in a cup-shaped leaf and placed that too in the nest. Then they coaxed the butterfly to cling with its feet to a piece of stick, and, lifting it carefully, placed it with its mouth near the milk. Then they covered it lightly. Then next morning when they lifted the covering the butterfly flew up into the bright sunshine, to their joy.

#### The Three Sieves.

"Oh, mother!" cried little Blanche, "I heard such a tale about Edith Howard! I did not think she could be so very naughty."

"Oh! my dear," interrupted Mrs. Philpott, "before you continue we will see if your story will pass the three sieves."

"What does that mean, mother?" inquired Blanche.

"I will explain it. In the first place, is it true?"

"I suppose so. Miss White told it to me, and she is a great friend of Edith."

"And does she show her friendship by telling tales on her? In the next place, though you could prove it to be true, is it kind?"

"I did not mean to be unkind, mother; but I am afraid it is not kind. I should not like Edith to be ready to tell such a tale about me."

"And is it necessary?"

"No, of course, mother; there is no need for me to mention it at all."

"Then put a bridle on your tongue, dear Blanche, and don't speak of it. If we cannot speak well of our friends, don't let us speak of them at all."

#### Was it You?

There was somebody who said an unkind word which hurt somebody else. Was it you?

There was somebody who was thoughtless and selfish in her manner and mode of living. Was it you?

There was somebody who harshly criticized the actions of somebody else. Was it you?

There was somebody who found nothing else but fault in the belongings of her friend. Was it you?

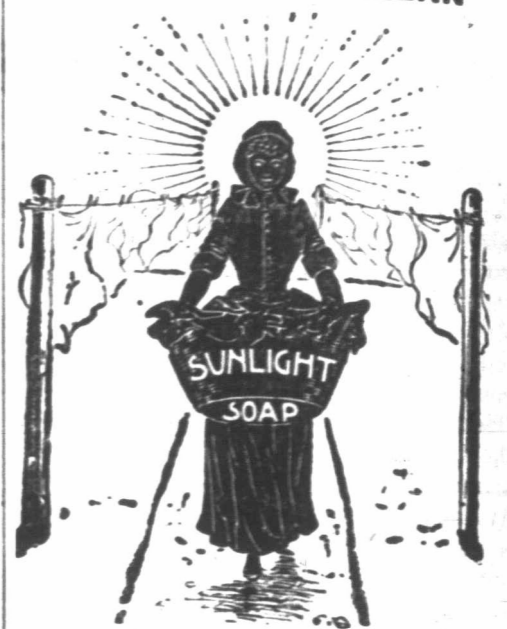
There was somebody who borrowed a book, and kept it for months. Was it you?

There was somebody who never stopped to think who was hurt by the sarcastic word. Was it you?

There was somebody who, day in and day out, never did anything to make anybody else happy. Was it you?

I hope you can answer "No" to every one of these questions; but if you cannot, and are forced to drop your head because you know you are guilty, then resolve that the next time the accusation is made, and the question asked, you can say with truth, "It was not I."

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