

MARIAN STUDIES FOR HER EXAMS.

As a girl studies, she often allows thoughts to creep into her mind that are, undoubtedly, associated with her studies, but are not conducive to the attainment of those studies. This little story of how one girl studied explains this

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"Oh, Mother, please don't ask me to do the dishes. I have the awfullest lot of home-work, and I don't know when I'll get it done. You help Mother, Helen, and I'll tell you a story after we get to bed. It was composition day to-day, and every one wrote on a story they had read. There was a dandy about a handsome rich Duke marrying his gardener's beautiful daughter. It was just the most romantic thing I ever heard.

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imagined the whole affair! Ada Merton gave her a cushion for a wedding present, and she never gave it back. No wonder she's in the asylum!

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"Guelph, on the River Speed, noted for a—noted for its Agricultural College. They call the boys "Aggies" down there. I'm going to Guelph, when I'm engaged, to take the diamond ring course at MacDonald Hall. What's the sense of learning for years to bake, on the chance of getting married, when you can learn it in three months there when it's really necessary. Medicine Hat, in Alberta, noted for its gas. 'It has all Hell for a basement,' Kipling says. I wonder what it's like to be living over Hell all the time. I imagine it would be healthy. I don't see why they don't have Mapleton, on the Maitland River, noted for its fires and pretty girls. Ben Smith, who came from Toronto, says there are more pretty girls in our high school than in any collegiate there. Let me see—what's another city? I guess I'd better open the book and study them. There! I've spent enough time on Geography! We had Physical Geography yesterday. It's just perfectly wicked the way they teach how the earth was made. It isn't a bit like the way it's described in Genesis.

"Oh dear, I must get this Latin translated. It's all about somebody or other fighting. I wonder if those Latin people ever used slang. The children of our children's children's children will have a big time making out our language. I wonder what they would make out of 'That gets'

time making out our language. I wonder what they would make out of 'That gets my goat,' or 'It's raining cats and dogs.' They'll likely think nature acted differently in our time and wonder what we did with all the cats. And then, suppose they were given some of Billy Sunday's sermons to study. Why, they would be completely gray with age before they could understand what he was getting at, and sermons are always taken as the highest standard, too. Well, say, I'm glad I'm an ancestress of the language rather than a posterity.
"We have a girl in the second form who

has just come from the States. She uses

the elegantest language. She says 'All ri-ght,' 'It's o-u-t of si-ght,' and 're-al nice.' I think it's so genteel and aris-

nice.' I think it's so genteel and aristocratic. I'm going to practise it every chance I get. Now, Helen, don't bother me until I get this Latin translated. It's better for you to do your work yourself. "Thank goodness, that's done at last! And now I must do my French. They have the craziest way of saying things. Just imagine saying 'The book of the father of the girl is in the room of the teacher of the child,' or 'The lambs pretty, white, play in the fields green of the farmer rich.' Isn't that perfectly silly? I lent my French book to Billy Smith this morning, and oh, here's something he's written in it. Why, it's a poem, and it's written to me. Isn't that dear of him! I think he's just lovely. Now, what has he written?

"'To My Marian

"'As earth's below and heaven's above, You're the only girl that I'll ever love. I think of you by day and night, And every time I take a bite.'

"Say! that's fine, isn't it? "'You're the prettiest girl I know, I wish you'd have me for a beau. As long as hair sticks to the skin, I'll stick to you, my Marian.'

"Now, isn't that the grandest poem out? "Now, isn't that the grandest poem out? It's every bit as good as any Tennyson ever wrote. I'tell you he'll be a second Tennyson when he gets older. I guess if Martin knew what a genius he is, he wouldn't scold him and make fun of him because he can't do deductions. No poet's any good in mathematics. His brain's too sensitive. Ruby Gordon was so tickled because Herb Barnes wrote a poem to her. Here's the copy she gave poem to her. Here's the copy she gave

" 'Ode to My Weather-Vane "The sky is bloo'-I forgot, I should say

"'The sky is blue, for thou art true,

My dearest dear. I love thy eyes, they are so wise, Nor ends my worship here.'

"And she's got the squintiest eyes you

"'The sky is gray, for thou'rt away,
My sweetest sweet.
I love thy face so full of grace.
And adore thy little feet.'

"And she's got the biggest feet in the whole school; but then, they say love is

"'The sky is clear, for thou are near,
My duckiest duck.
I love thy lips that honey sips—
Oh, gee! I guess I'm stuck!'

"JUST imagine such an ending as that! That poem isn't nearly as good as Billy's. The rhythm may be a little better. but then Billy has the personal touch when he says, 'I'll stick to thee, my Marian.' Ruby's poem could be written to any girl, but mine could be only for myself. Just wait until to-morrow, and I'll show her mine. Won't she turn green with envy! I guess she'll not put on any more airs. I wonder if I couldn't make up poetry:

"'Oh, Billy, you're the nicest boy I know, You make my heart beat for joy.' "That doesn't sound just right.

There's 's something the matter with I'll put 'up' after beat and see if that won't make it better.

"'You make my heart beat up for joy."

"There! That's better! think that-

"What in the world shall I say next? I imagine you've got to be mighty clever to make up poetry and get the metre right. I have the dearest verse in French in my French Reader. Muriel gave it to me:

"'Je vous aime, je vous adore, Oue voulez vous pas encore.'

"In English it means, 'I love you, I adore you; what more do you want?' Miss Gordon, who teaches French, saw it and said, 'You're learning French very rapidly, Marian. Now, suppose you translate this (Continued on page 53)