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Smiles

Willie was doing penance in the corner. Presently he thought aloud, pensively.

"I can't help it if I'm not perfect," he sighed. "I never heard of but one perfect boy, anyway."

"Who was that?" asked his mother, thinking to point a moral.

"Dad," came the silencing reply, "when he was little."

Following are the wedding anniversaries:—First year, cotton; second year, paper; third year, leather; fifth year, wooden; seventh year, woolen; tenth year, tin; twelfth year, silk and linen; fifteenth year, crystal; twentieth year, china; twenty-fifth year, silver; thirtieth year, pearl; fortieth year, ruby; fiftieth year, golden; seventy-fifth year, diamond.

It had been a strenuous afternoon for the devoted teacher, who took six of her pupils through the Museum of Natural History, but her charges had enjoyed every minute of the time.

"Where have you been, boys?" asked the father of two of the party that night, and the answer came with joyous promptness: "We've been to a dead circus."—*East and West.*

"No, I wasn't discouraged. 'Twouldn't have been any use; I had to keep right on any way," simply answered a plain practical woman to an inquiry as to the way she had won through a hard time in her life. "When you just have to do things, you don't stop to think whether you have courage to do them or not, you go ahead because there is nothing else to do. I suppose the folks that get discouraged are the ones that have a chance to stop and study themselves to see how they are feeling. When something has got to be done and you have to do it, you're not watching your courage, you're watching your chance."

Two Heroines

One woman bravely went afar
To lands made desolate by war!
She cared for wounded, sick, and dead,
The naked clothed, the hungry fed.

Another spent the whole of life
Fulfilling duties of a wife
And mother—making home a bright,
Chaste spot of love and sweet delight.

The first one died—whole columns told
Her virtues and her deeds of gold,
The other one day gently slept—
Her children and her husband wept.

—Selected.

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