

THE SISTERS.

Little Lena and May Rivers were two sisters who loved each other very much. They were nearly of an age, and could scarcely bear to be separated from each other. Where one was the other was sure to be. They asked their mamma to get them cloaks and caps and dresses just alike, and they looked so much alike that if it were not that one was a little larger than the other, one could hardly tell them apart. They are not a bit afraid of the snow—not they. They have asked their mamma to let them go out and play in it. How beautiful they are—each like six-rayed crystal stars. They make one think of that beautiful text, "He giveth snow like wool; He scattereth hoar frost like ashes.

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RULES FOR FRETTERS.

A little girl who was a fretter had been visiting me. She fretted when it rained, and she fretted when the sun shone. She fretted when little girls came to see her, and she fretted when they did not. It is dreadful to be a fretter. A fretter is troublesome to herself, and troublesome to her friends. We all have our trials, but fretting does not help us to bear or get rid of them. I have lately come across a short rule for fretters, which they shall have:

Never fret about what you cannot help, because it will not do you any good. Never fret about what you can help; because if you can help it, do so. Say this when you get up in the morning, say it at noon, say it at night; and not only say, but do; and that will be, fret not at all—a fine doing. The only correct way of getting along is not to wish ourselves somebody else, and fret ourselves because we are not, but contentedly bear our lot and be satisfied with what God has given us.

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And last in the list was written,
In letters broad and dark,
(To look as grand as the others),
"Miss Baby Grace's X her mark!"

We'll try all ways to help our mother;
We won't be selfish to each other;
We'll say kind words to every one;
We won't tie Passy's feet for fun;
We won't be cross and snarly, too;
And all the good we can, we'll do."

"It's just as easy to keep them,"
The children gaily cried;
But Mamma, with a smile, made answer,
"Wait, darlings, till you are tried."
And truly, the next bright New Year
Wasn't his birthday all,
When three little sorrowful faces
A sorrowful story told.

"And how are your resolutions?
We asked of the baby, Grace,
Who stood with a smile of wonder
On her dear little dimpled face,
Quick came the merry answer
She never an instant lacked,—
"I don't fink much of 'em's broken,
But I dess 'em's 'bout all cracked!"

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