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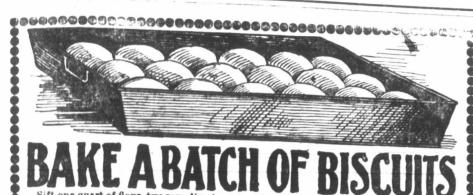
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inch thick, and cut with a small biscuit cutter. Place a little apart in a greased pan, and bake in a quick oven for fifteen or twenty minutes. These biscuits should be a delicate brown top and bottom, light on the sides, and snowy white when broken open.

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The Little Red Crutch.

(Concluded from last week.)

Downstairs they clattered, with noise enough to make up for their silent ascent, the little crutch bobbing along each step as they flew down to grandmother's room.

The look that came in to grandma's eyes when the crutch was held up was very much the look Anita would have shown if the skeleton had been found indeed, or a ghost.

There was clearly something to tell and, as a story on this wet day would be even more delightful than finding a skeleton, the dear old lady was at

once put in a state of siege, the crutch and two little girls sitting down obstinately before her.

"One breezy fall day," said grandma, surrendering at discretion, "a little girl went out to the barn to swing.

"What barn, grandma?"

"This barn," she answered, "was the most delightful place in the whole world. It was none of your fine Northern barns, with stained-glass windows. but a great high-roofed, dark-raftered place, where cobwebs had leave to sleep, where the breeze wandered in and out all day and the sunshine played about, as the children did hunting eggs. It was full of sweet odors from the hayfield on the one side and the apple orchard on the other; and the little Virginia girl, whose swing dangled from one of the lower beams, had no idea that anybody in the world had a higher claim on it than she had."

"What was her name, grandma?" "Her name," said the old lady, looking startled—" her name was Nancy, of course."

"And she went out to swing one

day," prompted the listener.

"She went out to swing one day, determined to 'work up' till she touched the beam, She was very strong and very skillful. She put her bare feet on the board seat, seized the rope high up, gave a tilt this side and that, and was off. Do you know how to 'work up?' -how to bend the knees and straighten them again with a jerk that sends the obedient swing flying through the air? Nancy came so near the beam that its cobwebby dust sifted down in truth of what I say. They who give ing to, you know, but another). So sure." close, and yet not to touch! Ambitious little goose! she suddenly threw out her hand, and struck the great log with her fist. But the loosened rope swung away from her, the board tilted, she hung only by one hand in the air; and soon the impetus of the swing jerked that hold loose, and she fell."

"Ah!" cried the girls with a sob of pain-" ah, grandma, was she killed?" "No, not killed, but sometimes in the long winter months that followed, when she was weary and racked with pain, Nancy wished that she had been killed. Then this little crutch was made for her at the carpenter's shop on the plantation, and padded on top

"Painted red?" interrupted Anita.

"No, not then. Nobody had ever heard of painting a crutch red; but one rainy day like this, when poor little Nancy felt so tired and sad, and had no hope to cheer her, but lay on the

couch and counted how many long months must pass before she could run and walk again, her mother came and knelt down by her-dear, sweet, angelic mother !—(what made grandma's voice sound so queer, they wondered) and said, 'Mother would do anything in the world to please her little daughter.' 'Would you, mother?' cried Nancy, starting up from her pillow would you let me read in your diary?'

"The mother turned red for a minute, while the little cripple watched her eagerly. Then she got up and went to the old-fashioned secretary with sliding doors, and brought back a large red morocco book with a brass clasp, and put it in Nancy's hands. It had been the dream of the child's life to read what mother wrote every night in this book.

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" After that rainy day, and after book. Nancy was never sad or dreary again. She actually had the little crutch painted red, in token of her gay spirits; and, wherever its tap-tap was heard (and it sounded on those floors for almost two years), a merry sound of laughter and chatter was pretty sure to follow-so sweet was it to the child to win such dear praise, and to know that mother counted her a blessing for which to thank God."

The story was ended; and in a twinkling the little red crutch fell, resounding, to the floor, while two pairs of soft arms held grandmother in a tight embrace.

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