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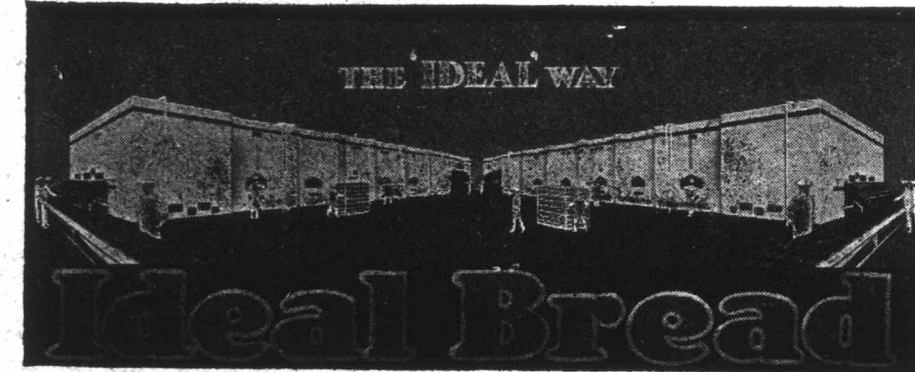
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PEARL'S SACRIFICE.

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living that was within her grasp, "She hath done what she could."
It was a very pale, but quite decided face, that was thrust in at the door of the tiny office next morning, where Mr. Davis sat writing letters for the outgoing mail, and listening to complaints or suggestions from pupils and staff through the window at his side, for he had learned that conversation through a window is likely to be shorter and more definite than one in which a chair and the office stove figured.
"Hazel can go, father. She ought to get away and I have quite decided." Pearl did not trust herself to say more, and the door closed quickly, while her father murmuring: "God bless my brave girl," took up his pen to accept the proposal of last night.

Three months later the Davis family stood excitedly over a great bale sewed up in sacking, addressed to Miss Hazel Davis. Hazel could hardly wait for her father to cut the stitches, jumping up and down with exclamations of impatience and delight, but at last the sacking covering was torn aside, then paper and string, and a perfect mine of treasures were revealed to the child's awestruck gaze.

The whole deanery, apparently, had contributed to Hazel's outfit. Sprucetown (St. James') had made her 6 frocks—4 for summer and two for winter. St. Peter's, Poplarbury, had made underclothes, all she needed, and so dainty and appropriate. Christ Church, Mapleville, sent boots and shoes, and a fine winter coat. Oakham contributed hats, a warm scarf and mits, and some one a muff, with apologies for its not being quite new. Beachborough gave pinafores and stockings and a brush and comb, but the Girls' Branch at St. Faith's, Willowborne, had made up a parcel of all the trifles girls love, which fairly made the recipient's eyes sparkle. There were handkerchiefs, hair ribbons, a dainty silk workbag, fancy soap, note paper, odds and ends for the toilet table. The girls must have revelled in the collection, and one hopes they had imagination enough to picture the opening up of the parcel and the radiant face of a little girl who had never even seen many of the things before.

In the middle of the bale was a parcel tied up separately. "What is this?" said Mr. Davis, removing a half sheet of note paper pinned to it, and he read: "I have only worn these dresses twice, but I have to be in black for my father and mother. I thought the bigger girl would like them. I am sixteen, too.—Annie Yeo."

"Yeo!" exclaimed Mrs. Davis. "Don't you remember there were a Mr. and Mrs. Yeo drowned when the "Circe" foundered? The name is odd and we thought they might be some of Will's people."
"I remember," said Mr. Davis, "without doubt her parents, poor child!"

Hazel was impatient that Pearl should open her parcel. Inside were three dresses, one of blue voile, another of green linen, a third white muslin, with rosebuds scattered over, and a pink sash.

"Go and try them on, Pearl," said her mother, seeing the girl's lip quiver. She guessed something of what she was feeling.

"The pink one first, the pink one first," shouted Hazel. "Oh Pearl, they are much prettier than mine," she added, perhaps with some glimmering idea that amid all her magnificence, Pearl might need comfort.

Pearl gathered them up, dashed upstairs and flung them on the bed. She felt as might a starving man, if

offered a dish of ice cream. "I can't bear it," she said with a choking sob. "She has everything, and I have these," and she almost struck the fragile garments before her. But what was this? She had brought up with them the scrap of paper on which in a very girlish hand was written: "I have to be in black for father and mother. . . . I am sixteen."

No, thank God, Hazel had not got everything, and Pearl had still left her dear parents to help and cheer through often very hard and disappointing years.

"Yes, Hazel, I'm coming," she cried, "and I'll put the rosebud one on first." * * *

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Tommy had an accident while fishing and had fallen into the pond. Just as he was scrambling out an old lady came along. "Dear, dear me!" she said, fussily, "how did you come to fall in the pond?"

"I didn't come to fall in the pond," said Tommy. "I came to fish."—Pearson's Weekly. * * *

NO RIGHT ONES LEFT.

Little Mollie was crying bitterly. "What's the matter, dear?" asked her mother.

"Boohoo! My new shoes hurt me!" sniffed the child, rubbing her eyes.

"Well, no wonder! You've got them on the wrong feet!" But Molly wept and would not be comforted.

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