

him, when he would whine and howl piteously.

"As Jerry grew up, he was still the same. Your Uncle Frank had a number of old coins lying about. One by one these disappeared. Jerry was observed to go every day to one particular spot in the garden. There he would sniff about, scratch up the earth, gaze intently at something for some time, then cover up the treasure and steal quietly away. What do you think he had hidden?"

"Uncle Frank's coins!" cried the children all at once.

"Right!" said Aunt Mary; "so he had. Now don't you think we had all better go into the house for some tea?"

Nail-brushes.

A small girl was getting ready for school. Her mother thought she was a long time in the back kitchen, and called out to her: "What are you staying there so long for? You will be late for school." "I'm trying to get my nails clean," was the reply; "teacher always has hers clean."

The child had noticed the white border to her teacher's nails, and how different her black-edged nails looked. She made up her mind to be like her teacher in this. When she came to try, she found that what had been so long ingrained was not easy to remove: but she persevered bravely.

Those whom children look up to and love do not often remember how closely they are watched and what influence they have, not only by their ways and words, but by what they show themselves to be even in little things. "Be what I am" is a far stronger appeal than "do what I tell you." Habits of order and tidiness and self-respect are taught by example much more readily than they are taught by words. So with habits of courtesy and gentleness and self-restraint. So also with habits of reverence for holy things, and careful doing of duty to God and man.

The Amen.

I wonder what the most of us think and feel when we say Amen at the end of our prayers in private and public! I remember the little girl who said to her mother that she was too sleepy to say but one little part of her prayer, and being asked what that part was, replied "Amen."

I remember a dear friend of mine, who when in very low spirits, because all things seemed going wrong with her, painted in large letters the word Amen and hung it in a frame over the mantelpiece. I wonder if the little girl is not the type of many Christians, who come eagerly to the Amen, which concludes the prayer, and let mind and heart and body go free from the painful exercise. I wonder if my friend's word is not often that of many Christians, who say Amen in a sort of despair, in an enforced resignation to the evil fortune which seems to beset them!

Nay, when we say Amen let us try to say it with joyful, faithful hearts, and so with loud, exultant voice, that all around may hear and know that we believe in our Father to whom we have prayed, and therefore believe what is best for us and for all men He will do; because He is God, the Father Almighty; because His is the kingdom and the power and the glory. His name shall some day be hallowed by all men, though now they blaspheme it. His kingdom shall one day come

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in its power, and in that kingdom His will shall be done, even as by the angels about His throne. Because He is our God we are sure that He will give us all things needful for our bodily and spiritual sustenance. He will forgive us our sins and will help us to forgive our neighbours. He will not lead us into temptation, but will deliver us from the evil. All this we must mean when we say Amen to the prayer which we speak, or which is spoken for us and in our name by the minister.

Try to realize each day more and more that the Almighty God is our Father, for so shall you have joy and confidence in life and in death.—Bishop Dudley.

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