When Teddy Helped By Edith M. Cleaver "Girls get the very best of everything!" pouted Teddy, as he walked sady along
to the kindergarten with his basket swinging on his arm. "You have to give them your may be; you stand back and let them pass in front or you; you always eetants they have the best parts. It doesn't seem fair. And now a girl is chosen for the May queen
it It was May. For a week the kindergarten children had been practicing round a tall pole in the school yard Yesterday it had been nothing but an
ugly iron pole, held in place with pieces of rope; to-day it was trimmed with pink and white bunting, it had long pink and white streamers hanging from the top, and it was crowned with a sort of hat
made of real daisies. Teddy thought that it was beautiful. A little stool or seat had been set at the foot of the pole, on which the May queen was to stand At a given signal the children were to
march past and salute the queen. The matol, or dais, was covered with pink bunting. Teddy came ${ }^{-}$-into the kinder-
When garten room, he noticed that Grace
Barbour wore a white dress with a wide pink sash. He looked down at his own fresh white linen suit and the pink necktie that his mother had tied in a flowing to suit the May party. to Grace was to be the May queen, and John Carle, who was the tallest boy, was
to walk with her; the other children were to walk with her; the other children were
to follow, marching two by two two "USay, Ted, look!" cried Tom, when
Teddy came in. "Inn't this top a good spinner?" Garbour asked to spin it.
"Sust let me try"" pleaded Grace, holdingout her hand for the top. She made it spin, but Tom pretended
not to see, and came over and sat down not to see, and came over and set ditle interest
beside Teddy. He took very little in the coming entertainment. "Ted here," he said. "He isn't coming." Then Miss Graves called Teddy over
to her desk, and asked him whether he to her desk, and asked him whether he
thought he could take John's place in the exercise. "You know," she explained, "you go round once one by one, then two by two. Then when I count four, Grace is to stand up on the dais, and youn
have to turn and salute her first; then the rest of the class will follow your example." Teddy nodded. He thought he understood. "You'll have to lead, Teddy," she turn first. You can do it if you think if you see anyone making a mistake or getting eonfused in the turning, you must try to help him. yard and down the aisle between the chairs on which the mothers sat. Since boys could not be May queens, Teddy
thought it was splendid to have all this new responsibility, and he determined to "think," and do his best. In his dignity
he barely returned his own mother' smile; but the hand that clasped Grace's trembled with happiness as he heard his
mother softly whisper his name as he passed her. each one grasped his own particular end of the bunting. Singing and skipping,
they went round the Maynole first one way, and then the other, until the time came for Grace to mount the dias ${ }^{\text {and }}$ " ${ }^{\text {Gen }}$ "Get up," Teddy whispered. "Don't
you, hear Miss Graves counting? Get on But Grace stood still and shook her
head. "No, you get up," she murmured back, "I'm not the queen," he protested. insisted. you should get up first, she You're keeping everyone waiting, and spoiling things, too."
Spoiling things!
That was what he She stepped back, and pushed Teddy up on the narrow platform.
Miss Graves entertainment was finished, Miss Graves came and spoke to Teddy. "I saw her insisting on your getting up His mother leaned over and whispered II was proud of you, little May king.'

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