

Children's Department.

The Nosegay.

(From the French of M. Berquin.)

Little Gaspar went out one day with his neighbour Eugene, to gather some of the first spring flowers. They both carried their breakfasts in their hands. On the way a poor woman came up to them holding in her arms a little boy who seemed to be dying of hunger.

"Ah! my dear sir," said she to Gaspar who was walking first, "I pray you give my child a bit of your bread. He has eaten nothing since mid-day yesterday."

"Oh! I am very hungry myself," Gaspar replied; and he went on his way, munching his breakfast.

What did Eugene do? He had just as good an appetite as his comrade, but on seeing the unfortunate little boy crying, he gave his bread to him, and received in return from the mother thousands of blessings which the good God heard in His Heaven above.

This is not all. The little boy, strengthened by the food he had just eaten, began to run in front of his benefactor, took him to a meadow and helped him to gather flowers the fragrant scent of which refreshed himself after his fatigue.

Eugene went back home with an enormous nosegay, behind which he could have hidden his whole head. Gaspar, on the contrary, had such a little one that he was ashamed to show it, and he threw it down at the foot of a mile stone, after having spent his whole morning in gathering it.

The next day they went out on the same errand. This time another child was also of the party, it was little Valentine.

After having gone some steps within the meadow, Valentine perceived that he had lost the buckle of one of his shoes, and he begged his friends to help him look for it.

Gaspar answered, "I have not time," and went running on.

Eugene, on the contrary, stopped directly to oblige his friend. He walked up and down, bent down towards the ground and groping in the thickness of the grass. At last he had the pleasure of finding what he was seeking, and they began to vie with each other in picking flowers.

The most beautiful ones which Valentine gathered he made a present of to him who had helped him in his

trouble, and he did not give any to the one who had harshly refused to help him.

Eugene had again to-day a much finer nosegay than Gaspar. So he went home very much pleased and Gaspar very dissatisfied.

Gaspar thought to be much more fortunate on the third day. He walked along with a flaunting air, defying Eugene. But they had scarcely got into the meadow than here was the little boy to whom Eugene had given his bread coming to meet him, and he presented him with a basket with most beautiful flowers which he had gathered, still quite sparkling with dew.

Gaspar wished to pick some too, but how to find them? The little boy had got up earlier than he had. Gaspar had even fewer flowers on this day than on the two days before.

As they were going home they met little Valentine.

"My dear friend," said he to Eugene, "I have not forgotten that you did me a service yesterday, and I have taken such a love for you that I should like always to be by your side. Papa loves you very much too. He told me to come and look for you that he may tell us some pretty stories and play with us himself. Come, follow me into our garden. There are some other children waiting for us, and we will all try together to amuse you well.

Eugene, delighted, took his friend's hand and followed him into the garden.

And Gaspar? He was obliged to go sorrowfully home. They had not invited him.

He learned from this that we gain by being obliging and ready to help others. He did not delay to amend, and he would have become as much to be loved as Eugene, if Eugene had not always been more graceful in his manner of obliging, because he had acquired the habit of doing so from his earliest childhood.

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peppers. Potatoes, 1 onion; salt, 1/2 table-spoonful of butter and let it fry two minutes. Stir constantly and take up add

and boil 12 potatoes, salt to taste, and of an egg, 4 table-spoons. Beat lightly and roll in cracker crumbs. Put on the top of a quick oven.

potatoes boiled or cut into dice. Spoonful of butter and let it fry two minutes. Stir constantly and take up add

dice enough cold sure. Put a heap-hot skillet. Pour a cup of cream or minutes. Salt and

Split a half-grown twist the tips of, wipe dry; spread with the rolling-pin over a clear fire, often to prevent sprinkle with salt done put on a hot little mushroom of toasted bread.

chicken the night in flour, sprinkle in boiling lard. Pour in the fire. Pour stir and add a table-spoon of each, season with. Let boil up once, remove the chicken with fried mush.

Cut up a chicken, mixed one chopped of thyme and par-boiling lard, and

tion to the extent, cleanse with warm bleeding is severe, use of cotton cloth bound up. If the in a vein, and the ard the extremity, rd the heart. But or beat, it comes angerous, and the a harder substance, dy. As a rule, if of the injury or the disease, send for a

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