

at his new geography, and so Jane tries to snatch the book. It is as likely as not that the book will be torn before they are through. That is no way for a brother and sister to act towards each other. By-and-by John wants some stitching done on the sails of a boat he is making. But he was disobliging about his geography, and so Jane retaliates by refusing to do anything to his old sails." Of course both are unhappy. Having our own way and being disobliging does not make us happy. Any boy or girl guilty of such conduct feels at heart the wrongfulness of it. When we know in our conscience that we are wrong we cannot be happy.

Now the way to correct this evil when it exists in any family is for each one to firmly resolve to do all that he can to keep the peace. It always takes two persons to quarrel. So, John, you can make up your mind that no matter how disobliging Jane may be inclined to be, you will not retaliate by being ugly in return. You may be sure that when she comes to think of it she will be uncomfortable over it, and she will be all the more uncomfortable if you are not cross and resentful because of her conduct.

In the same way, Jane, if John teases you—and you know that boys are, as you girls say, "horrid teasers"—the best way for you is not to mind it. You certainly ought not to get angry over it. Take the teasing good-naturedly. There is nothing that makes teasing fall so flat as to find that it don't tease. No boy will care to keep it up when he finds that you don't mind him. He will vote you "real jolly" and let you alone.

So you see, boys and girls, that you have this matter in your own hands. So far as each one of you is concerned yours may be a happy and harmonious family. You can be kind and loving towards the others, no matter how they may be towards you. If you are found to be thus kind it will help to make the others kind too. At any rate, you will be far more happy than if you yielded to the impulse to quarrel. Perhaps your example will work through the whole family, just as leaven works

through the dough when bread is being made. The experiment is worth trying.

And that you may not fail, you need the strength that God only can give. Ask him for that strength every day; yes, ask him for it whenever the temptation comes to be disobliging or quarrelsome or unloving.—*Child's Paper.*

"IT GOES ON THE SABBATH."

An active and earnest young minister in a village in the United States was told of a miller who had, with unusual profaneness, repelled every effort made to influence him on the subject of religion. Among other sinful practices, he usually kept his mill, the most striking object in the hamlet, going on the Sabbath. The minister determined to make an effort to convince him of the sinfulness of his practice. The next time he wanted flour, he went himself to order it.

"A fine mill, this," said the minister,— "one of the most complete I have ever seen."

This was the truth; the miller had heard it a thousand times before, and never doubted the fact; still he was gratified by this new testimony, and his feelings were conciliated towards the minister.

"Unfortunately there is one defect in it," continued his customer; "and a very serious defect too."

"What is that?" carelessly inquired the miller.

"A defect likely to counterbalance all its advantages."

"Eh!" replied the miller. "What is it?"

"A defect which is likely to ruin the mill; and will, no doubt, one day destroy the owner."

"What is it?" exclaimed the miller impatiently. "Can't you say it out at once?"

"IT GOES ON THE SABBATH!" replied the minister, in a firm and solemn tone of admonition.

The man was convinced; and we trust these faithful words of the good minister were blessed to his conversion.

Friend, how do you spend your Sabbaths?