

Our Young Folks.

FATE OF THE ILL-NATURED BRIER.

Little Miss Brier came out of the ground ;
She put out her horns and scratched every-
thing 'round.

"I'll just try," said she,
"How bad I can be ;
At pricking and scratching there's few can
match me."

Little Miss Brier was handsome and bright,
Her leaves were dark green and her flowers
were white ;

But all who came near
Were so worried by her,
They'd go out of their way to keep clear of the
Brier.

Little Miss Brier was looking one day
At her neighbor, the Violet, just over the way.

"I wonder," said she,
"That no one pets me,
While all seem so glad little Violet to see."

A sober old Linnet, who sat on a tree,
Heard the speech of the Brier, and thus an-
swered he :

"'Tis not that she's fair,
For you may compare
In beauty with even Miss Violet there.

But Violet's always so pleasant and kind,
So gentle in manner, so humble in mind ;
E'en the worms at her feet
She would never ill-treat,
And to Bird, Bee and Butterfly always so
sweet."

The gardener's wife just then the pathway
came down
And the mischievous Brier got hold of her
gown,

"O dear, what a tear !
My gown's spoiled, I declare ;
The troublesome Brier has no business there.
Here, John, dig it up ; throw it into the fire."
And that was the end of the ill-natured Brier.
—Mrs. Anna Baché.

A LESSON IN TIME.

"Oh mother, won't you please put a stitch
in my glove? I've got the other one on, and
I don't want to wait to take it off.

Helen hurried into her mother's room on
Saturday morning, holding up the ripped
glove.

"Are you going out this morning?" asked
her mother. "I was hoping you would be
able to stay and help me a little."

"Why, mother, it's the only day I have to
myself. What do you want me to do?"

"The mending is all behind, and Willie is
so restless he doesn't let me settle to anything
long."

Helen loved her mother and her little brother,
but this did not prevent a slight scowl from
gathering on her pretty, fair forehead. Her
mother looked in vain for sewing silk of the
required shade in a drawer.

"Things are all sixes and sevens here,"
said Helen, as she aided impatiently in the
search.

"Yes, I should like to get my drawers set
in good order," said mother, with a sigh.

Willie held out his arms to Helen as she
drew on the mended glove.

"No, not now, Willie. Sister'll take you
by-and-by."

"Couldn't you stop for a few moments in
the kitchen, and tell Annie about making
something for a dessert?" asked her mother.

"Can't she do that much without being
looked after? I'll send her to you. I'm in a
great hurry."

Mother made no answer as she turned to
the piled-up mending basket.

"Here's Uncle Herbert coming. I'm glad,
for he always cheers you up when you look so
doleful. Good-bye. I'll be sure to come back
early."

Helen went off with a light step in the un-
conscious selfishness characteristic of so many
young girls, utterly forgetting to observe that
her mother stood sorely in need of her kind-
liest ministrations. Uncle Herbert was a
great favorite with Helen. He was a young
clergyman, so young that it seemed a joke for
so large a girl to call him uncle, and so full of
good spirits and energy as to make his com-
pany always acceptable to both old and young.

"I'm glad you are come to see mother,"
she said, gaily, as she passed out.

Two hours later, on her way home, Helen
tapped on the door of her uncle's study.

"I can't stay a minute," she exclaimed,
"I promised mother I'd get home as soon as
I could. I just ran up to ask you if you
wouldn't call and see Mrs. Hunt's little
Charley, who is sick."

"Is this one of our busy days?" asked
Uncle Herbert.

"Well, I'm not in school, it being Satur-
day, but there always seems something to keep
me running. I went away down to Mary
Sheldon's to take her a book she wanted—
she's lame you know, poor thing. Then I
went to help Ruth March with her missionary
report. I was secretary last year, and she is
now, and she didn't know how to go to work.
Then I took a bunch of flowers over to Mary
Lane. All good work, you see, uncle."

"All good work," he repeated, a little
seriously. "I wonder if you have time to add
to it one other piece of good work?"

"Of course I can do anything you wish,
uncle."

"But you were in a hurry to get home."
"Oh, I was going to help mother a little,
but she'll wait."

"It is an errand in behalf of some one who
is worn out in body and discouraged in mind.
I really think the case is a serious one, and
that the worst results may follow if things are
allowed to go on as they are now."

"How shall I begin?" asked Helen, proud
of being sought as her uncle's coadjutor.

"Well, what I want of you first is to go
down to Cedar Street. There is a smart little
girl that needs employment, and I have agreed
to send her to this person. It will be a great
kindness if you do this errand for me. There
is the address to which the girl is to be sent,"
he said, placing a folded paper in her hand.

"What shall I do next?" she asked, slip-
ping the paper into her pocket.

Uncle Herbert took both her hands and
looked earnestly into her eyes.

"I think," he said gravely, "I can leave
that to one so quick of perception and so full
of a real desire to do right."

Helen left the house wondering a little at
her uncle's serious tones. Reaching Cedar
Street, she easily found the young girl and
made the arrangements for going to the place
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"My uncle must have made a mistake," she
said, with a flush, recalling the details of their
conversation. Was there a hidden meaning
in the grave look with which he had bidden
her good-bye?

"And isn't the place open for me, ma'am?"
asked the girl.

"I'll see," stammered Helen. "I'll let you
know very soon."

She went out and hurriedly walked in the
direction of home. Her mother's address was
on the card. What did it mean? Was it
there merely as the result of absence of mind
on the part of her uncle? But he was not at
all given to absent-mindedness, and it was
evident that his whole attention was involved
in laying before her the case. Her mother
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She hurried home and found the family
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"Your dinner is keeping hot for you, dear,"
said her mother.

"Don't bring it yet, Annie," said Helen.

"Come, mother, I want to see you lying down
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"You can do anything when you try,"
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"Mother," she said, as she bent over her
pillow for a loving kiss, "did Uncle Herbert
say anything to you about a girl to help you?"

"Yes," and Helen knew from the tone
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words, "he thinks I ought to have some one
to lighten the work a little. But I dread an in-
experienced stranger."

"Wouldn't I do, mother?"

"Indeed, my darling. I don't want any
better help than you can give me, if you will."

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"Oh, who, papa?"

"But you must guess."

"Well," said Jim, "I guess it was a vewy
wich little boy, wif lots of tandy and takes."

"No; he wasn't rich; he had no candy
and no cakes. What do you guess, Joe?"

"I guess he was a pretty big boy," said
Joe, who was always wishing he wasn't such a
little boy, "and I guess he was riding a big,
high bicycle."

"No," said papa; "he wasn't big; and of
course he wasn't riding a bicycle. You have
lost your guess, so I'll have to tell you. There
was a flock of sheep crossing the city to-day;
and they must have come a long way, so dusty
and tired and thirsty were they. The drover
took them up, bleating and lolling out their
tongues, to the great pump in Hamilton Court,
to water them; but one poor little ewe was too
tired to get to the trough, and fell down on the
hot, dusty stones. Then I saw my little man,
ragged, dirty and tousled, spring out from the
crowd of urchins who were watching the drove,
fill his old leaky felt hat, which must have be-
longed to his grandfather, and carry it one
two, three, oh, as many as six times, to the
poor suffering animal, until the creature was
able to get up and go on with the rest."

"Did the sheep say 'Thank you,' papa?"
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"I didn't hear it," answered papa. "But
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some time, and while there I felt somewhat
better. The improvement, however, was only
temporary, for scarcely had I returned home
when I was again as ill as before. I had spent
a great deal of money in doctoring without
benefit and I felt discouraged and began to
look upon my condition as hopeless. A friend
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more money on medicines. Finally, however,
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as you can see have reason to be thankful that
I did. I purchased a box and began using
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required no further persuasion to continue
their use. After I had taken a number of
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