

"She loves you best now," remarked Duke. "I'm glad of it. She ought to."

"Why?"

"Because you were always good to her. I was often very naughty."

"Duke," cried Dolly, catching at the chance thus offered, "won't you tell grandmother you are sorry for being naughty to her when we came? Do, dear—I'm sure it would be nicer if you do."

"But I'm not sorry," objected Duke sturdily.

"But, Duke dear, I think you would be sorry if mamma were to hear about it, for it would grieve her so. And Parker told me that some of the things you said hurt poor grandmother very much. She is growing old now, Duke. Some day she will die and go away to heaven, I am sure you will be sorry then, and you will wish you had told her so."

Duke was not hard-hearted, and this appeal touched him.

"I'll go now," he said, jumping up. "I'll go now before I've time to change my mind; come, Dolly." He took her hand and ran quickly down to grandmother's room.

"Grandmother," he said, marching up to Lady Temple with no sign of timidity, save that he still held Dolly's hand fast in his own, "I've come to say good-night; and I want to tell you that I'm sorry I was naughty to you and said rude things when I came here first."

He stopped and looked at Dolly as though to ask if he had said all that was needful. She smiled at him and her lips moved. Duke was quick and understood at once.

"Will you forgive me, grandmother?"

"Yes, Marmaduke, I forgive you freely. I do not think it will occur again."

The words were formal and precise, as usual; but there was an expression upon the wrinkled face that touched the child.

"Grandmother," he said, laying his small hand upon hers, "I am going to be fond of you always now. Dolly loves you next best to papa and mamma, I think; and I am going to love you too. I'll try not to be naughty to you ever any more. You'll like that, won't you?"

"I shall like that very much," Lady Temple answered with unusual gentleness. "Good-night, Marmaduke, God bless you."

The boy retired after a more loving embrace than usual; and Dolly lingered behind to read and sing to her grandmother. She went to bed that night with a very happy heart.

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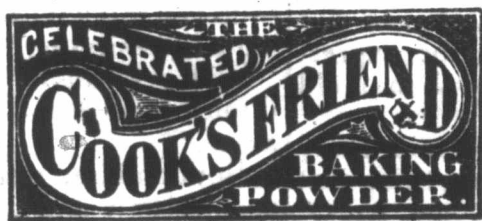
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