#### WISHING.

Don't you wish the world were better?

Let me tell you what to do;
Set a watch upon your actions,

Keep them always straight and true.
Rid your mind of selfish motives,

Let your thoughts be clean and high;
You can make a little Eden

Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?

Well, suppose you make a start

By accumulating wisdom

In the scrap-book of your heart.

Do not waste one page on folly;

Live to learn an learn to live;

If you want to give men knowledge

You must get it ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?

Then remember day by day
Just to scatter seeds of kindness

As you pass along the way;

For the pleasure of the many

May be ofttimes traced to one,

As the hand that plants the acorn

Shelters armies from the sun.

—Youth's Companion.

#### A LITTLE ERRAND GIRL.

A sweet-faced woman stood in the doorway. Outside was her small daughter, a tiny tot, not more than six years old. The little one was grasping with both dimpled hands a small basket full of sugared crullers, hot and crisp, over which a dainty napkin was carefully tucked.

"Well, good-bye, dear," said the lady, smiling; "take the cakes right straight to grandma, and don't stop on the way."

"I'll go right there, mamma, I

won't stop."

"Hold the basket tight so as not to drop out any of the cakes. I want grandma to have them all." "All right mamma."

The little one started off with a smile on her face, for she felt proud and happy to be trusted with a basket of cakes for grandma. She had never carried any before.

"What you got?" questioned a large girl whom she met on the street.

"Some cakes."

"What kind?"

"Fried cakes."

"Oh, give me one, do, please. I just love fried cakes."

She had turned and was walking along beside the little one.

"I'd give you one if they were mine, but they're for grandma."

"Oh pshaw! Your grandma doesn't want 'em all, and, besides she'll never miss just one," lifting up the corner of the napkin. "Oh, my, ain't they fine! How good they smell! Do give me one."

"I can't: mamma said I should take 'em all to grandma, and I must."

"What if she did? There's a lot

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of 'em. Give me one, she won't know anything about it; you needn't tell her."

The little one looked distressed, her smiles were gone, her face was pale.

"I can't, Lida," she said, with determination; hurrying along to get out of the way of the tempter. But Lida, nothing daunted, hur-

ried along by the little one's side!

"See here, Nellie," she said, coaxingly, taking out of her pocket a tiny china doll dressed in pink satin," there, you wanted this, and I'll give it to you for just one of those sugared fried cakes."

Nellie glanced at the doll wistfully, "Oh, it is so sweet!" was the thought. But she did not stop.

"I can't, Lida; the cakes aren't mine."

She went on safely now, for Lida had turned about vexed and crestfallen.

"You're an old stingy cat!" was her parting fling.

It was not pleasant to be called an old stingy cat, and some tears came into the sweet blue eyes; but when Nellie reached grandma's she forgot Lida and her ugly words, for grandma hugged and kissed her, calling her a "blessed dear." Grandma had just finished making chocolate cake, as she expected company to tea. She had made two little patty-pan chocolates and frosted them, which she The little girl gave to Nellie. clapped her hands at sight of them, for there were no other cakes to be compared to chocolates patty-pans, she thought. She put them carefully in her basket, with the napkin thrown over.

"Mamma loves chocolates, too," was her generous thought, "and I'll give her one."

On her way home, she passed

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Lida's house. Lida was swinging on the gate.

Gray eye, greedy gut, Eat all the world up,"

sang Lida, and then, as there was no response to her rude quotation, she called out: "Before I'd be so stingy as to refuse just one fried cake when I had a whole basketful, I'd go down myself."

Nellie stopped and raised the

"See here, Lida," she said.