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A FAMILY STORY OF TO-DAY. BY THE AUTHOR OF "OUR NELL," "A SAILOR'S DAUGHTER," ETC.

CHAPTER VIII .- Continued.

WATERHOUSE had started up, and standing with his back to the fire, began to pull his moustache fiercely. The two men obviously illustrated different types. The merest glance would suffice to dis-tinguish in Waterhouse a prosperous man, as he The merest glance would suffice to disstood there in a posture of easy strength, with his thoroughly healthy bronzed complexion, and a face in which only pleasant lines and curves were discernible. The man in the chair probably made this observation to himself, for a shade of added bitterness fell on his face, which added another point to his resemblance to the unprosperous man, for which his spare figure, with its stoop acquired over a desk, and dark sombre face, had already fitted him.

My dear fellow," continued Waterhouse, " you are fitted for something better than that,"

Denston shrugged his shoulders. He had taken a fancy to Waterhouse, and, stranger as he was, did not resent what he would have considered impertinent familiarity in another man.

·I don't congratulate inyaclf on possessing

wasted talent," he said. "But this copying—it is merely mechanical, isn't it? Any stick could do it. But I suppose it

"Naturally, since I am found engaged in it."
"How is your sister?" asked Waterhouse,

abruptly. Ás well as sho ever is, thank you."

"You're a lucky fellow, to have a sister to live with you.

"You never had one, probably."
"No; I haven't a relation in the world—no one that cares a button for me."

"You should marry."
"Marry, should 1?"—Waterhouse laughed—
"that is a matter for reflection."

Have matrimony and reflection much connec-

"Ah I you are cynical on that subject. I am not. Though I suppose the age of infatuation has gone by with me, I dare say I shall fall honestly in love some of these days."

"That 's a hair-aplitting distinction."
"Ah," laughed Waterhouse, "there is no method in your madness. By-the-by, are you not on intimate terms with the people in this house?"

"I settled myself here with the idea that it would be more like a home than most places. But the people are not friendly."

"One of the daughters is a great deal with my sister, but I have scarcely exchanged a dozen words with her; the sort of girl that looks as if she'd want an introduction to her own mother. there's another one, small, with dark eyes, that seems cut out on quite a different pattern.

"She's as cold as snow to me. You must be s favorite.'

The two men looked at each other. Denston

saidNot I. I never was a favourite with a woman yet;" but in the presence of all Waterhouse's advantages, it was, in spite of his misanthropical sentiments, not uppleasant to remember Grace's expressed prejudice against rich men, which, it seemed likely, might imply a prejudice in favour of poor

"Do you play chess?" asked Waterhouse, by-

and by. "When I can get an opponent."

"Just my case. Let us have a game, shall we?
Ah," he said, with a sigh, as he fetched his chessboard from a corner table, and placed a chair for
Denston. "I have often played with this very set out bullock-travelling at the Cape, atretched out

y the fire when we camped for the night."
"Did you play with the Hottentots?"
"No, with my father," answered Waterhouse,

the game. As it chanced, they were well matched, and enjoyed a tough struggle. When Denston was going, Waterhouse said—

"Now, do come in whenever you can, Denaton; never mind how late. When I'm at home, I get fearfully bored toward that time in an evening." So it came to pass that the two spent a good

many evenings over the chess-board, and found that they growingly suited each other.

Grace observed to Hester one evening, when

they heard Sarah take Mr. Denston up-stairs—

Heater looked up, surprised to hear this unusual expression of interest in masculine affairs. Why so?" she asked.

Grace laughed, and nodded her head saucily.

"I have eyes," she said, " though it pleases me sometimes to be as though I had none."

"And what do you see with your eyes in this

"Would you like me to tell you, Cobweb?" Grace put her hand under her sister's chin, and turned upwards her face. On her own was a smile it sometimes wore, which was irresistibly winning, seeming half mocking and half a caresa. "Well, then, in the first place, I see that your Miss Den-

ston is rather a melancholy person."
"She has reason to be," said Hester.
"I have no doubt of that, poor thing I but,
Hester, for my part, I think the world is too sad to be melancholy in."

"No one would choose to be melancholy," said Hester, calmly. "I'm not so sure of that; but, at any rate, I am

sorry for the brother. It is not enlivening for him, and he looks as if he needed sunshine. Now, Mr.

Waterhouse radiates cheerfulness."

"Oh, Grace!" cried Kitty, who had just come into the room, "what a thing for you to say, when you always look as if you hated him!" "Are my looks so unchristian? Fie, Kitty!"

CHAPTER XI.

IN THE BACK-YARD.

There is a universal principle at work according to which living creatures go through a process of adaptation to their evironment, and we human beings are by no means exceptions to this rule. It came to pass that Waterhouse, disappointed of these social relations with the people at No. 47, which he had so confidently reckoned upon, was thrown back upon making the most of his opportunities for studying their characters and habits in

spite of themselves. He became a veritable old woman in respect of the prying aptitude he ac-quired. But it must be admitted in excuse that for a lonely and sociable man, his was a tantalizing position. A pleasant social atmosphere, like the dew of old; bedewed all the ground around him, while he, like Gldeon's fleece, was left dry. And as time went on he did not find himself taking refuge in indifference. On the contrary, he grew more and more eager in the matter, partly because his esteem was growing as his acquaintance grew, and partly from a little admixture of pique, which gave an edge to his feelings. He would not now have been at all content to have thrown up the affair as he had felt inclined to do at first. And that in spite of the most complete unmelting on the part of Grace, of whom he, of course, saw more than of the rest of the family. His interest in her had, in fact, grown very fast. He could not be unmoved by the fact that she was constantly at work on his behalf. Not only in his sight did she serve him with hand and foot, but he could now even imagine her at work for him in the kitchen, making his puddings and tarts in the big cooking apron he had sometimes seen her wear when she appeared in the back garden, and even hanging over the fire ztir-ting his dishes, as was testified many a time in her scorched face when she came to wait upon him. It drove him into a state bordering on distraction that this slight tender thing should be working away day after day for him, while, by the will of the same slight thing, he was manacled so that he could do nothing for her in return—was not even allowed to express his gratitude. He even began to imagine that she was growing paler, and that she would wear herself out.

On the next day after Kitty's disclosure, he had gone to a foreign library, and put his name down for a subscription, and brought home with him a selection of French and German books, such as seemed suitable for a young lady's reading. He took the first opportunity of saying to Grace, with all the diplomacy he could command—

"Miss Norris, you read French and German, of course. I have a subscription for a library, which is at present lying useless. You would be doing me a great favour if you would relieve me of some of these books."

Waterhouse was standing by the fire as he spoke, watching Grace remove those very books from the table where he had cunningly placed them, knowing they would have to be removed before the lay-ing of his dinner-cloth. His tone was unusually diffident, and was like that of one who asks a great favour, and is in fear that he will be refused. Grace caught the tone, and saw the weak place in the di plomacy. What reason could a man have for holding a subscription which was useless to him. The fish saw the hook in the fly, and wheeled.

"I am very much obliged to you, but I have no

time for reading, thank you."

Waterhouse bit his lip, and reddened with an-noyance, but he did not repeat his offer. Grace's tone was final, though quite gentle, but she could not resist just glancing at the books as she took them in her hands, and Waterhouse observed the action, which added point to her refusal.

That same evening Waterhouse was considerably surprised to hear a great deal of movement and noise on the floor below him. He could not imagine what the family could be doing. Then the plane struck up a lively tune, and a continuous sound accompanied it. Could it be possible they were giving an evening '? His curiosity at last reached such a pitch that he opened his door to listen: then he went a little way across the landing, to the head of the stairs, and at last he actually took off his alippers, and crept down. He was sure there was dancing going on, and he set his teeth, and determined to see into the matter, quite oblivious to any ludicrous alde there might be to his conduct, and of how Grace, if she had chanced to come out upon him, might regard the spectacle of this bearded fellow creeping in his stocking-feet down the dimly-lit stairs. But for-tune favoured him so far. He was not detected, but neither did he detect much himself. He saw no signs of company—no extra umbrellas or hats—and the sounds were not those that would be made by a roomful of dancers. But further information he must obtain, and after he had regained his room. soon hit on the plan of waylaying Kitty on her way to bed. He know she usually went up early, and alone, and he had sometimes bade her good-night as she passed his door. Presently up she came, after a good deal of singing, and playing, and laughing, and jingling of glasses had gone off below, at which festive sounds Waterhouse ground his teeth. He was not inclined to mince matters with Kitty. He went to the door, and beckoned her in.

"Kitty," he said, "what have you been at down stairs this evening ?"

·Kitty's cheeks were glowing, and her eyes dancing, pale, overgrown child as she was. In her excitement, she did not perceive the severity of Waterhouse's tone, which would have frightened her.

"Ob," she cried, "it is one of our party even-

ings."
"And who comes to your parties?" said Water-

house, in a tone of scorn. "Oh, nobody," Kitty laughed; "It is only our Grace and I sing, while Hester plays to

us."
"And who is your audience?" "Oh, mamma, of course, and sometimes we let

Sarah come up; but generally we dress up, and pretend we are all company. To-night, Hester was Lady Montague, and we had to make-believe to receive her-properly, you know. Grace thinks it improves our manners." Waterhouse released Kitty's shoulder, which he

had grasped, and burst out laughing. He felt ridiculously relieved. Kitty was not put out by the laughter. She continued—

"And then we have a lovely supper, to end up." "Oh I and what do you have for supper ?" Waterhouse had recovered his usual kindly

"Grace makes all sorts of things. To-night we had lemonade and tarts—jam tarts—and biscuits. These were from the grocers."

Waterhouse laughed again, but this time with a difference. The fact was, he was quite affected by the thought of the gorgeous supper; there was

something pathetic in it. "You good little girl," he said; "you must go to bed, atter all this dissipation. Are you too big to give me a kiss?"

Kitty blushed very much, but did not refuse, and Waterhouse kissed her on the forehead. He was

desire which he was well aware he would not dare to gratify; but, to compromise matters, he promised himself to send birs. Norris a couple of pheasants the next day. That would be a delicate attention which no one could object to. Accordingly, the next day he sent Sarah to the parlor, with these birds, and Mr. Waterhouse's kind regards. Sarali was commissioned with thanks and kird regards in return; and Waterhouse was relieved that they were not thrown back in his face. But that, the family were aware, would have been an impossible rudeness; and even Grace was rather glad that it was impossible; for if there was any present that could have gratified her, it would have been this-some luxury that would tempt her mother's and Kitty's delicate appetite. She had not been without occasional twinges of bitterness when she sent up bir. Waterhouse's cakes, and when, perhaps, that very day the leg of mutton had been served up for the fourth time for the family dinner, or they had made their dinner off fresh herrings, But Kitty, though Waterhouse found her an ad

the pastrycook's for the next festive occasion-a

mirable channel of information, was seldom available. Sarah's visits now were flying ones, so that he could not gather much from her talk, and he did not choose to directly question her. Yet, for all the absence of direct information and personal intercourse, Waterhouse was thoroughly inoculated with that sense of Grace's supremacy, with which she impressed the rest of the household. Her personality seemed to pervade the atmosphere. always recognized her rapid footsteps as she flitted about the house, knew the tunes that she crooned in her low vibrating contralto, and was quite aware when the front door opened and shut whether it was sho that had gone out. He knew she went marketing in the morning, and used to wohder what she had bought for his dinner--not from interest in his dinner so much as in her. He knew when the girls went for their walk, and had often watched them down the street. Later in the day he was aware that the graceful form of Hester would cross the road on her way to Miss Denston's room; and long before he made the discovery about her brother, whose outgoings and incomings were too early and late for his observation, he was 'amiliar with the figure of the invalid, which, on a summer morning, would be visible in the window sitting behind a tall arum.

But his studies at the back window were more

fruitful in interest than those in the front. It looked out upon what the family dignified by the name of the garden, which consisted of a square of gravel, with a narrow border of soil running round it, surrounded by walls, on which caterwauling cats held
their nightly revels. The only tree was a London
poplar, growing at the bottom, to which the clothesline was tied on a washing-day. Besides that,
there was one small sickly box and two smoke-begrimed laurels. there was one small sickly box and two smoke-be-grimed laurels. Grace every year, with great hope-fulness, put seeds in, though without further results than the struggling up of a few specimens here and there. She also trained by on the walls and washed the leaves of the laurels. Nothing thrived except mint and London Pride. But Grace made a point of gardening, and made a great flourish with her tools, and her gardening gloves and hat. with her tools, and her gardening gloves and hat, and laughed at herself for it. The garden was separated by the bottom wall from one running up to it belonging to Little Barbara Street, a street much inferior in respectability to the Barbara Street we know, and principally composed of poor lodging-houses. In this garden dirty little children played about, making their mud-pies; and Waterhouse had observed lately an older boy, who looked house had observed lately an older boy, who looked thin and pale, and walked on crutches. There was teuch. See Gen. xlix, to 1 Nun. xxiv., 7-19; Deut. a slatternly, woman, too, who came out to hang up her clothes, and who looked as if cares and children were dragging all the life out of her. The sounds which came from this direction were anything but his own garden at Cana, where he had been accuspleasant. The children acreamed and quarrelled. pleasant. The children acreamed and quarrelled. The mother scolded, and at night there had been occasionally heard sounds which indicated quarrelling of a more terrible nature. The upper windows appeared to belong to lodgers—a pretty ma-chinist owned one, and a second family of children looked out from another. One morning soon after the "party," Waterhouse having risen very late, and having at the time just completed his toiler, urchin, with evident, though futile, intent to hit his window. Waterhouse placed himself on the outlook, for, according to precedent, he knew something would come of this. Another stone. Then Grace came out, carrying a chair with her, a wooden-seated one, evidently from the kitchen. "Cooking my breakfast," was Waterhouse's inference. She marched straight to the bottom of the garden, with those peculiar ateps of hera—rapid and very long for so small a person. She placed the chair against the wall, and mounted it, and began to speak to the children on the other side. Waterhouse opened the window very softly, so that he might not be discovered, in order to hear what she said. But as she had her back to him, he did not catch much. He heard her say "You won't I You catch much. He heard her say "You won't! You can't! Oh, dear, oh, dear, I never heard such a thing! Go and fetch a chair this minute, and I'll help you over." Then she spoke in a lower key to the cripple, and Waterhouse lost that. But he was sure it was something gentle and womanly, and some lines came luto his head which had been running through it a good deal lately. He had a distinctly sentimental side to his nature, as is sometimes the case with the manliest of men, and he was at home with a good deal of poetry. When he first made acquaintance with Grace, he had been reminded of Wordsworth's "She was a phantom of delight," and had applied to her-

Her eyes were stars of twilight tair; Like twilight, too, her dusky hair, But all things else about her drawn From May-time and the cheerful dawn.

(To be continued.)

WHILE THE DAYS GO ON.

FOR as whatever's undergone, Thou knowest, willest, what is done. Grief may be joy misunderstood; Only the good discerns the good, I trust Thee while my days go on.

Whatever's lost, it first was won t We will not struggle nor impugu; Perhaps the cup was broken here, That heaven's new wine might shine more clear; I praise Thee while my days go on.

praise Thee while my days go on, I praise thee while my days go on t I love Thee while my days go on t Through dark and dearth, through fire and frost, With empty arms and treasure lost, I thank Thee while my days go on 1

Sabbath School Work.

LESSON HELPS.

SECOND QUARTER. THE PIRST DISCIPLES.

LESSON II., April 11th, John I., 35-51; memorite Verses 40-42.

GOLDEN TEXT .- "The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus."-John L, 37.

TIME. -Pebruary, A.D. 27, on a Saturday (the Jawish Sabbath) and the day following. It was 42 or 43 days after the baptism of Jesus, and was the beginning of his ministry.

PLACE.—Bethany (Bethabara) and the way between that place and Cana of Galilee. Bethany ("boat-house") is the probable reading instead of Bethabara ("ford-house" or "ferry-house"). But they were probably neighbouring villages or districts, and the baptizing of John may have been in both. The place was probably one of the fords of the Jordan opposite Jericho. It was a highway of

RULERS,-Tibersus Coesar, emperor of Rome (15th year from his association with Augustus, 13th as sole ruler, Luke iil., 1.) Pontius Pilate, gover-nor of Judea (2nd year). Herod Antipas, of Galilee

(31st year).

CONTEMPORARY HISTORY .- The Roman empire extended over most of the known world. Greece, subject to Rome, but a leader in literature and schools. Greek, the almost universal language among the educated. Strabo, the Greek geographer (B.C. 54-A.D. 24), Ovid (B.C. 43-A.D. 18), Livy (B.C. 59-A.D. 17), and Seneca (who died A.D. 65) were all living during the life of Christ.

INTERVENING HISTORY.—John omits all the early life of Jesus and of the Haptist, the ministry in the wilderness, the baptism of Jesus, and his 40 days' temptation recorded in Matt. i., I to 4: xi.; Mark 1, 1-13; Luke ... 1 to 3; xviii.; iii., 21 to

CIRCUMSTANCES - John had been preaching and baptizing for more than six months (July, A.D. 26-Peb., A.D. 27) and such multitudes came to hear him, and the excitement about him was so intense. that the leading Pharisees in Jerusalem sent a deputation to him at Bethany (Bethabara) beyond Jordan, to inquire what he really pretended to be. The day after his suswer to the Pharisees, he sees Jesus coming towards him, and he points him out to his hearers as the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world, i.e., the expected Messiah, and declares how he recognized him. Our lesson begins on the next day.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—35. Two of his disciples: one was Andrew (v. 40), and the other was doubtless the apostle John himself. 36. The Lamb of God: i.e., the one to whom the lamb of the daily eacrifice and of the Passover had been politting for 1500 years. 38. Rabbi: the Hebrew word for master or teacher, and therefore not familiar to the Gentile Christians. It was Interpreted

into Greek. 193: The south from a four past mount-ing to the Jewish dechapter, Lee, ten, of the last by the Rosses reck soley. The laster is the last probable, '42. Costar : a Hobbow word to the into the Greek word Peter, both meaning a stone or rock. 44. Bethsalds: a town on both sides of the Jordan where it enters the Sea of Galilee. 45. Nathanael: probably the apostle called elsewhere thee: there were two wonders,—that Jesus saw him many miles away beyond natural sight, and that he naw his inmost thoughts and feelings. Ye shall see heaven open, etc. : (1) such manifestations as Matt. iv., 11 ; Luke it., 13 ; ix., 29-31 ; xxil., 43, or (2) that through Jesus we can go to heaven, and our prayers and desires can reach heaven, and God will send his light, truth, Holy Spirit, and being to the ladder in Jacob's dream.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS,-The time and place.—The Lamb of God -The tenth hour. —Inviting others.—Cephas and Peter.--Nathanael.
—What convinced him that Jesus was the
Messiah.—The different titles of the Messiah in this lesson.—Meaning of v. 51.

LEARN BY HEART John i., 29, xxx., 32-39. QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Where was John preaching and baptizing at this time? What time of the year was it? How I mg had John been baptizing? Had John seen Jesus before this? What had he done for him? (Matt. iii., 13-15.) Where had Jesus been since then? (Matt. iv., 1-2) What had taken place the two days previous to this lesson? SUBJECT : GCING TO JESUS.

JOHN BRARING WITNESS TO JESUS (Vs. 35, 36.) Where was John? What was he doing? What was the object of his preaching? Who were with him at this time? Whom did they see? What did John say about him? (v. 20.) What did he mean by the Lamb of God? (Lev. iv., 32.35; Bz. xii., 21.27 and xxiz., 38.) How does Jesus fulfit these sacrifices? In what sense does he take away the sin of the world?

II. GOING TO JESUS (VS. 37-40).—Who were the first two disciples of Jesus? What did they say in reply to his question? Where did they go with him? Was this his home? How long was their visit with him? What is it for us to go to Jesus? III. LEADING OTHERS TO JESUS (VS. 41-46).-

What was their first desire after they had found Jesus themselves? What was the name of Andrew's brother? To what did Jesus change it? Why? Who was next called? Whom did he bring to Jesus? What objection did Nathanael make? How was it answered! Is to come and see the true way to learn the truth about religion? Why ought we to bring others to Jesus? In what ways can we best do it?

IV. THE BLESSINGS OF GOING TO JESUS-(VA. 47-51).-What kind of a man was Nathanael? Are such the ones most likely to come to Jesus? What marvellous knowledge did Jesus show? What effect did this have on Nathanael? How many titles are applied to Jesus in this leuson? Show how each one belongs to him. What more did Jesus promise him? What does this teach us as to the way to obtain larger spiritual, blessings? What is meant by the promise in v, 51?-Peloubet.