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## ONE KIND OF FRUIT.

One day Elizabeth had a party. Forty-nine little girls were invited. Elizabeth made the fiftieth. Uncle Fred had planned the party, and grandmother and Huldah and Aunt Annie had helped. Little cakes and creams and candies had been made for it. They all liked to do whatever Uncle Fred wanted done.

"I wish I could come to the party," said John, looking very sober. "I asked Elizabeth to my party."

"Very well," said Uncle Fred. "You and little Ted may come if you will fit in. We are going to use a banner that says, 'By love serve one another,' and if you will promise to be on the watch all the afternoon to help somebody, we will let you in."

So John and little Ted came to the party. Letty was not there. Elizabeth wanted to have her brought over on a cot; but Uncle Fred said there were reasons why she could not come this time, and they were for her good. Elizabeth could not understand how this could be, but her uncle told her she must trust him.

What fun they had! Uncle Fred played games with them as though he were nine instead of twenty-nine, as grandmother said. Supper was served at five o'clock

under the grape arbor. It was then that Uncle Fred told them a story about a grapevine whose branches would not grow

any fruit. He asked what such branches were good for, and the children agreed that they ought to be cut off and thrown away.

"What do you suppose," said Uncle Fred, "made me think of that story? As I sat looking at these branches all getting ready



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