

graphs of 'Cherry Ripe,' 'Little Mother Hubbard,' and other well-known favorites, added, moreover, their brightness to the large, light room; geraniums and mignonette bloomed on the window-sills; a pair of hanging shelves, filled with gay gilt-backed books hung in one recess, and a large doll's house stood in the other; while the fiery-looking rooking horse, whose stable was one side of the room, seemed just about to plunge his fore feet into a big toy cradle which, with its waxen baby occupant, was set perilously near.

Laughter and noise enough might be heard proceeding from this room on most half-holidays, for Elsie dearly loved a romp with her little brother Jack, but on that particular Saturday afternoon which brought Teddie Tyrrel such dire dismay, the place was quiet indeed. Mrs. Thornton, who spent much time with her children, sat sewing, and Jacky was building a block castle in the middle of the floor; but he could not find much fun without Elsie, and she stood looking out of the window with a deep shadow on her face, and an occasional woe-begone little sniff and silent wiping of her long, brown eyelashes which revealed that her heart was ill at ease.

'Poor sissie!' said Jacky, going up to her and putting his arms sympathetically round her neck; for he was a tender-hearted little boy and felt sorry to see her look so sad. 'Poor old sissie, dear!'

'I'm not 'poor'—I'm just horrid!' returned Elsie, with energy, and twisting her handkerchief into a knot.

'Isn't that a pity?' asked her mother, with a serious smile. 'Seeing that no amount of 'horridness' on your part will bring Floss back.'

'I can't help it,' said Elsie. 'I'm just as miserable as miserable can be!'

'I quite understand, my darling,' replied Mrs. Thornton, 'that the loss of your pet is a real trouble to you, and I sincerely hope that the poor little dog may find its way back again; but I am very grieved to see you nurse your sorrow, and make the most of it, as you seem to be doing.'

'You would not like me to play and be happy while my dear Flossie is wandering about without a home, would you, mamma?' questioned Elsie, rather, reproachfully.

'I would not like you to appear deficient in feeling, dear, of course. But you seem to be giving way beyond all reason. And see how unhappy you have been making everybody all day! You have been crying more or less ever since breakfast. That is unkind to your friends, and doesn't do Floss an atom of good.'

'I believe Flossie will come home at bed time, 'cause she won't have a nice basket out-of-doors,' suggested Jacky, consolingly.

'Oh, I am horrid!' exclaimed Elsie again; and her tears flowed afresh.

'Come here to me, dear child,' said her mother; and dejectedly the little girl obeyed.

'You say you are horrid; then

why not try this minute to begin being nice, instead?' asked Mrs. Thornton, stroking back the abundant chestnut hair that fell in such heavy waves over Elsie's shoulders. 'One great reason why troubles are allowed to come upon us is that our spirits may grow strong enough to bear them without being overmuch cast down.'

'But how can I help being cast down?' sobbed Elsie, 'when my own dear little dog has been stolen away, and perhaps cruel people have got her, and—and—'

'The only way, Elsie love, is to remember that God knows where Flossie is, and cares about her too. If He does not forget one single sparrow out of the thousands and tens of thousands and millions of little birds in every country of the globe, we must be right in believing that He does not lose sight of one dog—of your Flossie, either. And if so, we are sure that He does not overlook one of His own precious little girls, and is even now watching, loving anxious, to see if Elsie Thornton is trying to be patient and hopeful, and to trust Him to make everything turn out for the real best in the end.'

'It—it isn't only about Floss,' said Elsie, wiping her eyes with a resolute hand. 'But—but I am—I was so—so horridly cross to day!'

(To be Continued.)

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