

DIARY OF A POOR YOUNG LADY.

(From the German of MARIE NATHUSIUS.)

[Translated for the Church Guardian.]

A TALE FOR YOUNG GIRLS.
(Continued.)

May 24th.

Jacob does not know where to turn, everything is growing so fast. To-day, we children helped to hoo the peas, and put in the bean-sticks. Each of the little ones got an apron full of lettuce as a reward. Trinchen is sick, she says nothing about it, but we see it.

June 10th.

Is it possible? I have earned two thalers and 16 groschen, they are my own. Trinchen looked sad when she handed me the money, but in my delight, I crumpled her white cap. Then I ran to Jacob, I felt I must do something extraordinary, I danced round him, and made him sing his pet song, "when the Prussians marched out before Prague." The tune suited exactly, and when he left out a few notes, I put in some extra steps. Then I gave Jacob four groschens, for two he was to get coffee rolls, (Trinchen likes them so much), and a packet of Louisiana for himself. He used seldom to smoke anything else. The good times shall come again, if I have to work day and night for them. Jacob did not want to take the money—he said it was wrong to waste it. But it was my own. What shall I do with the rest?

June 12th.

Trinchen has not got rid of her headache yet. Quiet morning sleep is the best cure I know. So I got up very softly, for I knew she would not allow me, and made aunt's chocolate and the coffee for ourselves. I am sure I did it quite as well as Trinchen. I eat down to sew, but it was not yet quite light. I had got up too early. Nothing was stirring in the house or garden, only the Nightingales were singing. My eyelids got very heavy and I fell asleep on my chair. I was awakened by Trinchen scolding me. She said she let me do all kinds of silly things, but I must not meddle in the kitchen. I had used three times as much chocolate, and it was not a bit the better for it; and, anyhow, it was a ridiculous whim that made me get up in the night. I was speechless with surprise and anger, but I controlled myself. I only said, "Catherine!" very gravely, and left the room. I sat down under the beech tree and could not help crying. Trinchen did not speak then as she should—the old evil Adam spoke in her. She thinks I got up out of sheer nonsense, and that I ate the chocolate. It is shameful that she should have such an opinion of me. I could not eat any breakfast. I felt as if I had something sticking in my throat. I stayed outside, and taught my school. But it is strange what I read in "Bogatzki." "He who cheerfully receives rebuke is wise, but he who will not suffer it, is a fool. Therefore, we should accept rebukes, even should they not be just, and we should not be like thorns and nettles which sting those who touch them. No evil can be said of us, of which the root at least is not in us; and though we may recognize our own weakness, and sometimes struggle against it, yet we do not overcome ourselves, and therefore, God comes to our aid in the rebukes which we receive; God uses even the faults of others for our good. Let us accept everything as coming from him. . . . Thus shall we gain a victory and blessing; but if we are impatient, and will endure nothing, we make the evil greater, and neither improve ourselves nor others. Lord, make us better, and give us the grace of patience."

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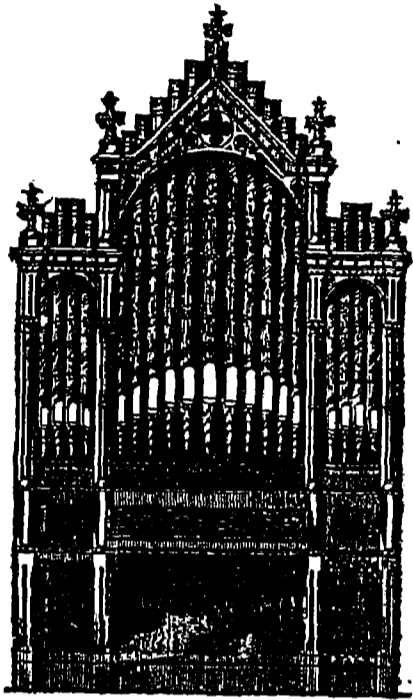
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