

THE FIRST WRONG BUTTON.

Little Janet said, "Dear me! I buttoned just one button wrong, and that makes all the rest go wrong. And she tugged and fretted as if the poor buttons were at fault.

"Patience, patience, my dear!" said her mamma. "The next time look out for the first wrong button; then you'll keep all the rest right. And," she added, "look out for the first wrong deed of any kind. Another is sure to follow."

Janet remembered how, one day not long ago, she struck baby May. That was the first wrong deed. Then she denied having done it. That was another. Then she was unhappy and cross all day because she had told a lie. What a long list of buttons fastened wrong, just because the first one was wrong!

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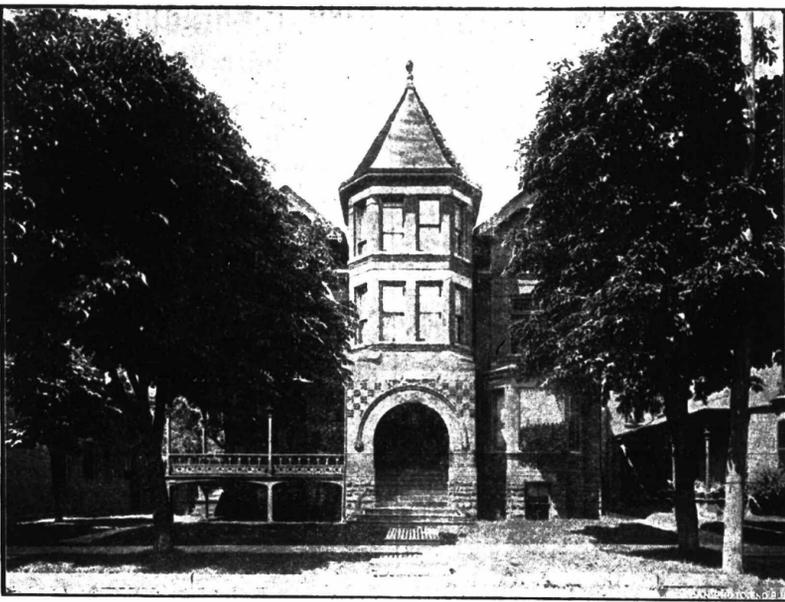
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