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CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

In a large and pleasant dining-room sat Fannie Lee with her two brothers and sisters, eating and chatting pleasantly around a table. They were all in gay spirits, for it was Fannie's birthday.

"Mamma, may I have a birthday party? I have never had one," Fannie said to her mother after breakfast.

"My dear, I am afraid I must disappoint you," said her mother. "We are not prepared for a party." "Oh, dear," sighed Fannie, "I was planning to have such a nice party, and now we cannot have it. That is always the way."

"I am sorry," said Mrs. Lee, but you must wait now, like a good girl, until next year, and then, perhaps, you may have one. Now, Good-bye, I am going to spend the day at grandma's, because she is sick."

"Good-bye," she said, and went into the nursery.

Fanny was angry at her mother, herself and brothers and sisters, and in her anger said: "I don't care who says I can't have one; I will anyway."

"What are you going to have?" asked her eldest brother, Hugh.

"A birthday party, of course, what else?"

"Mamma said you couldn't have one," said her other brother, Wilfred.

"Well, I am going to have one anyway. Come, get your hats and go with me to invite the guests. We will not go into the house at all, but stay in the orchard, where there is lots of fruit," answered Fannie.

"Yes, that will be all very well, but we will all be disobeying mamma," said her brothers.

"Well, sillies, you know it would be my fault and not yours. Come on; mamma will never know it."

At this last sentence the brothers got their hats, thinking it would not be wrong to help their sister get up the party; so they ran down the path into the road. They soon had a dozen boys and girls invited, and then ran quickly home to get everything ready. "But, what shall we have to eat?" said Hugh. "Fruit, of course. We had better go into dinner now. Don't say anything of this to nurse, or she will tell mamma," replied Fannie.

At two o'clock the children began to come, and were soon playing in the orchard.

"I'll tell you what you should have," said one little girl to Fannie; "a swing."

"A swing to be sure! I never once thought of a swing. I'll go and get a rope."

Fannie soon came back with a long rope, saying: "Now for the fun. I will put it up."

Hugh got a ladder and after putting it against a tree, Fannie began to ascend it. When she was about to the top of the ladder, her foot slipped, and she fell to the ground with a cry. The children gathered quickly around her, and took her to the house. Nurse at once sent for the doctor and Fannie's mother. They found that she had broken her leg.

Later on in the evening, when Mrs. Lee sat by Fannie's bedside, she gently said: "Fannie, don't you wish you had waited until next year to have a party? I think if you had not disobeyed me, you would have had a far better birthday."

DORA STAACK

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LETTIE ROE,

Aged 15 years. Arden, Man.

DO CHICKENS TALK?

People may say that chickens do not talk, but if they think a few minutes they would find out how unreasonable this assertion is. One morning I was out of doors and heard a rooster crowing. On looking up I saw two more young roosters, one of which said, judging from what they afterwards did, "Let us crow too." "All right," seemed to be the answer. "Won't you crow first?" coaxingly. "No you." "I don't want to," said the first chicken. "All right, I won't," was the indifferent reply. "Will you, if I crow first?" came quickly from the first chicken. "Yes," was the answer. "Cock-a-doo." No sound came from chicken No 2. "Are you not going to crow?" came in surprised tones from the first chicken. "No," was the quiet rejoinder. "You promised." "I do not care," said the second chicken. "All right, I won't crow any more for you, you'll see if I do," came in angry tones from the first chicken.

They parted at this and it is as likely as not that they did not speak to each other again for quite a little while; and that the first chicken kept his word.

MABEL SUDDABY,

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