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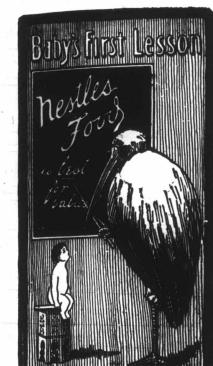
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## Children's Department.

THE ELEPHANT AND HIS SCHOOL.

The great white elephant left the show-

He said he was too refined; The ways of a circus did not suit His most superior mind.

"A creature as big and wise as I Should be teaching school," said

"And all the animal little folk My scholars they shall be."

So into an empty schoolhouse near He marshalled them all one day; ('Twas in vacation time, and so The children were all away).

The kittens and puppies, the pigs and geese,

Were put to work with a will; But the squirrel and fox to the platform went

Because they would not keep still.

And then he began to teach his school

The various things he knew; "There's much not down in the books," said he,

"That you ought to know how to



And first he showed how to flap the

But their ears were far too small; And then he showed how to wave the trunk.

But they had no trunk at all.

The only thing that he taught his school

That the scholars accomplished

Was when he called to the peanut

And taught them the nuts to shell.

The elephant soon dismissed his

And packed up his trunk to go; For, after all, my talents," said he, "Are best displayed in a show." -Ellen V. Talbot, in September St. Nicholas.

### THE HABIT OF KINDNESS.

I know of a home in which the very atmosphere is so charged with human lovingkindness that it is a delight to be a guest therein. I have been a guest in that home for weeks at a time, and I never heard a single harsh, unkind word spoken to or about any one. One day I said to the sweet and gentle mistress of the

"Do tell me, if you can, the secret of the beautifu, and unfailing kindness that forms a part of the very atmosphere of this home. What is the real secret of it?"

"Why, I do not know that there is any secret about it. It is a kind of habit with us. You know that some people fall into the habit of always complaining. Others form the habit of always speaking sharply, while still others are habitually morose and sulk continually. Now it is just as easy to form a good habit as a bad habit, and, if one would only think so, it is just as easy to form the habit of kindness as it is to form the habit of unkindness. When I was a little girl at home my father had his children sing nearly every day:

Oh, say a kind word if you can, And you can, and you can; Oh, say a kind word if you can, And you can, and you can.

in the house some one would be sure to sing these lines, and so we came to speak kindly nearly all of the time. So much happiness came from it that I resolved when I came in possession of a home of my own that habitual kindness should be the rule there."

"It is a beautiful rule," I said.

"It is a rule that will bring peace and joy to any home, and, as I said before, any one can cultivate the habit of kindness."

I believe this to be true, and I am sure that Sir Humphrey Davy told the truth when he said: "Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things in which smiles and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort."-J. T. Harbour.

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#### DOROTHY'S WAY.

Dorothy never set about being good just to be good. She never thought of it in that way. That was how the old woman who had lost a daughter, and who sat lonely and sad in one corner of the boarding house parlor one evening, found a little girl urawing a chair close up beside her and felt a warm, tiny hand slipped into her own, and heard a happy, usping little voice tell stories about dolls and their ways, until her tired, despairing heart for the moment almost grew young again. And much it nobly.-Epictetus. in the same way the crabbed old gentleman who hated children astonished himself and others by joining a little girl in a regular game of romps on the boarding house lawn; and a bashful young man from the country found himself talking out loud and actually telling stories to a group of "town people" listeners.

But this isn't what I set about telling. I want you to know how Dorothy brought the village doctor, who hated dogs, and the village lawyer, who loved them-that is, his own brown-eyed Fido, I mean-together. These two men disliked each other intensely, and had not spoken for years, but both of them were fond of Dorothy.

So one day when Fido got a cruel wound from a passing dray, and Dorothy happened to be close by and saw it, nothing was more natural than she should gather the little dog up in her arms and hurry with it to the doctor's office on the next corner. And nothing was more natural also than that the doctor, with Dorothy's confiding eyes upraised to his, and her hand trembling on his arm, "If any one spoke an unkind word should overcome his first impulse to throw the dog through the window, and set about caring for it as he would for one of his own patients.

When the wounds were all dressed, and Fido carefully wrapped and placed in a basket, Dorothy took her leave, declaring that she would come back in an hour or so and take the little patient home, but that he ought to have some sleep first.

Well, as soon as Dorothy had turnhurrying to the spot, having just learned of the accident. A boy pointed toward the doctor's office, and, hurried there. The doctor was just thinking only of Fido, the lawyer leaning over for another look at his patient, and-of course, you can see came about.

Not so much of a story, you say? Certainly not. I didn't mean it to be. I just wanted to give you an idea of Dorothy's way.—Children's Visitor.

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-Any man is far from perfect whose sense of well-being could be altered by any change of circum-

-Know well that all events are indifferent to thee. For whatever it may be, it shall lie with thee to use

-There is nothing in human life so precious to God, neither clever words nor famous deeds, as the sacrifices of love.-Ian Maclaren.

-How many of us have even a desire to forget an unkindness. For this desire we should pray.-Spur-

-All life can be dignified by a sense of vocation and sanctified by a reminiscence of the Divine Workman, who shares our work.-Canon New-

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