

## SEVENTH CHILD:

And now we will make a wreath,  
Red and yellow and green;  
When you see you will all agree  
'Tis the prettiest wreath that ever was seen.

All join hands and sing:

Away to the woods, away,  
Away to the woods, away,  
All nature is smiling,  
Our young hearts beguiling,  
O, we will be happy to-day.

## Memory Gems for Big and Little.

Before you speak an angry word, count ten;  
Then, if still you angry be, count again.

Kind words are little sunbeams,  
That sparkle as they fall;  
And loving smiles are sunbeams,  
A light of joy to all.

Cross words are like ugly weeds,  
Pleasant words are like fair flowers,  
Let us sow sweet thoughts for seeds,  
In these garden hearts of ours.

Do your best, your very best,  
And do it every day;  
Little boys and little girls,  
That is the wisest way.

Do all the good you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
To all the people you can,  
Just as long as you can.

Live pure, speak truth, right wrong,  
Else wherefore born? —TENNYSON.

"Politeness is to do and say  
The kindest thing in the kindest way."

Good manners is surface Christianity.—HOLMES.

When we climb to heaven, 'tis on the rounds of love to men.  
—WHITTIER.

To have joy one must share it.  
Happiness was born a twin. —BYRON.

Believe me, the talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well; and doing well whatever you do, —without a thought of fame.—Longfellow.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,  
So near is God to man,  
When duty whispers low, "Thou must,"  
The youth replies, "I can." —EMERSON.

Ask of the trees themselves how they should be treated,  
and they will teach you more than can be learned from books.—PREL.

Keep engagements to the letter,  
Let this praise to you belong:  
"Oh, his word is just as binding  
As would be his legal bond."  
Thus your name will e'er be honored,  
If you always keep your word.

## How To Deal With Whispering

I have found the three methods most helpful to myself in suppressing this inconvenience are love, understanding, and tact. If the first two look out of the eye, a glance is sufficient, ordinarily, if the feeling is good between pupil and teacher. If, however, some little boy's nerves or emotions have got the better of him, and you see, when you glance, that there is a determination to whisper, a good way to prevent the same is to beckon such a one to your desk and ask him if he will please go and get you a glass of water, or sharpen your pencil. By the time he has returned and you have said an appreciative "Thank you," the wish, or rather, impulse, to whisper, is gone.

Since idleness leads to whispering, as well as vice, a teacher can save herself much annoyance by taking a little time to keep every child, especially the nervous, active children, busy and happy.

We teachers, without meaning to be so, or even thinking we are so, are prone to selfishness. In the first years of our teaching, we are apt to regard as the most serious offences those which annoy us most, rather than those which will affect the future well-being of the child. Judged from the above consequences, which would be the greater evil, whispering or tardiness? Whispering or tale-bearing?

I called a little whisperer to me one evening, after school, to have a friendly talk with him about his fault: why it was inconvenient, and I did not want it. Catching my idea, he looked up into my face, his own clearing as he did so, and said, earnestly, "'Tisn't wicked to whisper, is it?"

I told him that it was not, but that I wanted my school-room nice and quiet, and that when he whispered it was not, and that I should expect him to do his part toward making it so in the future. He was only seven years old, but he understood and remembered.—Selected.

A correspondent asks: What causes the leaves to change colour? Leaves change because they have finished the season's work and are ripe. During the process of ripening chemical changes take place and useful material is drawn into the stem or branch. The change in colour is not due to frost, but takes place usually when the cold weather sets in. But one may see leaves turning red in midsummer. This shows that the tree has been attacked by insects or that early decay has begun.