

The Family.

LITTLE LIFTERS.

"BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS."

Did you know, my darling children, There was work for you to do, As you tread life's dewy pathway, "Nearly shines of brightest blue?" Your tiny hands so feeble, May powerless appear, But they often lighten burdens, The strongest scarce can bear.

You share "Little Lifters," Who with loving zeal will try To help the weak and weary, And dry the tearful eye; And though you lift but little, Faint not, but lift again, The hardest work is worn By the constant dripping rain.

And when you sing to baby, Till he gently falls to sleep; Or comfort little sister, Till her blue eyes cease to weep; Or tie up Johnnie's shoe-strings, And brush his tangled hair; You are lifting mother's burdens, And shielding her from care.

And when father, tired and weary, Comes home from his day's toil, Draw up for him the easy chair, And make the fire burn bright, Though small the deed of kindness, The recording Angel writes them, In glowing lines above.

Then love and help each other, For to you this charge is given, And in lifting other's burdens, You lift your soul to heaven.

—Frank Leslie's Paper.

MY UNCLE TOBY'S MISTAKE.

Uncle Toby says, "Woman, the dear little ornamental fixture of every good man's house, has an easy time in this world. She is petted and caressed, and supplied with the necessities and comforts of life, with very little to annoy her; while we, poor fellows, are obliged to battle hard with the world to get money for her to spend."

Now my Uncle Toby is at the head of a class of men who have a striking family resemblance. He has no idea that his dear little Lily, who weighs only a hundred pounds, and fits so easily about the house, is ever tired. He never heard her say, "He wonders sometimes that she is not for it puts him all out of breath to tend the children but half an hour. He supposes that Tobias junior, the six-year old, saves her some steps and helps amuse the three younger ones, who, he thinks, lie or creep quietly around the sitting-room floor all day like so many kittens. He is sure they are very little trouble to her mother; for he never comes home after business hours but he finds the house in perfect order, and his wife at the door, with the whole four neatly dressed to meet him with smiles and kisses. "It is so much better," he says, "than to have a hired girl about, putting things out of place, and hearing all that is said."

It was his own suggestion that no servant should be employed, lest the opening minds of these promising children should wish in sentiments which he should wish to eradicate. "Teach them all yourself," Lily said one morning as he stood at the door with his hat in his hand. "Don't let anything come between you and them. You have plenty of time. As for the household there is not much to do for our small family; let it slide and attend to the children."

Lily was a good wife; she loved her husband, and although she knew that her duties and cares were not understood by them, she determined that every muscle should be strained to meet his expectations. She had often heard him say that "his mother never kept a hired girl, and Lily tacitly yielded to the forced conviction that she ought also to do her own work.

Bright silver, clean door-knobs, tidy rooms, and good meals he always noticed and praised; and though she felt tired and worn-down by the over-labor of previous days, and the restless nights of the children, she shut the door after her husband, put on a calico dress, and with a child in each arm and two trudging on behind, hurried to the kitchen, to commence anew her daily toils.

She could scarcely pass the lounge, so strong was her desire to stop for rest; but there was no time for that; the house must be put in order, the dinner cooked, the children looked after continually, their clothes got ready, and the four washed and dressed to meet "dear father" at five o'clock.

At all day long, with busy brain, busy tongue, and active hands and feet, Lily wore away the day, and was herself in turn worn away. She was nervous and dispirited, and though she reasoned with herself, and tried to laugh away the depression of her mind, the effort only rebounded upon herself; the tears would come, and occasionally overflow their barriers and drop upon her languid hand.

Lily seemed to her a great burden which could neither be borne nor thrown off. At the last moment she was ready, and at the door with her little brood, to welcome the father, whose rested, contented, happy look did good humor, and said, "You are looking very handsome this afternoon with your red cheeks, Lily; you have just enough to do for health. I don't know what a hired girl would find to do in this neat house," and as he checked her under the chin, he added, "An old friend of mine will be here to dinner and spend a few days with us. You must be careful and not work too hard."

This was a drop too much upon her over-burdened heart and hands, she longed for a place to rest to weep; but there was neither, and bravely choking down her grief, and spurring up her energies, she brought her husband's slippers and evening paper, and while he lay upon the lounge resting, she dashed up and brought in the dinner.

A noted lecturer was to speak upon an interesting topic that evening, and Uncle Toby and his friend determined to go. The children could not be left alone, and of course Lily must remain with them; but though Uncle Toby declared it was too bad, and he regretted it very much, yet he never seemed to enter his mind that he could change places with her, and let her have a breath of the outside world so much needed.

At the table the next morning, the lecture, politics and the common events of the day were discussed, when Lily, not wishing to be silent, and anxious to do credit to her well-informed husband, unfortunately made a remark which exposed her ignorance of what she was supposed to know, and greatly mortified Uncle Toby. He raised his head, stroked his long black

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