

ing that many people beside children are given to when they are angry. Instead of giving vent to their feelings in oaths, they slam the doors, kick the chairs, stamp on the floor, throw the furniture about, and make all the noise they possibly can. "Isn't this just the same as swearing?" said she. "It's just the same kind of feeling exactly, only they do not like to say those awful words; but they force the furniture to make the noise, and so I call it wooden swearing."

PLAY.

Play is a good thing in its place. We love to see children play and enjoy themselves, and grown-up people, too, by way of change and recreation from more serious duties. The way people play also shows character. If any one is fair, truthful, honest and good-tempered in play, he is likely to be the same in other things, and so the reverse.

Good, earnest play has its temptations and dangers as well as other things, and our young friends have need to be cautioned against yielding to them. To be cheating, mean and full of ill-temper when beaten, or ugly when things do not go as desired, is very improper. Disputes and quarrels may easily arise, and of these every one should beware. Play, but always play fair; keep in good temper, avoid wrangling and disputes, and play will be a good and healthful thing.

THE WAY TO CONQUER.

"I'll master it," said the axe; and his blows fell heavily on the iron.

But every blow made his edge more blunt till he ceased to strike.

"Leave it to me," said the saw; and, with his relentless teeth, he worked backward and forward on its surface till they were all worn down and broken, and he fell aside.

"Ha, ha!" said the hammer. "I knew you wouldn't succeed. I'll show you the way."

But at the first fierce stroke off flew his head, and the iron remained as before.

"Shall I try?" asked the soft, small flame.

They all despised the flame; but he curled gently round the iron and embraced it, and never left it till it melted under its irresistible influence.

"GOD HEARD THAT."

A little boy, not yet six years old who had been with his father and mother to the country, after returning home in the evening, said to his mother:

"Mother, Willie B. swore!"

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