

Sara was busily darning her father's socks.

"Why need you go on working out here?" he asked.

"Father will want these to-morrow, and it is so pleasant to work out here."

"Well, but you have worked hard all day, cleaning the cottage and looking after everything. I am sure you might rest now."

"This is not hard work," said Sara, smiling. "I cannot keep my fingers still if I were to try. They must be doing something, and they may as well be usefully employed. See, even you cannot be quite idle; you are fingering the mosses and comparing them."

"Well, but I am taking a rest too."

"So am I."

Wilfrid laughed, though his eyes were still wholly attracted with the lovely small wild flowers and various mosses growing on that sandy soil. He began talking of them, and telling his sister all he knew about them, wishing he was more acquainted with these tiny beauties. So that the hour of rest was by no means a wasted hour, but full of useful and pleasant information.

—It is high praise to have it said of you, "He is as gentle as a woman to his mother." It is out of fashion to think if you ignore mother and make a little sister cry whenever she comes near you, that people will think you belong to the upper stratum of society. Remember that, as a rule, gentle boys make gentle men (gentlemen).

—We get faith not by telling God how weak we are, but by learning how strong He is. Some people ask the Lord for faith because they are too lazy to undertake to learn about Him in order to believe in Him.

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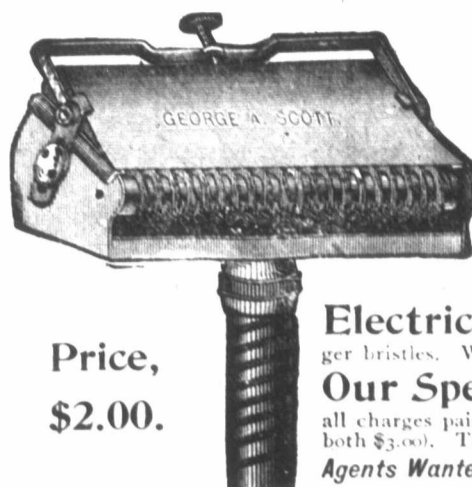
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