

SUNBEAM

UNCLE DAN'S LESSON.

LITTLE JACK has been trying to make a boat out of a piece of wood, and has brought it to Uncle Dan for his inspection. Uncle Dan, as the children call him, though he is not his uncle, is a kind-hearted, pleasant, jolly old sailor who lives in a strange-looking little house. He is sitting in the doorway of it. Jack looks at it and sees that you can guess what it is, or was. It is nothing more than the hull of an old vessel which was washed ashore and is being used as a dwelling. It has a thatched roof, and is fixed up quite snugly. It is exceedingly cosy inside, and sure you, and the man would not get with his old top for the finest use in town. But when he returns to Jack, Uncle Dan takes a look at the little boat and shakes his head. It has a fault, only one, and a little one at that, but as the old sailor points it out to the boy and tells him that, although it is a very small fault, it is enough to make



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the little boat unseaworthy, he also points him to a higher lesson, for the old man is a Christian, in these words. "Remember, Jack, my boy, it isn't always the big

things that do the most harm. It is the little sins, the little faults that are allowed to go unchecked, that grow and spoil a character and a life."

READY BEFORE-HAND.

"WHAT are you doing now? I never saw a girl who was so continually finding something to do."

"I am only going to sew a button on my gloves."

"Why, you are not going out, are you?"

"Oh no, I only like to get things ready beforehand; that is all."

And this little way, persisted in by Rose Hammond until it had become a fixed habit, saved her more trouble than she herself had any idea of—more time, too. Ready beforehand—try it children.

So surely as you do, faithfully, you will never give it up for the slipshod time-enough-when-it-is-wanted way of doing things. Remember the old proverb, "A stitch in time saves nine."