

The Children's Page

A CHILD'S REBUKE. The pet of the household had overslept. While breakfast was waiting below, and the Auntie was chiding the little boy...

HE KNEW. "Now, Willie," said the bad boy's mother, "it's time you realized the futility of struggling against the inevitable. Do you know what that means?"

LEARNING TO SWIM. From the reception hall came the sound of merry voices. Out in the sitting-room Aunt Janet moved impatiently. Her silks rustled stiffly.

MADGE'S FUDGE. Tilly had finished her work and gone upstairs for the night. The kitchen table had been scrubbed until it was as white as snow, the floor was spotless. That was the way Tilly always kept it.

"I do not think Agnes lacks spirit. You know how she used to resent a slight. But lately—"

"I wonder if there's any fire?" remarked Madge in the sitting-room, pushing her algebra book. "If there is, I believe I'll make some fudge."

"Because, aunty, I am learning to swim." Turning from her aunt's astonished gaze, she looked straight into her mother's face—into the eyes so sure to understand.

"Isn't she!" she answered in a pleased voice as she looked about, "so faithful and honest, and, indeed, everything that is good."

SOME CONUNDRUMS. Why is the conundrumist like a dog's tail? Because he is bent on being waggy.

Madge was stirring her fudge energetically, but her face was thoughtful. "I will, grandma," she cried earnestly, "and to prove it to you, I'll take her up some candy as soon as it is done."

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Madge reached impulsively and took the rough little hand. "My mother is dead, too, Tilly," said she, softly, "and I know just how it feels—that part of it, I mean. And as to the work, you're the best little worker in the world."

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