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at the Little Shoes Said.
... dust on his shoes
... began to talk
... this is what they said:

... as tire? as we can be,
... been 'most everywhere;
... our little master rests—
... ally is not fair.

... his bath and sweetly sleeps
... sheets both cool and clean,
... are left to stand outside;
... do 'ty u think it mean?

... carried him 'om morn till night;
... quite forgot, that's plain;
... here we watch and wait and wait
... morning e me again.

... he'll tramp, and tramp, and tramp
... along summer day,
... his is what we like to do—
... carry hi a away.

... he could never go to bed;
... stay up all the night,
... and he co' er o'er with dust
... 'twould serve him right"
... —Our Little Men and Women

Caution in Little Things.

... are for the young and in-ex-
...perienced housekeeper many little
... things that once learned are learned
... early, but a lack of the knowledge of
... them will always prove inconvenient
... subject one to considerable loss.

... beginner in the domestic realm
... frequently that the milk
... and, and it tried her not a little
... when she spoke of it a few times
... the milkman, he said, pleasantly,

... with decision, that she was the
... customer on his route who ever
... of the milk he furnished unsatisf-
... is. An aunt who visited in the
... quietly remarked that the milk
... left on the doorstep too long, in
... cool, but muggy, weather, and
... it stood altogether too long on
... kitchen table after being taken in.

... extremely simple things that, it
... seem, would occur to any one,
... this young lady was surprised that
... was necessary to be so prompt in
... ing with milk. As she still had
... at times, however, it remained
... an intelligent servant to give her a
... lesson.

... you please, ma'am, she said, 'you
... the milk close to the salad dressing
... refrigerator, and, of course, the
... mess was catchin'
... is that possible?' asked the young
... res.

... Why, for certain, ma'am,' replied
... girl. 'You never must put any-
... sour near the milk; it's always
... to 'turn' on the least excuse;
... either lemon juice, vinegar, or
... les, if put too near, up gets the
... and resents it, gettin' sour for
... if.'

... there was but little trouble with
... milk after a while.
... some one declared, one night, that
... soup tasted of kerosene-oil and
... n't fit to eat. It occurred to the
... wife that the soup-kettle was
... in a closet under the sink, which
... was always neat, but that a kero-
... sene can was also kept in a far corner
... of the closet. She had had misgivings
... ere than once as to the propriety of
... eeping the can where it was. On
... aking of it to her husband, he said:

... 'I never keep a can of kerosene oil in
... closet, especially one where any
... ad of cooking utensils are kept! Let
... can stand where the strong fumes
... evaporate as soon as possible. The
... ar is the best place.' It would
... am that common sense would teach
... us, but some do not think of it. We
... y a package of crackers sent back to
... grocer a little while ago which were
... regated through and through with
... the unsavory odor of kerosene. It was
... and that a careless clerk had allowed
... barrel of the crackers to stand over
... ight in the vicinity of an oil hogthead.

... is needless to add that the entire
... rel of crisp wafers was a dead loss.
... A man given to make scientific ex-
... periments sniffed warily on entering
... mother's kitchen. 'There's noth-
... here that can be spoiled,' the lady
... imed. 'Last night at dinner we
... ad an excellent piece of roast beef; it
... in the cool pantry, and I intend
... ving it sliced for lunch.'
... 'Then you'll be poisoned,' rejoined
... son; and, going to the pantry, he
... owed her that the trouble arose from
... ving allowed the beef to stand in the
... dish gravy. 'Decomposition,' he
... id, using plainly the distasteful word,
... will often take place in a very few
... ours where meat that is rare is allowed
... stand in the dish gravy. Your nice
... eat would have been all right to day,
... ad you put it on another platter, free
... of the gravy, the taint of which I
... ognized the moment I entered the
... kitchen.'

... Another inexperienced housekeeper
... was annoyed at the speed with which
... her bread would have a musty taste.
... one day, a neighbor saw her carefully
... washing out the tin chest in which her
... nice loaves were kept, and, with true
... neighborly kindness, being justified
... so by superior age, she said, laugh-
... ngly:

'My dear, I'm afraid your bread will
... spoil.'
... 'Well, now, do tell me what I am
... doing wrong!' exclaimed the younger
... woman. 'My bread does spoil, and
... I've tried in vain to find out the reason.'

'In the first place,' the neighbor re-
... plied, 'your tin is not perfectly dry.
... Any moisture will produce a musty,
... moldy taste in a very little while; and,
... then, your bread is not cool enough to
... put away. I see you have wrapped it
... cautiously about with a portion of an
... old table-cloth, an excellent thing to
... do after the loaves have cooled. I have
... seen cooks wrap bread up in that way
... while warm, where it is to be eaten
... immediately; but it is not the correct
... way to shut the steam in with a cloth.
... Let the bread cool, have the tin chest
... thoroughly dried and well aired, then
... wrap up the loaves in the soft cloth,
... and it will keep moist and perfectly
... sweet. Don't use the cloth long with-
... out washing it. I have often eaten
... bread that tasted of a cloth that needed
... washing. Bread is unavoidably greasy
... on the outside, and no taste sooner
... communicates itself to a linen cloth
... than the one adhering to whatever is
... baked in a pan.'

'Such little things, and yet so im-
... portant!' exclaimed the younger
... woman.
... 'My dear, these little things are
... what make up the essentials in house-
... keeping,' was the reply. 'They are the
... minor details, often omitted in the
... cook books, and yet our sagacious old
... Dinah, a colored cook, who, if she was
... not the person of the household, was
... vastly mistaken, used to toss her head
... and say: 'De pepper an' de salt dat's
... in de shakers is only a sign dat means
... common sense, an' dat in de han' s ob
... a pusson dat knows, seasons de entire
... supply ob de fam'bly.'

Dinah was right. The common
... sense that comes of experience becomes
... the pepper and salt that both seasons
... and preserves whatever is properly
... cooked, and enjoyed when it is eaten.
... —Christian Work.

The Shirleys' Giants.

It was growing quite dark in the
... pleasant sitting-room as the children
... assembled for their usual Sunday
... stories. 'I wonder,' said mamma, as
... she lit the student's lamp, 'how many
... of you have killed a giant to-day.'

'Why, Mamma Shirley,' exclaimed
... the little choros, 'did not David kill
... the only one?'
... 'No, children, there are giants to-
... day more formidable and harder to
... conquer than Goliath. Yes I see them
... every day,' she continued, on seeing
... the enquiring look in Rob's eyes.'

'The next one you see,' he remarked,
... 'call me and I'll slay him.'
... Mrs. Shirley smiled knowingly.
... 'Why, you had a fine opportunity a
... few moments ago.' Rob looked puzzled,
... while his mother continued: 'You
... wanted to go upstairs, but giant Fear
... stood in the door and would not let
... you out. Harry selected a smooth
... stone called Bravery, and soon van-
... quished him.'

'Oh!' said Rob, very much disap-
... pointed. 'I thought you meant real
... live giants.'
... 'These giants I speak of are harder
... to overcome than a live one would be.
... Just the other day I saw a small boy
... seated on an inverted basket weeping
... bitterly. The immense giant Indolence
... was standing over him, and every time
... he reached for a weed—his task was to
... weed the flower-bed—Indolence would
... strike him on the hand with his club,
... exclaiming, 'You can never do it alone.
... Your brothers should come and help
... you.' Now, had he turned his basket
... over, he would have found the stone
... Industry, and soon have rid himself of
... Indolence and his twin brother Idle-
... ness.'

'Isn't Selfishness a giant?' inquired
... May.
... 'Yes, indeed, and what stone must
... we throw at him?'
... 'Why, Generosity, of course,' ex-
... claimed Margaret, who often contended
... with Selfishness.

'Who will suggest another?' inquired
... mamma, as her audience became more
... and more interested, 'and also the
... stone we must have in our sling?'
... 'How about Ignorance?' remarked
... Harry, the bookworm, 'and would not
... Knowledge soon knock him in the
... head?'
... 'Yes, Harry, but let us remember
... that the Bible tells us that knowledge
... puffeth up. Hence we must not study
... for the purpose of knowing more than
... others, but to improve our minds and
... fit ourselves for whatever career may
... be ours in the future.'

'Just one more, mamma,' exclaimed
... Mary, as her mother glanced at the
... clock. 'Where is old Giant Hatred?'
... 'I am glad you thought of him.
... What stone shall we cast at this enemy?'
... 'Why, love, I should think, would
... soon put him to flight.'

'Yes, the small pebble which glistens
... and glitters like a diamond and which
... is so hard to part with sometimes, al-
... ways proves fatal to Hatred. And
... now, as we separate for the night, you
... ay think of more giants to overcome,
... and stones for next Sunday. But re-
... member, there will be no giants to
... conquer if you will exercise to all men
... charity, which is love.'—Chris. Ob-
... server.

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Burying the Hatchet.

Rob, with a box in his arms and a
... spade over his shoulder, had slipped
... quietly around the house and into the
... garden. He hoped Dot would not dis-
... cover him until her unfortunate chicken,
... which lay in the box covered with
... roses and clover-blossoms, was safely
... buried.

The chicken, during its brief life,
... had not been a source of unmixed joy
... to any one but Dot; for it was a moth-
... erless chick that she had found and
... brought into the house, and as soon as
... it was strong enough to run about it
... followed her everywhere with its cease-
... less 'Chirp! chirp!' in a way that was
... very inconvenient. It was constantly
... under foot, endangering its own neck
... and making people uncomfortable; but,
... as Dot's pet, it was tolerated by
... everybody but the cat. Tabby failed
... to see any reason for treating it with
... respect; and so one day she pounced
... up on it, and choked it out of existence.

Dot had covered her favorite with
... tears and flowers; and Rob, at his
... mother's suggestion, had tried to spare
... the small maiden the grief of witness-
... ing the burial. But the attempt was
... vain. A shrill voice called, 'Rob,
... what are you doing?' And in a moment
... Dot's inquisitive eyes were taking in
... the whole scene. Fortunately, she
... found it so interesting as to lighten in
... some degree its mournfulness.

'I'm glad you're making it in such a
... pretty place,' Robby, she said. 'I
... s'pose chicky was a good deal in the
... way. Mother says so. And, anyway,
... she'd have been a big hen pretty soon;
... and that wouldn't have been so nice.
... But I'll never like Tabby again, not
... one bit!'

'Oh, see here now, Sis: Tabby didn't
... know any better!' said Rob, in good-
... natured expostulation. 'She's only a
... cat, and she didn't understand that
... you'd made a pet of this particular
... bunch of feathers. Being cross at her
... won't bring chicky back again. So
... you'd better bury the hatchet, and be
... friends.'

'What would I bury a hatchet for?'
... asked Dot, more impressed by that
... strange advice than by her brother's
... reasoning.
... Rob laughed.
... 'That means to stop quarrelling,—
... not to be angry any more. When
... Indians have been at war with each
... other and are ready to be friends, they
... bury a hatchet. That's a sign that
... they're willing to stop fighting.'

'Do folks always stop fussing after
... the hatchet is buried?' asked Dot.
... 'Of course: that's what it means.'

Dot watched the smoothing of the
... ground with thoughtful face, and
... walked back to the house by Rob's
... side in unusual silence.
... The family had finished dinner when
... Fred, Rob's senior by two years, came
... to the door with a sharp call.
... Rob, where have you put the axe?'
... 'Nowhere. I haven't had it,' an-
... swered Rob, promptly. But the reply
... did not satisfy Fred. 'Yes, you have.
... You must have had it if you'd only
... take the trouble to think. You're
... always carrying things off and forget-
... ting where you put them. Come out
... and hunt it up!'

'Fred was in a hurry, and decidedly
... impatient; and Rob's face flushed at
... the order.
... 'Hunt it up yourself, if you want it;
... I tell you I haven't had it, and I don't
... know anything about it.'
... 'But you must have done something
... with it,' persisted Fred; 'for it isn't
... in the tool-house, and I know I left it
... there.'

'You know a good many things that
... you aren't sure of,' returned Rob.
... This sort of jarring was far from un-
... common. Fred was inclined to be
... dictatorial on the ground of being the
... elder; and Rob was so determined not
... to be imposed upon that he was often
... irritating and disobliging by way of
... showing his independence.
... 'Boys!' interposed the mother's
... grieved, reproving voice. But any-
... thing more that she might have said
... was drowned in a wail from Dot.

'It didn't do it! I tried, and it isn't
... true! Rob said, if you buried a hatchet,
... folks wouldn't quarrel any more. I
... couldn't find any hatchet. So I dragged
... the axe down, and buried it 'side of
... Chicky. And you boys fuss worse'n
... ever!'

The boys looked at each other with
... a shame-faced smile gradually displac-
... ing the flush of anger.
... 'Where did she put it?' asked Fred,
... in a tone that had lost its sharpness.
... 'I'll show you,' Rob answered.

There was very little trouble in find-
... ing the missing implement, for Dot
... was not a success at digging. Then
... Fred met his brother's eyes, and
... laughed.

'I'm afraid she didn't get it deep
... enough for a lasting peace. But I say,
... Rob, we might be a little better-tem-
... pered without hurting ourselves. I'll
... try it, if you will.'

'Agreed,' said Rob.
... And, to this day, when clouds arise
... in the Lincoln household, some one is
... sure to ask, 'Isn't it about time to drag
... the axe into the garden?'—Kate W.
... Hamilton, in Christian Uplook.

How Self Was Blown Away.

'I'm tired of everything, mamma.
... Do tell me what to do,' said Beth
... Lincoln, coming into the room where
... her mother was sitting.
... 'Why not play basket-ball with me?'
... 'Why not, mamma? I didn't know
... you could play basket-ball.'

'Why not? I have balls in the bas-
... ket, and I am going to weave the yarn
... in and out. over this ball,' said Mrs.
... Lincoln, smiling, and holding up a
... wooden ball, over which she stretched
... the heel of Madge's little stocking.
... 'Oh, that kind! I don't call that
... play,' said Beth.

'You and your friend Nellie
... had a nice time yesterday playing you
... were a sewing society; and why may I
... not play that my real work is play—
... basket-ball, for instance? I will toss
... a ball to you.'

Beth caught the ball and said, as
... she came close to her mother:
... 'But mamma, without joking, what
... can I do? I am tired of everything
... and everybody. Please tell me what
... I can do?'
... 'Is my daughter really tired of her-
... self?' asked Mrs. Lincoln, with a slight
... emphasis on 'herself.'

'Why, yes. Didn't I say so, mamma?'
... 'How would it do to stop trying to
... please self, of which you are so tired?'
... 'Mamma, what do you mean?'
... 'Just then dear little Madge came
... toddling into the room, and said,
... wistfully:

'I haven't any one to play with.'
... Mrs. Lincoln gave Beth a meaning
... look and said:
... 'How would it do for my big girl to
... get away from self and amuse my little
... girl?'
... Mrs. Lincoln was called from the
... room, and she found two happy chil-
... dren when she returned half an hour
... later. What were they doing? Beth
... was blowing soap bubbles, and Madge
... was trying to catch them. Mrs.
... Lincoln stood a moment in silence,
... thinking.

'What a beautiful picture!'
... Beth looked up and saw her mother,
... and said:
... 'Aren't the bubbles beautiful,
... mamma? and isn't Madge a dear?'
... 'I have two dears now; but what
... has become of that tired self?'
... 'Blown away, mamma, with the
... bubbles,' laughed Beth.—Selected.

A Dog's Supplications.

'Mike is the name of a little gray
... silky-haired spaniel, who is a most
... cunning and amusing animal, and as
... wise as it is possible that a little dog
... can be,' says the St. Louis Globe-
... Democrat. 'His mistress has taught
... him many tricks. He can tell you
... what he does when the policeman
... comes, playing dead dog; and he can
... tell his mistress when the telephone-
... bell rings, and is altogether a delight-
... ful dog. He has been taught to beg
... for things; and his begging looks for
... all the world like coaxing, so cunning-
... ly is it done. The other day his mis-
... tress sent him upstairs to get her
... slippers. He came down presently
... with one, and she sent him back for
... the other; but again he returned with-
... out it. He was sent back, and this
... time he stayed so long that his mis-
... tress went upstairs to see what was
... keeping him. A heavy satchel had
... fallen upon the slipper; and the little
... dog, after trying in vain to move it,
... sat on his hind legs, with his little
... paws raised in supplication, hoping
... that he might persuade the satchel to
... get off the slipper. He probably was
... convinced that his prayer was efficacious
... when his mistress lifted the hindrance.'

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... mentions the instance of a parrot
... having lived 80 years; a raven 69 years;
... a pair of eagle owls, one of which is 68
... and the other 53 years old; a Bateleur
... eagle and a condor in the Zoological
... Gardens at Amsterdam, aged 55 and
... 52; an imperial eagle of the age of 56,
... a golden eagle of 46, and a sea eagle
... of 42; and many birds of the age of 40
... downward are also recorded.

A Word with Boys.

Boys seldom realize the value of the
... evening hours. If profitably employed,
... the spare hours at the command of
... every boy and girl would render them
... intelligent and equip them for a life of
... usefulness. If these spare hours are
... wasted, the opportunity for securing
... an equipment for life may never return.

Increasing years mean increasing
... duties and exacting demands upon one's
... time. The boy who spends an hour
... of each evening lounging idly on street
... corners wastes, in the course of a year,
... three hundred and sixty-five hours,
... which, if applied to study, would
... acquaint him with the rudiments of
... the familiar sciences. If, in addition
... to wasting an hour each evening, he
... spends ten cents for cigars, which is
... usually the case, the amount thus
... worse than wasted would pay for ten
... of the leading periodicals in the coun-
... try. Boys, think of these things.

Think of how much time and money
... you are wasting, and for what? The
... gratification afforded by a lounge on
... the corner, or a cigar, is not only
... temporary, but positively hurtful.
... You cannot indulge in them without
... seriously injuring yourself. You
... acquire idle and wasteful habits, which
... will cling to you with each succeeding
... year. You may in after life shake
... them off, but the probabilities are that
... the habits thus formed in early life
... will remain with you till your dying
... day. Be warned, then, in time, and
... resolve that, as the hour spent in idle-
... ness is gone forever, you will improve
... each passing one, and thereby fit your-
... self for usefulness and happiness.—
... Lutheran Observer.

English Plum-Pudding.

Seed first one pound of raisins, when
... preparing to make an English plum
... pudding; mix with them a pound of
... currants and half a pound of minced
... orange peel; dust over a quarter of a
... pound of flour. Chop fine one pound
... of suet; add to it a quarter of a pound
... of brown sugar, half a nutmeg, grated,
... three-quarters of a pound of stale, dry
... bread-crumbs. Mix all the ingredients
... together. Beat five eggs, without
... separating, until light; add to them
... half a pint of grape or orange juice;
... pour over the dry ingredients and mix
... thoroughly. The mixture should not
... be wet, but each particle should be
... moistened. Pack this into small
... greased kettles or molds. It will fill
... two three-pound kettles. Put on the
... covers, stand the molds in the steamer,
... and steam steadily for ten hours. The
... easier way is to get the ingredients
... ready the night before; mix and put
... them on early in the morning, allow-
... ing them to cook all day. Take them
... from the steamer, remove the lids of
... the kettles or molds, and allow the
... puddings to cool; then replace the lids
... and put the puddings away. They
... will keep in a cool place for several
... months or a year.—Ladies' Home
... Journal.

Cure for the Blues.

He—'There, I'm going to have one
... of my dreadful headaches, and my
... medicine all gone - no, here's just one
... tablet' (swallows it).
... She (a little later)—'So your medi-
... cine is a charm; your headache is
... gone.'
... He—'It never fails, I tell you.'

She—'But that thing you took from
... your vest-pocket was only a shirt
... button. I was watching you.'
... He—'Great Caesar! I thought it
... was hard and tasteless. Oh, dear! my
... headache is coming on again.'

The highest manhood resides in dis-
... position, not in mere intellect.—H.
... W. Beecher.

The higher we rise, the more isolated
... we become; all elevations are cold.—
... DeBouffices.

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... shall die. That done in love for others
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