A CASTILE SOAP CHRISTMAS.

When Bertha was only eight years old she first began to earn money. Perhaps some of you would think that Bertha had rather a hard time, but that was not so. It is true that she lived with her father and mother in a very small house, and that her dresses were always made over from old ones belonging to her mother or her aunt or her grandmother. Still that, you know, did not make life at all hard.

Now there was a great deal of talking and planning as to what new work should be found for her. At last it was

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decided that she should make the two beds in her own home for a salary of five cents a week.

After that she received her salary week; and, when it was near Christmas, she made a wonderful plan. It was so very wonderful that she had to go off by herself to think about it for fear somebody should guess it by looking at her. She made up her mind to buy Christmas presents with the money which she had earned. Now, when one has just exactly twenty cents in the world, and wishes to buy four gifts, it takes a great deal of thinking to plan wisely.

That night she heard her mother say: "I used to be so fond of red Castile soap. Perhaps some day I can afford it again."

Bertha was sure there was no red Castile soap on the five cent counter. She could remember very bright pink cakes there, and some white ones that smelled like sassafras, but none that was red.

That night, while Mrs. Roberts was mixing her bread, Bertha spoke to her father about it. "We must talk fast," said she, "or mamma will catch us. And you mustn't tell. I'm going to have twenty-five cents by Christmas, and mamma wants some red Castile soap like what she had when she was a young lady, and I want to buy her some, and presents for you and uncle and auntie, but I don't know what, and I can't s'prise you because I had to ask you."

"Well," said Mr. Roberts, "If you don't mind giving me the same thing, I would like some of that soap myself. And it will be more fun helping you fix the presents than to be surprised."

Bertha and her father had to do a great deat of whispering after that; but, luckily, they never got caught, although once, when Mrs. Roberts entered, Mr. Roberts picked up his paper and began to read in a hurry.

Bertha decided at last to give some of the same soap to her uncle and aunt. The day before Christmas Mr. Roberts brought home a large piece of red Castile soap, which was sold by the pound, and gave it to Bertha to hide.

After supper Mrs. Roberts said: "I must go in to see your aunt, Bertha. You stay with papa until I return."

Then Mr. Roberts winked at Bertha, and she got the soap out and he got the carving-knife with which to cut it. He laid it on the kitchen table, and squinted at it this way and squinted at it that way. Then he said, "Do you want this in four pieces or do you want it cut the way it will look the best?"

"Why, I want it to look the best," said Bertha. "Won't it look well in four?" "I should like it in five," said Mr. Roberts, "only then you would have a piece left over."

Goody!" cried Bertha. "Then I could use it myself!"

"The very thing!" exclaimed Mr. Roberts. "Now I can cut it in five." It was cut and wrapped in shining tin-

foil and put away when Mrs. Roberts came back and carried Bertha off to bed. At the Christmas breakfast table there were loud exclamations of surprise and

delight over the tin-foil packages! and Mrs. Roberts gave Bertha an extra long hug as she said, "I think this is the best of all, to have such a thrifty and generous little daughter."

Bertha is a truly person, living outside of stories; and she says still, although she is grown up and married, that the happiest holiday of her life was her red Castile soap Christmas.-The Congregationalist.

A CRHISTMAS ACROSTIC.

BY MARTHA B. BANKS.

S stands for Sugar-plums, dainty and good.

T for the Toys, made of tin or of wood.

O for the Oranges, yellow and sweet. C for the Cakes, most delicious to eat.

K is a knife that has six blades in all. I is India-rubber made into a ball.

N stands for Nuts that are shiny and round.

G for the Goodies that more than abound.

And the whole is the Stocking in which they're all found.

严度度 EATING HIS WAY.

Freddie despised the multiplication table. It was easy enough to learn to read and spell, and writing wasn't anything. But it made you ache all over to say your tables. My! how it made you ache! And you couldn't remember. Mamma got up and went out of the room.

When she came back she had the glass jar of tiny colored candies, that you put on birthday cakes, in her hand. She was opening it and pouring out a splendid heap on the tablecloth.

"My!" breathed the boy who could not remember and who didn't like multiplication. "Now," said she, brightly, "here are five little candy dots in a row. Here are eight rows. How many candy dots?" "Forty," promptly. "Yes. Now make seven times five and four times five and the rest. When you have made the whole table, learn it. When you have learned it, eat it!"

"Oh!" It was the most splendid way to learn your tables. Freddie forgot they were tables. They were tiny red and yellow and white candies. He went to work with a will, and when the teacher—that is, mamma-said, "School's out," he had learned his five tables. He didn't eat it till after school.

The next day they went back and reviewed two tables, and the next day after three, and the next day after that four. Freddie had little picnics out in the back yard and shared the multiplication tables-I-mean the candy dotswith the next-door twins.

"Don't you go to school, little boy?" the teacher asked him,

"Oh, yes'm," politely.

"Oh, you do? Well, I suppose you think the multiplication tables perfectly dreadful, too?" she asked, smilingly.

"Oh, no'm!" eagerly; "Pm very fond of mine."

"Indeed! How far along are you?" "I've only eaten as far as seven times seven, yet," said Freddie. And he went home wondering why the next-door twins' teacher had opened her eyes so wide.-Youth's Companion.

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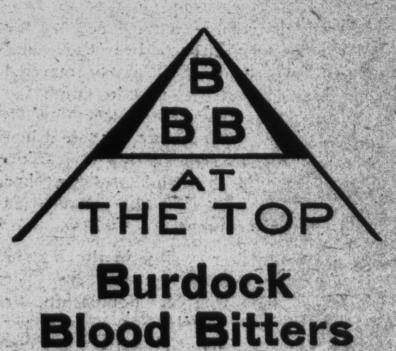
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