## recompense.

PUT YOURSELF IN MOTHER'S PLACE. "A letter from George," exclaimed sister Kate, coming in from the postoffice and holding up for our inspection a large yellow envelope. "And ad-

dressed to mother; isn't it funny?" laying down the blue sock she was mending, and smoothing her apron as though she was going to take the baby.

" Dear me!" "Why, how queer!" said Hattie, meals, Ross teased us in every vulnerdropping her book and looking at Kate, wonderingly. "George hasn't written pitied our infirmities and ate what was to any of us in an age, and never to ma. What secret's brewing now, I wonder ?"

home on a visit," I said.

"Not so early in the spring as this," returned Hattie, sagely; "Millie and house-cleaning can't be separated."

At that moment mother, who had succeeded in tearing off the envelope with eager, trembling fingers, and had commenced reading the letter, suddenly twisted her chair around so as to turn her face from us, cleared her throat, and wiped her eyes on the corner of her gingham apron.

"Anything the matter, mother?" questioned Kate, anxiously, while Hattie and I sat in wondering silence.

There was no answer for a moment, then, turning slowly towards us, she held out the letter, saying : "Read it aloud, Kate; Milly is taken very ill with typhoid fever, and George has written to me to come to them. Dear child, I wish it was so I could go."

"Go !" echoed Kate, decisively; "of course you must go, and take one of us girls along to help nurse, too." "But the work, my dear; how will

"Some way," said Kate. "Let's see; the express goes at 6.30 and it's 5.30 now-just an hour. Go and get

ready, mother, and Cad and I'll pack your valise." "But your father-" "We'll take care of him, never fear, and he'll be home before you go. Hat,

you're not fit for much at home except to run errands and keep awake nights, and you can do that there. Get ready as quick as possible, and help mother; she's so excited she'll be sure to get her dress on hind side before, and forget to lace up her shoes."

My energetic sister had by this time gathered together their clothes, and bringing the valise from the wardrobe, was packing them into it in a manner which foretold their coming out a mass of wrinkles, I meantime looking helplessly on. By dint of her earnest efforts they were ready in season, and when father came home from his work he found us hailing a street car to take them to the depot. "Now what's to be done first?" in-

quired Kate, after we had seen them off and had re-entered the house with semething of a realizing sense of the responsibility we had undertaken weighing on our minds. "There's supper to get of course, and Nellie can wash the dishes. That's all, isn't it.

"Mother said something about bak ing to-morrow," I suggested with a vague idea that a certain preparation was generally made concerning the bread the evening before its manufac-

"To-morrow? Well let to-morrow take care of itself," said Kate, so promptly that I was silenced. Let's ish, that I shall burst if I don't out with see what's for supper; light bread, it. cookies, float and dried beef. Very good. The clouds disperse and the sky is most serene and fair. Set the table, Cad, while I make the tea.

And now, while I am doing that, if our readers will take a little retrospective glance over our lives up to this point, they will no doubt the better understand why we were all so ignorant of household affairs. There was a large family of us-10 children in all, John, master workman in one of the machine shops in the flourishing manufacturing | brow, and every thread of mother's whitentown in which we were resident; Milly, ing hair. They are old beyond their the married sister and a general favorite, | years, Caddy. They have been just work-Kate and myself, twins, but totally ed to death, and because they loved us so unlike, both in looks and disposition; Hattie a studious girl of 16; Ross a boisterous school-boy of 14; Nellie, a delicate, petted child of 11; and three littie boys all in a row, aged respectively 9, 7, and 4, whom we called Tip, Earlie and Benny. And mother did the work for all of us. I dont know how she managed it but she did. Milly and necessities of her large family?" And was the only one who had ever taken | don't you know, Cad, how often we have to housework, and mother was one of those domestic burden bearers who her, letting her sit digging away into this never considered their burdens so heavy

but that they can add another trifle. Father had never been fortunate, pecuniarly; and being anxious to give all the children a good education, the labor of saving for this end was added to their other toil. And then, like many another good and unselfish, but unwise mother she allowed us our own way, and spoiled us through indulgence; and, as we had often heard her say she week, and Ross and Nellie will be here to would rather do a thing herself than to help us. take the trouble to teach us how, we felt as if we were actually conferring a

favor upon her by letting things alone. dishes and make becs, and were familar with some of the minor details of cookery; but to be able to keep the domestic machinery well oiled and in constant motion was to us like trying to converse in an unknown tongue. And so now, without adequate knowledge of work and its responsibilities, we found ourselves with a mountain of difficulties to surmount, and a pretty mess we made of it for a few days too. It was not difficult to get through supper, thanks to mother's provident hands, but when the next morning we found the bread was out, the cookies all gone, and not a stray pie for dinner, our troubles began -and they deepened and broadened with every passing moment, as we became painfully aware that making bread and pastry was a branch of our educa-

tion which had been terribly neglected; and when, about ten o'clock father, in blissful ignorance of the novice in charge at home, sent up a sirloin roast and the information that a stranger would dine with us, and fifteen minutes later the washerwoman brought in the clothes for us to iron, I was ready to was dangerous to speak to her.

mother's skilful hands to straighten out the tangled threads our awkward hands had managed to produce. There was something to be done from early morn till late at night; so that no sooner did we fancy ourselves free for half an hour than some duty undone would stare us in the face, or the children would come "To me!" exclaimed mother in turn, in with clamoring tongues or empty stomachs; and in a few days I became addicted to chronic fretfulness, while Kate was transformed into a veritable scold. John scowled over the miserable

set before him for conscience sake. It went on this way for about a fortnight, when after a very trying day we "Maybe he and Millie are coming took our books and sat down for a very quiet evening. But alas for our hopes only ten minutes of peace, and then an ominous "ahem" from father caused

> me to look up. "Do you know, girls," he inquired, "whether mother mended my pants before she went away? I should like look of youth once more. They share them to put on in the morning. She generally did the mending every week | we share with them the otherwise soli-

"There!" burst out Kate, shutting her book with a bang, while I, after one desponding glance at the fascinating pages of "David Copperfield," went to

It was full to the brim; shirts, socks, little gingham coats with the pockets torn down, the buttons pulled half off. with shreds of cloth hanging to them ; father's pants and Nellie's school dress with a great rent clear across the front. With a doleful sigh I lifted the basket. unwelcome task.

Nine, ten o'clock came and went, and the basket was not half emptied of its contents. Father, John, Ross and Nellie gaped and stretched, and one by one followed the children to bed. Eleven, and still we sat, silent and grim as ghosts, solemnly stitching away at the endless

"Cad," said Kate, at last, jerking out the words as if she hated them, "how do you like it?"

"Like what?" I asked in astonishment. "This life of slavery. This hum-drum everlasting stick to it, unsatisfactory existence. With not a speck of spice in the way of variety about it. Just over and over, round and round, until we seek our rest 'low in the ground.' "

"Oh, Kate!" I exclaimed, almost shocked, "not so bad as that; not nearly so bad as that."

"Yes, worse than that with many, very many, Cad Rouncewell. My plain opinion very plainly expressed is that women are

carelessness and emptied by our mother's grown girls, sat calmly by and saw her do it. And she, weak, unselfish woman that she is, hadn't sap about her to rap us over the head for our ugliness."

I opened my mouth to say something,

"Don't expostulate!" she exclaimed, "I hate it. Look at yourself as you are, and as you have been ever since you were born, a little bit of furniture, and see if you don't look ugly. I have been taking just such a view of myself ever since we've found ourselves trying to fill mother's place and found we couldn't, and I've got so full of indignation at myself for being so blind, and at mother for being so fool

ventured to remonstrate.

"No, of course we can't you goose .-The past isn't ours, but the present and the future may be, that's what I'm coming at, exactly. We must not let mother and father die yet awhile.'

expression.

count every furrow in father's care worn well as to bear it all patiently, we never

capable of rare development. But how much time do you suppose she has had for reading and reflection beyond the wants excused ourselves from reading aloud to very basket, solitary and alone, thro' the when I think of it.'

bright side to it somewhere ?"

sively. "I have been thinking of that. How would it do to go to work and get the house-cleaning all done before she gets home? It will be vacation next

then went to bed. When we arose next morning, it was with very different views To be sure we could sweep, dust, wash of life and its stern realities from what we had ever cherished before. But we were determined to enter into the conflict armed with a strength higher than our own, and through that to conquer. And we did. Two weeks more and the house wore a new aspect from garret to cellar; everything was as clean as could be, and well repaid we felt for all our toil.

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fellow, had lovingly paid the bill. And now, with all in readiness for her coming with a well cooked meal upon the table, with an air of thrift upon everything, which gave us the utmost satisfaction, we looked for our mother home. But when she came—when we saw the dear face looking eagerly out of the hack window to catch a glimpse of home and its treasured inmates—the revolution of feeling was too much for us and we ran behind the door to hide our tears. Such success to our knowledge, for beast as well as sent by mail for eight letter stamps. I S. JOHNmelt in tears, and Kate was so cross it a foolish thing, but we did not stay there Price \$1 per bottle, or 6 bottles for \$5. All only the beginning of many similar ones

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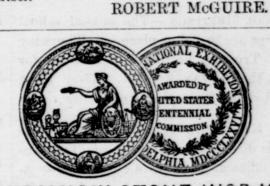
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able point, but poor patient father that she might live not as a slave, but as a queen among her children, how her heart

I believe.

examine the mending basket.

and without a word we sat down to the

"Why, Kate!" "Don't 'why Kate' me. Just look at that mending basket. It has been filled and emptied year after year; filled by our slavish toil, and we, great healthy, over-

but she made a dab at me with the needle and I desisted

"But we can't help it now, Kate."

"Die!" I exclaimed, shocked beyond "Yes, Caddy, I didn't notice it any more than you have, until the past two weeks; but it seems to me now, I could

Kate's voice was all of a tremble, and I burst into tears. "Mother is an intellectual woman," she went on in a moment, "with a mind

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From "The Times." Editor of the Times :- I have been watching the correspondence in your paper for the past few weeks with much interest. Having been in the practice of medicine for many years, I have learned to have no confidence in the many proprietary medicines which are on the market, nd it was through the excellent recommendation given by Dr. Bates, and the knowledge I had of his veracity and ability as a physician that ever led me to lay aside my long existing prejudice, to try the only wonderful remedy, named Ken. dall's Spavin Cure which I find so many of your readers have found to be so valuable. Rheumatism has afflicted me for years, and with all the skill I have professed to have in treating others I found myself unable to do anything to cure myself entirely. After suffering for year the difficulty became located in my hip and nothing that I could do seemed to af fect it until I began to use Kendall's Spav in Cure, which has cured me completely. In all my experience as a physician I have never been able to make any compound which penetrates so thoroughly and works so admirably in removing old standing ailments, and at the same time hardly produce any irritation of the skin. It has done such wonders with me that I

and can recommend it with the confidence that the proprietors do not claim too much Respectfully, J. R. PORTER, M. D.

have the utmost confidence in its efficacy.



Kendall's Spavin Cure. KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE. HAMILTON, Mo., June 14th, 1881. B, J. KENDALL & Co., -Gents: -This is to certify that I have used Kendall's Spavin Cure and have

Callous, Bone Spavins, Ring-bones, Splints, and can cheerfully testify and recommend it to be the best thing for any bony substance I have ever used and I have tried many as I have made that Respectfully yours, KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE. NEW HAMBURG, ONT., Dec. 28th, 1881, MR. F. H. McCallum, Dear Sir:-The bottle of Dr. Kendall's Spavin Cure, bought of you last

fact more too; I have removed by using the above:

entirely gone after using half a bottle of the cure, and she is like a young horse again.
Yours truly, From the Oneonta Press, N. ONEONTA, NEW YORK, Jan. 6th, 1881.

Early last summer Messrs. B. J, Kendall & Co., of Enosburg Falls, Vt., made a contract with the publishers of the *Press* for a half column advertisement for one year setting forth the merits of Kendall's Spavin Cure. At the same time we secured from the firm a quantity of books, entitled Dr. Kendall's Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases, which we are giving to advance paying subscribers to the Press as a premium. About the time the advertisement first appeared n this paper, Mr. P. G. Schermerhorn, who resides near Colliers, had a spavined horse. He read the advertisement and concluded to test the

amined the animal recently could find no trace of the spavin or the place where it had been located. Mr. Schermerhorn has since secured a copy of Kendall's Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases, which he prizes very highly and would be loth to part with at any price, provided he could not obtain another copy. So much for advertising FROM COL. L. T. FOSTER. DR. B. J. KENDALL, & Co., Gents:-I had a very valuable Hambletonian colt that I prized very highly, he had a large bone spavin on one joint

lame; I had; him under the charge of two

veterinary surgeons who failed to cure him. I

dall's Spavin Cure in the Chicago Express. I

determined at once to try it and got our druggists

here to send for it, they ordered three botties; I took them all and thought I would give it a

thorough trial, I used it according to directions

and the fourth day the colt ceased to be lame and

efficacy of the remedy, although his friends laughed at his credulity. He bought a bottle of

Kendall's Spavin Cure and commenced using it on

the horse in accordance with the directions, and

he informed us this week that it effected such a

complete cure that an expert horseman, who ex-

the lumps have dis ppeared. I used but one bottle and the colt's limbs are as free from lumps and as smooth as any horse in the state. He is entirely cured. The cure was so remarkable that I let two of my neighbors have the remaining two bottles who are now using it. L. T. FOSTER. KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE.

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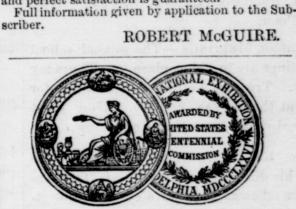
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