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Our Weekly Story.

The Birch Tree's Doings.

BY GRACE DUFFIELD GOODWIN. It was an unpromising place for a tree-that little dingy back yard, and nothing but the green determination at the heart of the world ever sent

its frail stem up between the rough board fence and the hot red brick wall. It was a white birch tree, and for several years it had struggled up toward the patch of blue sky overhead, growing taller and stronger

with the very effort to get away from the sun baked desolation of its surroundings. The board fence was usually hung with miscellaneous garments composing something euphemistically termed a "wash." Across the humpy brick wall lay a space of

hardened clay, generously decorated with ash heaps and tin cans. The only green thing, the only hopeful thing, in the back yard was th little birch-tree. Even its slender branches often held strange foliage of do-

mestic articles hung there for safety's sake. In the spring it put out tender leaves, which, as the heat of summer came on, grew yellow and dropped away, so that long before autumn's chill the little birch-tree had exhausted its small store of strength for the year, and stood sad and quiet. No one even noticed the tree until

Katie came to the tenement to live, and Katie was small and lame, and could not work very hard, so she had time to look about and wonder and dream. All her life she had worked but after she was hurt in the mill when she was sixteen-and that ten

years ago-she could only sew and wonder and dream. No one paid much attention to the quiet, shy little figure that tapped on its crutches through the dark hall to the room under the roof. The

'I didn't know what kind of a tree it was; I never saw many trees. I only knew it was pretty for here.'

'Its pretty for anywheres. I know all the trees and all the shrubs and all the flowers like they was my own children. I grew up in the country. It's a gardener I was, until the blindness come on me, and I was turned off.'

'I was never nothin' but citybred,' said Katie a little sadly. 'I know geraniums,-I had one once. And I know roses and pansies and like that from pictures, and once a boy gave me some nasturtiums.'

'Oh, you poor little thing !' cried Tom in a flare of pity-and rebellion, 'and you so sweet and kind, and loving them so, and me knowing every leaf of them,-us to be shut away in this prison, with just this one miserable little tree !'

'Hush,' said Katie gently, laying her thin hand on his arm; 'I'm so glad we've got the tree. And then' -timidly-"perhaps we can be friends, and we won't be so lone. some.'

'Sure we can,' was Tom's hearty response, 'and I am glad of the tree. But I bet it won't live here- it can't, it ain't got room or a place for the rain to get at it. Don't the bricks come all around it ?"

'Yes, they do, but they're loose, said Katie, poking with her crutch 'Let's pull them up, and give the little tree a chance.'

Tom's practised hands, guided by Katie's quick eyes, were soon at work. They pulled away the bricks and they loosened the earth about the roots, they carried great pails of water.

Day after day their new interest kept them out of doors and happy aud hopeful. Tom had a little money,-very little, and it was going very fast but he bought some fertilizer.

The other people in the house be-



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house held many such solitary, lone-Sack. came interested. The lame one and ly people-lonely in the noisy crowd the blind one were beginning to be of mothers and fathers and children regarded with curiosity and surprise, ing from the same trouble. who swarmed up and down the stairs, for the rest of the little back yard Elegant English and quarreled and sang and laughed had been given over to them at their and wept. Katie was one of these The Fit-Reform models for earnest request. They had dug up Worsteds lonely ones. The big awkward man and enriched the hard trodden soil; \$20 to \$30. on the second floor was another. He they had planted seeds and vines. Made exclusively from roots and herbs, and has thousands of cures to its credit. spring show how much style went out but seldom, for he stumbled By midsummer, hot and breathless and groped when he walked. as it was, the little tree had become Katie first noticed the little tree can be put into Sack Suits. a miracle of beauty; the fence was one spring morning. The pain was covered with morning-glory vines. worse, and she could not sew; she There were many more flowers than could not even sit still in her little Katie had ever seen before, all nodroom, beginning to be so hot beding and blooming in their well-tilled neath the sun's direct rays, so she beds. tapped downstairs, and drew the old 'Let's give a party, Tom,' said broken chair out into the back yard. Katie one day. 'Let's ask all the It was such a hopeless place that she folks in the block to come and see closed her eyes and leaned her head the garden, and let's give them ice against the chair-back. When she MANZER cream and cake. I've saved a little opened them she caught sight of a and think how happy they would be. lates for a stylish social affair. bit of filmy green on a white branch. Woodstock, New Brunswick. 'All right,' said Tom, heartily, "his 'Oh, how pretty !' she exclaimed blind eyes close to a plant that was with delight, as she realized for the not thriving as he thought it ought. first time the whole beautiful, deliand refined good taste. And so they did. Every one was cate little tree. bidden. Every one knew that the Going to it she touched its silver lame one and the blind one had a trunk lightly with loving fingers. smoothest coating of the very richest chocolate, garden, and every one was filled with She took down, with the aid of her curiosity. Kate achieved the glory crutch, the unsightly rags that had of invitations,-little plain cards, on MOIRS, Limited hidden its beauty, and the tree shook Baking triumphs are everywhich she wrote with unused fingers out its feathery foliage, and held it-HALIFAX, N.S. these words : day occurrences with Purity self more erect in its white slender-'The White Birch Tree At Home flour. ness. Day after day Katie hurried to-morrow afternoon, No 34 McCarto get to the tree, to sit beside it and thy's Block, Back Yard.' Highest grade in the world. watch its leaves grow large and It was to be the white birch-tree's green. But one day it came to her party, for was it not the white birch Home-made bread that hers was a selfish joy. There tree's garden ? Had it not, with its awarded first prize must be some one else who would pleading beauty, made over this deat the National care for this beauty so near at hand solate place, made over these two even as she cared. Then she thought Exhibition, Toronto, was lives, and was it not still working its of the blind man on the second floor. made from Purity flour. silent wonders in the hearts of all Slowly she made her way to his door (Continued on third page). and knocked. He called a cheerful WESTERN CANADA FLOUR MILLS CO., LTD. 'Come in,' and smiled with pleasure INDIGESTION ENDS. as she told her errand. Mills at Winnipeg. Goderich, Brandon. 'I'm glad to go anywhere out of this room,' he said in his big voice, 'but it's not often I get out_I'm so Misery from Your Disordered nearly blind that I'm afraid to go Stomach goes in Five far. It's only come on lately, and I'm not used to it yet. Some day I Minutes. suppose I can get around, and perhaps do some kind of work when I You can eat anything your stomlearn how to manage.' ach craves without fear of a case of 'I wish you would come into the Indigestion or Dyspepsia, or that More bread and better bread yard sometime, then,' said Katie; 'I your food will ferment or sour on could help you, and it would be fine your stomach if you will occasionalfor you to sit there a bit, even if you | ly take a little Diapepsin after eating. can't see the pretty tree, Mr ____.' Your meals will taste good, and 'Tom McGunigle is my name; just anything you eat will be digested; call me Tom, and give me your hand nothing can ferment or turn into acid A PILL THAT PROVES ITS VALUE. - Those It is sufficient for some people that down these bad stairs. I'm glad to or poison or stomach gas, which

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go. Let's see-you're the little lame causes Belching, Dizziness, a feeling one that I hear go by my door sometimes?'

'Yes,' laughed Katie, 'I'm the lame stomach), Biliousness, Heartburn, one. We'll get on fine together, Water brash, Pain in stomach and maybe-the lame one and the blind intestines or other symptoms.

of fullness after eating, Nausea, Indigestion (like a lump of lead in the

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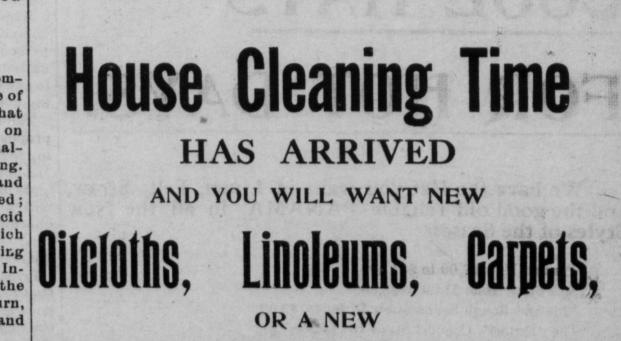
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