

ver piece of new moon up in the blae sky, and recollected Nurse Biddle had said it was " a sign of bad luck," she felt certain her good fortune, for the month at least, was spoiled. And to happen, too, just as her mother and father had gone away to spend the night and the whole of next day, and left her housekeeper and "mother" over the boys! "Oh ! dear. Was there any one ever so un fortunate ?" sighed Grettie, taking the new-moon matter quite seriously to heart-considering it was so farfetched.

the old clock in the hall, the morning after Mr. and Mrs. Grafton's departure. It had a sharp, quick, snapping way of striking, as though it said "I'm Time, and I'm going just as fast as ever I can. So you'd better get up and he doing."

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mamma had said to her : "Get right up when you hear the clock strike five ; for the boys want to go berrying to-morrow, and you must have their breakfast ready for them very early."

as she thought of her mother's injunctions; and then the little sleep elves, who are always ready to take advantage of one's slightest turn, carried her directly off to their beautiful dream realm again.

out the old clock, louder and snappier than ever; and then Grettie opened her eyes, again, this time on the realm of breakfast and boys. But alas ! if breakfast was not ready, the boys were, and a violent bang and thump at her door announced the fact. It was evident, if something was not ready for them very soon, her hungry brothers would deyour her, in their impatience. It was too bad that she had not gotten directly up when she heard the clock strike "five." She meant to; but it was " just that hateful old new moon." Her bad luck had begun. Joe and Harry were not in the best of humors, either.

good for them to start off berrying on," growled Joe.

napkin," chimed in Harry, as Grettie handed him some bread and butter and cheese wrapped up in a small newspaper bundle.

pampered and spoiled by me, let me tell you," retorted Grettie, cross and ready to cry, because the fire wouldn't burn, the kettle wouldn't boil, and the boys were so sarcastic.

get the pretty present from us you were going to have when we get our money for the berries we pick. So there !" And with this not very affec-

kets and started off for the day. Grettie felt real "right" for the boys while mother was away; and are from the Journal of Health. "Once a week is w now things were all wrong, and they had gone off often enough for a decent white man to wash himfeeling cross and angry with her. It was all that hate. self all over, and whether in summer or winter. ful new moon she had seen over her left shoulder. that ought to be done with soap, warm water and a She just knew it ! hog's-hair brash, in a room showing at least seven-

Everything went wrong all day. She broke one ty degrees Fanzenheit. of the new china bread-plates, washing it. She "Baths should be taken early in the morning for it is then that the system possesses the power of tore her new blue calico on a nail in the buttery. She upset the cream-pitcher, and lost the whole of reaction in the highest degree. Any kind of bath the cream she meant to have for the berries the boys is dangerous soon after a meal, or soon after fatiguwould bring home with them ; and when she tried ing exercise. No man or woman should take a bath her hand at making short-cake for their supper, as at the close of the day, unless by the advice of the a sort of peace-offering, they were heavy and sticky family physician.

655. - TRANSPOSED GEMS. Aehmstty. Addmirw. Aelpr. Adnorsxy. Acehoprrssy. Asptz. Cambridge. ED. 656.—HIDDEN HERBS. They were at the meeting. This aged form. This feeble gait. ELLA F. S. 657. --- TRANSPOSITION. Transpose a river in the British Isles into a tree. BOB-O-LINK.

658. -- CROSS-WORD ENIGMA. My first is in rap, but not in knock ; My second is in knit, but not in sew ;

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