The Little Member. BY SYDNEY DAYRE.

arithmetic," said Helen to her friend are always careless with your books, Janet as they sat chatting together and everything else, too." after school.

"How?" asked Janet.

from a book. I went just near enough | the other for the demerit. to see that it was a key."

"You did!" exclaimed Janet. "Yes indeed. And I believe she time to eat their lunches.

was copying the answers from it." "And that's how she keeps ahead of all of us! I think it's a real shame."

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Further talk about school matters | way. was indulged in, and then Janet took

"I am afraid, Helen," said her mother, who had been sitting inside the open window, "that you make too free use of your tongue sometimes."

"Why, mamma, am I not to talk?" "Certainly, dear, that's what our tongues were made for. But it becomes us to keep them well under control."

"And was I saying anything wrong, mamma ?"

"I heard you making a very grave charge against one of your school mates. One which accuses her of the meanest forms of deceit and cheating."

"Well, mamma I did see her with the key." "Perhaps so. But are you sure

that she was copying the answers to examples from it in order to practice no opportunity thena fraud in her lessons?"

"Why, of course I couldn't be quite sure unless I had looked closer."

"Then never say what you are not quite sure of, Helen. It has often seemed to me that there is no point upon which we need more carefully to guard ourselves than this of sins of the

"Sins, mamma? Why, you talk so seriously about it. I don't tell liesthat is a dreadful sin of the tongue, of course. And then there is swearing. It is only the very wicked people who

Her mother took up a Bible which French king's sister. lay near and read :

"I don't really see, mamma," went "why they need to say such dreadful answer. things about the tongue."

mother, "the amount of trouble and fairness and honesty for other girls, I sorrow and evil which have followed believe, not for you." upon the unbridled use of the tongue.

Think of all the cruel orders which have been given, all the bad advice, all the angry passions which have been excited by it?"

"But I mean among little girls like me, mamma."

"Just keep your ears open for a little while, Helen, and you will soon see if a great deal of mischief, even among little school girls and in happy homes, does not come of the little cautions us."

"It doesn't seem, though," said Helen, still shaking her head, "as if the third was not in school, and in the these little tongues of ours could be course of the morning a few of the have it, even though the older ones such dangerous things."

"See to it that yours is not, my room of the principal. little girl."

Helen took her way to school the next morning with a very strong determination of letting her mother see that James the apostle had been harder than was necessary upon at least one tongue. The morning was bright, and plenty of faces as bright were soon gathered about the school-room door. On the way Helen had heard a man abusing his horses, and, further on, were two women disputing with flushed faces and loud voices over some neighborhood matter, and was glad she belonged with people who knew

"I can't find my testament," said Helen's seat mate, as the pupils made ready to read the selection for the day. "You must have done something with it, Helen."

"No, I haven't seen it." "But I saw you getting something

out of my desk yesterday when I was in the spelling-class. You must have put it out of place somewhere."

getting the room to order for the first morning exercise, that a demerit mark was given for any delay in being ready for it. A soft answer from Helen would have made things smooth again,

and made quick reply: "Didn't I tell you I haven't touched "I do believe I know how it is it? There 'tis on the floor, just where Lousia Warran always keeps ahead in | you threw it yourself, I suppose. You

The loud whisper had caught the the key. I saw the book in your teacher's ear. She looked sharply at "At recess time the other day, when the two, and placed a mark against we were all out playing, I went into both names. The little girls exchangthe school-room for a minute, and ed angry glances as they took their there was Lucia copying something seats to read the Word, each blaming cry.

"Sit by me, Helen," cried one of her friends, as they sat down at noon-

"No, by me," said another. "Plenty of room for all," said Helen, laughing, as she sat on the "I think somebody ought to tell grass and made room for those who pressed near. "Here's room for you, "But then we'd get the name of Lucy," she said to a little girl who seemed too bashful to push her own

"Oh, don't mind her," said her friend Janet. "Her folks are as common as they can be, and I don't thinkshe ought to come to our school." "Hush," whispered Helen. "She'll

hear you.' But she had heard, and turned away sting of unkind word thoughtlessly

"That was too bad, Janet," said Helen, as Lucy moved away; and in regard to sins of the tongue, congratulating herself that she had not

spoken the words. "What's the difference?" said Janet, carelessly.

speak to Janet about it, but there was "Upon what did Edward the First with the girls."

base his claim to the French throne?" The question came upon Janet when her mind was full of the approaching holidays. If she passed her examination with credit, she had the promise of a delightful summer trip. "Janet?" repeated the teacher.

"Oh-what was the question?" It was repeated, but Janet's wits were still wandering.

"Edward the First-to the French throne?" She stammered and hesitated until a soft whisper came to her relief. "Oh, yes, his mother was the

"It was not right nor fair," said "'The tongue is a fire, a world of Lucia Warren, at recess. "My iniquity it defileth the whole mother says it is dishonest to tell or body and it is set on fire of to be told anything in class. She hell.' 'The tongue no man can tame, says that if we cannot learn our it is an unruly evil, full of deadly lessons fairly, we have no right to keep our standing by cheating."

Lucia had sat on the other side of on Helen, as she laid the book down. Helen and had caught the whispered

"Indeed!" said Helen, with a sneer-"You little imagine," said her ing smile. "Your mother means the

"What do you mean?" said Lucia,

in surprise. "Just what I say." She refused to tell her anything more, but took an early opportunity of assuring the other girls that Lucia was in the habit of getting her arithmetic lessons by means of the key.

"And she talks about being deceitful!" was the universal outcry. Lucia in vain tried to find out what

was being said against her. Sly looks member in the use of which the good and words came, as she, as was old apostle so gravely and earnestly usual with her, maintained the first place in the arithmetic class. For two days she bore them, but on

girls were summoned to the private As they returned with sober looks, Janet was sent for, and next to her,

Helen, who met Janet returning as selfishness in children? "What is it, Janet? she asked, in

anxiety at her disturbed face. "Go and see for yourself," said was all your fault.

the principal, Lucia Warren, and her father. latter after a courteous greeting, "my daughter has been much troubled by

all have refused to tell her what it talking? was. She objected to coming here again until she should know what she principal went on:

first from you."

Helen colored painfully.

of it," she said.

such a thing?"

"When?" think it was. I saw you copying from

hand as you sat at your desk." The two who listened gazed in perplexity at the young girls. But in a moment Lucia sprang up with a little

"Wait a moment," she said. She ran down to the school room and presently returned with a thin book in her hand.

"Here's my key," she said, offering it to the principal. "What is all this?" he said, smiling

as he turned over the leaves. "It's a book that Molly Brand's older sister, who is a teacher, gave her because some of the leaves were gone. Molly took it for a scrap-book, and pasted it full of poems. I was copying one of them when Helen saw me.

"I thought," said Helen, in great confusion," "that you seemed not to want me to see what you were doing, and that made me surer.

"I did try not to let you see," said with a heart hurt and wounded as so Lucia, "because I was going to recite many hearts have been before by the the poem in schoo', and thought I would not let any one know what it

"Then," said the principal, looking gravely at Helen, "you gave your Helen thought of her mother's words companions to understand that one of your number had committed a wicked actsimply because of what you thought you saw. Did you never think of the great wrong you might be doing? Have you never reflected upon what Helen made up her mind she would | bearing false witness is?" "I'm sorry," said Helen, in

real penitence. "I'll make it right

"Be thankfulthat you can. Remember that many a wrong is done by words carelessly spoken which can never be undone. Words once gone from us can never be called back." "You were right, as you always are,

mamma," said Helen, seeking mother and telling her story in real humility of spirit. I don't know how many troubles and disagreeables and wrong-doings I have seen these last few days that came of just such speaking. Oh, these tongues! What shall we do with them if no man can tame them?"

"The one who stilled the tempest can tame a tongue, dear, when his help is sought in doing it." "Oh, dear! I believe it would be

better if we had no tongues, mamma.' "Oh, no, my daughter. Our tongues are given us as among the choicest instruments of his glory. What if we could not raise our voices in prayer and praise, or tell the story of redeeming love? Our tongues should be, as all his other gifts, sanctified and consecrated to his highest uses, and then they will no longer be set on fire of hell but touched with the glow of his spirit.'

Table Etiquette.

Why is it that so many mothers neglect this important element in the training of their children? How often is it that one's whole meal is made unpleasant by some unruly or misbehaved child; and yet, can we blame the children? Certainly not! While we know how keenly the mother must feel at her child's misdemeanor, still upon her alone rests the responsibility of its behavior. Had she taught it to behave as politely in the dining-room as in the parlor, all would have been well; but no. If Harry or Willie wished to make an entire meal of one particular dish on the table he must have a much smaller amount in consequence. As a little boy remarked, "Mamma says I always have the lion's share." Does not this tend to foster

Ought not children to be taught to sit quietly until older ones are helped More often, however, they begin to ask for this or that before the rest have lieving as I do that, but for its use, I maxim of our good old grandparents, Helenfound herself face to face with "Children should be seen and not heard," seems to be lost sight of in this enlightened age. In many homes "For a few days past," said the children monopolize almost the entire conversation, or if not, continually interrupt while older ones are talking. hints from her school mates that she | Mamma does not hesitate to limit the had committed some improper act, but little one in its eating, why not in its

One other thing is very essential. Let us see that the children have clean was accused of." He paused, and the hands and faces, also nicely-brushed hair, before coming to the table. We "By questioning some of your com- older ones know by experience how panions, Miss Helen, I find that Miss much more we enjoy a meal, however Lucia is supposed to have been guilty plain, if our toilet is faultless; there. of using the key in preparing her fore let us educate the children to feel arithmetic lessons. And I have folt the same. Perhaps some burdened teacher had had so much trouble in lowed up the story until I find it came mother says she can not always take but she can teach even very little ones "I didn't mean Lucia to know I told to do it themselves, and it will soon become second nature. Neither let us "But I never did it," said Lucia, forget the "please" and "thank you"

but she was irritated by Jessie's tone earnestly. "How could you say I did that go so far toward making the children attractive. Let the mothers of "Why Lucia, I saw you!" said the nineteenth century so educate their children in this, as well as other elements of true politeness, that the "In the schoolroom last Monday, I | next generation will rise up and call them blessed.—Christian at work.

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