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Duty and Inclination.

"Stay at home," said Inclination, "Let the errand wait." "Go at once," said Duty, sternly, "Or you'll be too late."

But it snows," said Inclination, "And the wind is keen." "Never mind all that," said Duty, "Go and brave it, Jean.

Jean stepped out into the garden, Looked up at the sky, Clouded, shrouded, dreary, sunless, Snow unceasingly.

'Stay," again said Inclination, "Go," said Duty, "go." Forth went Jean with no more waiting, Forth into the snow.

You will smile if now I tell you That this quiet strife, Duty conquering Inclination. Strengthened all her life. -Selected.

The Girl at the Foot.

"Miss Grafton! Oh Miss Grafton, Lou Williams has come back."

This was the cry that greeted the teacher as she entered the class room one bright morning.

Miss Grafton smiled at the eager faces, and stopped to kiss a little girl who was pushed forward by her little friend. The girl had sky-blue eyes, wavy brown hair, which had been cut short during her long illness, and rozuish dimples in her thin cheeks. She had been away from school for six weeks, and everybody was glad to see her again. All the girls were mourning over the loss of her pretty hair, except Kitty Lawrence, who said it was prettier than ever, and she was going to have her own cut short, just like Lou's. While they were talking the bell rang.

"Now, dear, you will have a new experience," said Miss Grafton kindly. "You have never tried the back row." Lou smiled, but there was a queer lump in her throat as she took her seat at the foot of the class. It was the first time she had ever been behind the first row. It seemed very lonely back there. All her former companions were quite out of reach; and though some of them looked back have forgotton her. The girls near the foot were very different. They whispered, passed notes, and prompted each other constantly. They prompted Lou, too, much to her discomfort; and she found it difficult to pay attention to the recitations with such an uneasy rustling around her. Before the first hour was over, poor Lou felt quite unhappy. When May Whitney asked her a question, she blushed and shook her head, to signify that she would not break the rules by speaking, whereupon

"Oh, you sweet little angel!"

May tossed her curls and said spite-

Then Lou had hard work to keep from crying. She thought it was very hard to be good at the fcot of the class. She wondered how long it would be before she could get away from these disorderly girls.

weeks, or even longer," she said to herself, "how shall I ever bear it I'm afraid I shall forget some time and do something wrong. I wish Miss Grafton would let me sit on a chair in the corner; but maybe that would look like favoritism. Perhaps, mamma to be good even among these girls, like the apostles and martyrs."

and Lou's friends came to take her ran off, quite ready to be unselfish. down stairs; and twenty minutes was not long enough to tell of all that had happened at school while she was away, and how they had missed her, and to explain why Dolly Brown's father had taken her to Europe.

After recess came an exercise which the girls called "going up and down." history to the class during the closing returned the wagon; and, strange to hour on Fridays, and she occasionally say, it was not hurt at all! examined them on what she had read. These examinations were not recorded | boys, as they are their basins of bread in the roll-book, but those who answered the questions correctly "skipped" above those who failed; so that this and pleasant isn't it?" said mamma. exercise frequently caused important changes in the positions of the scho- Robbie asked, "Why don't we think lars. Lou usually enjoyed such ex- of pleasant plays always, mamma?" aminations very much, and answered over the three or four rounds, and pleasant plays." brought her above half a dozen scholars, though she was still on the back little boy, jumping down to give each

"Next! next!" said Miss Grafton. The question was passed rapidly down our wagon," said Robbie. And no one the line.

"How funny !" thought Lou; "surely they know who captured Babylon. Why, it's in the Bible!"

Two or three hands were raised. "Well, Julia?"

"Nebuchadnezzar." There was a laugh.

"No. Next! next!" It was coming down the next line. Lou's hand was up.

"Cyrus, of Persia."

"Correct. You may go up. Where did the question begin?"

More than half the class was moving down, and Lou took a seat beside Kitty Lawrence, who squeezed her delightedly.

Then the questioning began again at the head.

"How did they enter the city?" Marion, the head girl, started, flushed, hesitated, and finally sat down with tearful eyes. Mabel, the second, looked up in consternation, exclaimed: "Oh, Miss Grafton!" and gave up

without an effort. "Next! next!"

Lena Snow hazarded a guess.

"They broke open the gates." "No : next !"

It ran down the first line-down the second-that rentless "next! next! next!" Nobody was quite sure how far it had gone.

Minnie Venn sprang up after she had been passed, and gasped out: "Oh, I know!" and sank back in

her seat again.

It was doubtful if even Miss Grafton knew who was next.

Lou held up her hand, for fear she would be passed. Her heart beat very fast. At last her turn came. "They turned the Euphrates into

another bed, and passed over the old bed to the gates, and then a traitor inside opened the gates."

"Right. You may go up." Lou rose, blushing very much, and took her place. The girls clapped They couldn't help it. The girl at the foot had become the girl at the head.

"My Wagon."

-Independent.

Robbie had a cart given him on his birthday. Though Robbie was only a little boy, not seven years old, the cart was big enough to be of real use. at her now and then at first, by and Dick, who was nearly three years by they gave it up, and appeared to younger than Robbie, could sit in it, and then his two brothers could give him such a nice ride! But the best thing was to fill the big cart with the fallen leaves, and take them off to the stable-yard.

I'm the farmer," said Will.

"No: I'm the farmer; for it's my wagon," said Robbie. And then, I to quarrel.

your wagon at once."

"Chop up my beautiful wagon! Why, mamma !"

"Yes, for you are spoiling it quite home made happy. as badly as if you cut it up. If you get along pleasantly with it, and take "If I have to stay here two or three turns in being the farmer, you will enjoy yourself; but, just as soon as you are cross and selfish, you won't have any fun at all."

Robbie stood sticking the toe of his shoe in the loose dirt. "It's my wagon," he was thinking; but then something whispered, "But you might would say I ought to be strong enough | play it was Will's half the time, mamma knows." "I'll tell you, mamma, Will can be Mr. Post, and Just then the bell rang for recess, borry my wagon!" And the little boy

Mrs. Drake laughed, for Mr. Post was a neighbor who was all the time trying to borrow everything possible.

He even tried to borrow a horse-shoe. So Will was Mr. Post, and he and Robbie and Dick raked and swept the leaves again and again till every dead leaf was gathered up and put in the Miss Grafton had been reading ancient stable-yard. Then Mr. Post gravely

> "We've had such fun," said the and milk.

"It is really more fun to be kind

"Yes, it is," said Will; while "You must learn, little by little, to

questions very readily; but as she had be pleasant and kind, just as Carrie so long been absent, she had no hope learns to knit. If Robbie will only of any success. A few attempts, partly try to make Will and Dick happy, and happy guesses, partly dim recollec- not think about Robbie, and if Will tions of something she had heard her only tries to make Robbie and Dick father reading at home, helped her happy, you will soon have to think of

"Dick loves everybody," said the one a "big hug."

"Come, let's give Dick a ride in heard any more about "my wagon." - The Observer.

An ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of sadness to serve God with .-Fuller.

Pegging Away.

"Professor Blank says there isn't any such thing as genius, alone and by itself; it is all hard work and the faculty of 'pegging away." He is "Next! next! Well, Lou, who was fond of that phrase. He says he has been practicing a piece five years, and expects to learn it yet if death does not overtake him meantime."

Professor Blank is a musician pegging away, and without this last the first would never have lifted him into

ity for details, what tireless devotion | the clear part for use. to his art! I. J. Jerome is as much an illustration of "pegging away" and what it will accomplish as is Meissonier, and so of all our great painters, poets, and writers. Fame, and all that fame brings, does not come to them while they sit with folded arms and at ease, but while every faculty is alert and active and incessantly at work to realize the dreams and conceptions that haunt and beckon them on. Suppose any one should undertake merely to copy in his own hand the writings of Dickens, of George Eliot, of Robertson the historian, of our own Dr. Phillip Schaff, or of any one of the prominent editorial writers in our city of New York, what a task he would Edited by C. E. BLACK,undertake! But each author and writer first collected, thought out, and arranged his material, wrote it out, often re-wrote parts or the whole of it, corrected and revised it in the manuscript and in the proofs, before giving it to the world. It takes a great deal of "pegging away" to make even a poor book! How much more to achieve works that are immortal! It is said that Demosthenes wrote out in his own hand several times over, and committed them to memory, the speeches Thucydides puts into the mouths of his great men in his famous history, in order that his whole soul

the Hellenic nation he so loved! Not in great and mighty things alone does "pegging away" count, but in the humblest details and duties of "We'll play the leaves are hay, and daily life. The unwearied housemother who patiently darns stockings and washes dishes and sweeps and dusts and keeps her children clean and their am sorry to say, the two boys began apparel whole and looks after their welfare, morally and intellectually, "Robbie," called mamma, "when and makes the home a nesting-place Aunt Mary wanted to give you a for virtue is doing as necessary work wagon, I said I was afraid you and in her way as any statesman in con-Will would quarrel over it. You might gressional halls. Work manfully, as well take papa's axe and chop up then, fellow-laborer. In due time the reward will come. Nay, it comes each day in the consciousness of duty well done, sacrifices cheerfully made, and

and all his utterance might be imbued

with the spirit and eloquence of those

speeches. Truly "he counted not his

life dear unto him " so he might save

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DON'TS FOR ALL.

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- wins. 2. Don't deceive.
- 3. Don't be clannish.
- 4. Don't be envious. 5. Don't talk too much.
- 6. Don't send comic valentines. 7. Don't write anonymous letters.
- 8. Don't seek revenge.
- 9. Don't eaves-drop. 10. Don't perpetrate or repeat stale
 - DON'TS FOR YOUNG GENTLEMEN.
- 1. Don't wear tight boots. 2. Don't use tobacco or rum.
- 3. Don't be seen in or about a
- 4. Don't loaf.
- 5. Don't marry a girl who calls her mother "the old woman," chews wax or keeps a poodle.
 - DON'TS FOR YOUNG LADIES.
- 1. Don't wear tight shoes. 2. Don't be too much of a lady (?)
- 3. Don't compress your bodies for the sake of having a handsome form.
- 4 Don't chew gum.
- 5. Don't keep a poodle. 6. Don't powder and paint.
- 7. Don't marry a dude or a man that is profane and uses tobacco or intexicants, nor one that will boo-hoo and cry if you say you won't marry

Home Hints.

Do you know: That white spots can be removed from furniture by holding a hot iron over, but not on the place?

That oranges and lemons, with green leaves intermixed, make a pretty dish for decorative purposes?

That pearl knife handles should be

That a little soap and warm water applied frequently, is better for cleanng your lacquered brass than all the cleansing materials in the world?

That you can tell if the bed is damp by laying your hand-glass between the sheets for a few moments? If the will be clouded.

That the yelk of an egg in half a among the foremost in rank on this pint of tepid rain water, with a little side the Atlantic, with a genius, no powdered borax added, with a teatake spots out of black goods?

That a capital wash for stained boards is made by boiling one-half Meissonier had a genius for painting pound of slacked lime and one pound but what wonderful industry he pos- of soda in six quarts of water for two sessed, what application, what a capac- hours! Let this settle, then pour off

> That teapots should be washed thoroughly with strong sods and water, and then rinsed well and perfectly dried each day, if one would often noticed in a teapot?

That nothing is better for restoring the brightness of polished tables than rubbing them with a linen rag dippod | sity prescribe in cold drawn linseed oil?

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(2) Did you have a good time? Fo. 130.—SQUARE PUZZLE.

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Whole, a plant. No. 133.—ENIGMA.

In come, not in go; In laugh, not in cry; In paper, not in cloth:

In skirt, not in waist; In Aunt, not in Uncle. My whole is a girl's name.

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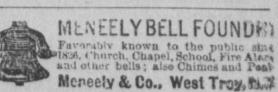
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