

I WILL BE STRONG!

I will, I will be strong! And I will sing my song! What matters if the day be dull or long...

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He did not leave his work half done. We help a man once or twice temporarily or spiritually, and then leave him to shift for himself as best he can. When he had done all and left, he made provision for future necessities. It cost the Samaritan much to act this way. Love is a very expensive thing. Jesus himself most fully fills out the picture of the Good Samaritan. The sinner is the man fallen among the robbers on the way from God's city to the city under a hard, striped, beaten, forsaken, half-dead, no help in priest or Levite. Jesus in the despised Samaritan, comes where the sinner is, sees him, is moved with compassion, goes to him, binds up his wounds, pours in the oil and wine of the spirit, sets him on his own beast, walks—binds him to his inn; he takes care of him, provides for every want, pays all his debts, is coming again and will reward His servants for every-thing done when He comes. When the inn-keeper told the wounded man that his benefactor was coming back again, don't you think he longed for his con-

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THE WELL-GROOMED GIRL

There is one of two reasons why the girl who is not thorough permits herself to do her work in the same way. Either she is lazy or she is ignorant.

Whichever way one looks at it, the girl who is not thorough is to be pitied, for she will never enjoy the satisfaction realized from a hard task well done, until she mends her ways. Caroline was quite a pleasant girl, as all her friends agreed, but she was not popular, because few of them respected her.

As Ruth Carr expressed it, she was ashamed to be seen on the street with Caroline. The girl's hair was never well-combed and shining and clean and attractive. It always looked as though she had only given half time enough to its care.

Her stockings were quite as likely as not to have the seams twisted in the back, and if her dress were of wash material, it was almost sure to be poorly laundered and wretchedly ironed. If she wore a gown of heavy material, she was sure to need brushing and to be decorated with spots, which could have been removed easily. It was not unusual for Caroline to have a missing button.

"I like Caroline," exploded Ruth one day, "but I get so provoked because she is so shiftless, and I do not see why she should be so something and do it well. It was just the same with her work in school. She would depend upon about half studying a lesson, and then squeezing through some way or other. Now that she works in the same office with me, her methods haven't changed. She is what I call a sloppy worker. She'll take a chance at spelling a word the way she thinks it ought to be, rather than to look it up. Many a time she will go on using a ribbon in her typewriter, if it is full of holes and dim and worn out, rather than bother to change.

"Yet Caroline is always lamenting that I am 'teacher's pet,' and the 'boss' favorite," just because I do not like to do my work that way. I'm glad my mother taught me to take pride in everything I do." Her eyes snapped, and at a glance one could see that she did have a different background, for from the tip of her glossy, brown curls to the toes of her dainty shoes, she looked as though she had come out of a handbox.

Helen Dean listened to Ruth, and then she said gently, "I wonder what we ought to do about it. Caroline thinks we are envious and that we feel above her. She says she is not going to Sunday School anymore. Shall we let her slide, or shall we take her in hand to see if we cannot awaken her pride?"

"I believe you are right, Helen," agreed Ruth. "We have been a little unfair. You and I have different homes than Caroline. Her mother has nine other children, and probably hasn't had time to do more than the barest necessities, and so Caroline has come up in a sort of slipshod way. Let's each take her in hand about a month without letting her know what we are doing. I'll invite her to my house this month several times, and try to help her at the office in different ways. I think perhaps that I can get her to see, little by little, that others take her at face value, and if she wants to have the respect of others, she must earn it."

Helen laughed. "Sometimes," she said, "Caroline makes me think of a girl I read about once, who was pictured as always in a hurry and in the habit of saying to her clothes, 'I'm going. Hang on, if you can.'"

"But seriously, Ruth I think your plan is a fine one, and you take her in hand this month, and I'll do it next. Between us I believe we can make a change, for Caroline is a bright girl, and if we can teach her to be thorough, we'll have done something worth while in the world."

Thanks to the interest of Ruth Carr and Helen Dean, Caroline began to see her work in a different light, and to realize that her lack of thoroughness will often become positive dishonesty. She learned that one of the rewards of thoroughness is a keener power of observation and a greater ability to do everything she undertakes well.—Emma Gary Wallace.

SLATS' DIARY

BY ROSE PARQUHAR

Friday—well meebly I am Dum dum times but they are authors to that are that away also, today when the teacher and Esby what was a Atom she sed it was the 1st man witch eat apples in the garden of Eden and had to go to work for it, she sed she gesa that was the reason they connected Apples with unemployment now a days and that if we all wood eat enuff apples it wood solve the Problem of unemployment.

Saturday—well I spent a very unpleasant day today at home when I nite of ben playing Marbles and meebly win a hole pocket full of keeps, ma sed I had to straiten up my room and find a place for every thing, so I did but now I bet I will never be able to find the place.

Sunday—well I gesa ma will believe me after this, as we went to church this a. m. a black cat run in front of us as we went down the st. and I wanted to turn around and go back home, ma sed she wasent superstitious and we went on and when we got home she found out she had lost her purse and she had her change and a compact and a card case and a handkerchief and a box of soap and a bottle of perfume and a pair of gloves he sedder other articles to numerous to mention. In name.

Monday—well me and Pug Stevens mixed up tonite. He is stuck on Jane now and we are dedly rivals. I managed to get a black eye. I dont like to tell how it happened so I gesa I will make an announcement that I got it in a sweet harts quart, becuz we are both sweet harts of Jane as I wont be telling no by.

Tuesday—I cum with in a Ace of going to the pitcher show tonite so Tom Mix and his pony. If ma had sed yes instead of No it wood of ben a cinch. If she had, of gave me the price of a ticket.

Wednesday—Mrs Hix told pa she thot her husband went crazy becuz when she cum home today he was having criss palitickes arguents with the land Lord, pa sed that wasent enny sign he was crazy and she sed, but you see the land Lord wasent there at the time.

Thursday—well we had a fire drill at skool today, but as usual it was a Joak and the place wasent on fire but every time it gives us a big thrill becuz meebly it will be on sum time.

SALT AS A MEDICINE

We sometimes eat too much salt, but we seldom use enough as an antiseptic. Salt is really one of our handiest remedies and one of the easiest to apply.

As an antiseptic it extracts the soreness and ache from affected parts. It is also a brace for tired eyes. Give them a bath six or eight times a day in luke warm salted water.

If you have a cold starting, sniff salt and water up nose and gargle. Salted warm water sometimes relieves local pains when used externally. It is claimed that it will sometimes relieve toothache, but most of us rather feel that our friend the dentist is about the only who can take care of this particular ache.

Salted popcorn sometimes relieves ear sickness and sea-sickness. Here's again, however, we shall allow you to nod your head negatively. It may be that you are one of those people who "insists upon getting seasick no matter what you take or do."

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THE WARM AND FRAGRANT CUP

Cold weather and hot coffee are afflictions. In winter, more than at any other season of the year, the warm and fragrant cup exerts its good influence on the human body.

The tonic properties of coffee are now well known to those who merely drink it as well as to those who study it in scientific laboratories. Because it is a "nervine nutrient" and because of its mel-low, stimulating warmth it is particularly valuable part of the diet in winter.

But do not forget that coffee must be made well if one is to get all its benefits. Here are six simple rules: Keep your coffee fresh. Use at least one tablespoonful to the cup. Use grounds only once. Don't boil it too long—two minutes at the most. Serve at once. Keep the pot scoured.

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