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A Pair of Little Ones Who Can Discern "Helen's Babbling."

[William M. E. Round in the Wide Awake.]
What golden days they were—those early Summer days in the Australian Capital, and what sights we had, and how lovely Marian grew in the bracing air, and how we loved her more and more as the weeks went on!

She would never have cut off Harry's long hair, but that she thought it would be more becoming and comfortable short. She would never have pinned red stripes to the shoulders of my dress coat—

"Marian—Marian, why did you do it? It was very naughty and thoughtless!" and the little lady replied that she had only hidden it there for a moment from Harry, and forgotten to take it out; and she continued:

"It didn't hurt him a bit, and it wasn't half as bad as Harry did—for he stirred up our mutilage-pot with the old gentleman's umbrella-handle, and didn't wipe it off again. Harry was just going to wipe it off, when he came out of the parlor so mad about the powder-box and soiled his umbrella right out of Harry's hands before we could tell him—and—O my! didn't it stick to his gloves!"

Aunt Elinor groaned, and no wonder. And I—I looked very stern, and said: "Children, I'm surprised, when you know I charged you to be especially good while that gentleman was here."

"Well," said Marian, beginning to cry, "we tried to be good, and went down into the court-yard to keep out of mischief, and his carriage was there, and we climbed in, and we would have staid there, till he came down, only the pins gave out."

"Pins—what do you mean?" asked Aunt Elinor. "O we had a paper of pins, and we stuck them all into the carriage-cushions, and spelt words with the heads; we wrote 'old boy' with pin heads way across the front seat, and it looked so well we left it for him to see."

Aunt Elinor groaned again. "And we made a cat on the back seat, then Harry made a fence all round her to keep her in—a lovely fence! We lifted up the linen cover of the seat, and stuck the pin point upwards—and I hope he noticed it before he sat down."

I didn't wait to hear more, but I seized my hat and hurried off to the gentleman's house, and found him looking very flushed and angry, and as if he might be just on the point of striking our names off his visiting list. I did the best I could with an apology, but the old gentleman worked himself into a towering passion, and said:

"It's outrageous, sir, outrageous. I shall not be able to sit down with comfort for a week."

I told Marian and Harry what he said, and both children looked very sorry, but surely did the best they knew how to mend the injury, for when, a few days after, I went to search for my court plaster case, Marian looked guilty, and said very beseechingly:

"O, don't be angry with me, dear Uncle Will, I sent it to Gen. —"

with such a nice note." "O! O! O!" I groaned and felt like tearing my hair. "Don't feel so badly dear Uncle Will; 'twas a very nice note—I have a copy of it here;" and she produced a letter that read as follows: DEAR GENERAL:—We are very sorry that you hurt you when you sat down. We send you some court-plaster, and hope it will do you good. We didn't mean to be outrageous, and we don't think it was much trouble for you to get the powder out of your hair because you have so little hair on top of your head, and it will brush out of that little fringe round the edges easy enough. Harry says he thinks your head very pretty behind; it looks just like a ostriches egg he saw in a museum.

Did you see what we wrote on your carriage cushion while your coachman was drinking beer with our porter? Please send the pins back again when you get time.

"Don't you think that is a pretty good note?" "Yes, Marian, it is well enough of itself, but you ought not to have done it—you are very naughtily to do such things without asking leave."

"What do you suppose the man thinks?" said Aunt Elinor, hardly knowing whether to cry or laugh. "O," I said, trying to comfort her "he thinks the children wrote it, and I dare say, had a good laugh over it."

"I don't think he did," said Marian. "Did what, Marian?" "Did think we wrote it," said Marian.

"Why not, dear?" "Because, Uncle Will, I thought he wouldn't think it much account if he thought we wrote it—and so I signed Aunt Elinor's name to it."

"How could you—how could you, Marian?" and Aunt Elinor for a moment thought she would cry a little, and then she saw how funny it all was, and she laughed a little instead, and then she turned to me and asked what she should do.

"Do! why there is only one thing to do, and that is to go to the General's and apologize"—which we proceeded to do forthwith, but not until Marian had promised never while she was with us to send another note without telling us about it, and never, never to put anybody's but her own name to her letters.

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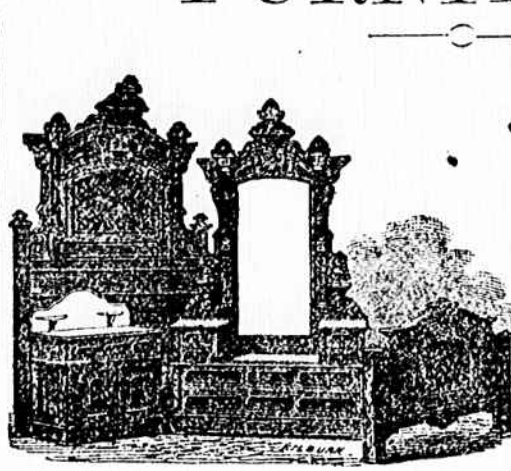
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