

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.

In speaking of a person's faults, Pray don't forget your own; Remember those with homes of glass, Should seldom throw a stone. If we have nothing else to do But talk of those who sin, 'Tis better we commence at home, And from that point begin.

Selected Story.

MARGARET'S MISSION.

"Agnes Gray says that every woman has a mission. What do you suppose my mission is, mamma?" "Mission, indeed," laughed Mrs. Alleyne, looking proudly at her pretty daughter; "I suspect, my dear Meggy, your mission is to flirt and dance."

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With a heavy heart John agreed to all Mrs. Alleyne's demands.

Margaret's love was the only brightness left in his life; but of course if she could be happier with her mother he could sacrifice it. His stern, pale face and constrained manner affected Margaret painfully when he told her he desired her to accept her mother's invitation.

had changed the gay, careless girl into the tender, self-sacrificing woman.

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THE CARNIVOROUS PITCHER-PLANT.

Early in March the new leaves of the pitcher-plant (Sarracenia variolaris) begin to make their appearance, and soon after, the large yellow flower, with its drooping petals, is very conspicuous everywhere on the damp pine-barrens of Florida. It is one of the most remarkable of all our insectivorous plants and destroys by far a larger number of insects than any carnivorous plant with which I am acquainted.

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