will have done well the work you have been set to do in this life." After the girls were in bed Arthur asked me, seriously, if we were not living too expensively. I smiled with almost innate glee as I told him which was the truth-that our expenses were much lessened by the discharge of the cook; that we had greater variety, with more digestible food; that is, it was cooked in such a manner as o render it more easily assimilated with the juices of the stomach, which really was a some thing to be fed, and not a mill to be used for

grinding food. He laughed at my simile and then I entered upon a subject which had long been near my heart. Alice was getting of an age in which, though surrounded by all the endearments of a happy home, there is still a void in a young girl's breast that can be filled by neither parents, prothers, nor sisters. This I represented to my husband, who could not, or would not, undergrand me.

"Explain yourself, Polly, I am wide awake."
"I read a verse to-day in Ecclesiasticus which will perhaps make you more readily understand me:-Marry thy daughter, and so shalt thou have performed a weighty matter; but give her

"Now do not exclaim, Arthur, but listen to me. I wish to keep my child with me as long as God sees fit, but I do not wish that neglected youth should sour in maturer age."

My husband fidgeted in his seat, and his eye flashed a reply. I rested my arm on his chair, standing behind him, and occasionally pressing my lips to his forehead, I continued:—

It is the concealed hope of all girls to marry, to be happy, as all their parents or friends nave been before them; for you know as well as I that there is no real happiness but between husband and wife; and yet how is a girl to find a husband if she have no opportunity of mixing with the opposite sex? We have been so happy in our home, so selfishly wrapped up in its comforts, so lovingly idolized by our chil dren, that we have forgotten to associate with other families more than what has been abso-What youth have we ever песезвагу. invited here to make acquaintance with our daughters-to see them as they are, with loving natures, with simple manners, and truthful bearing? And how are we to repair this thoughtlessuess !

"But I do not see it is thoughtlessness. There is plenty of time, if lovers be really neces-

sary."
"I(!" I hastily exclaimed, "Carry yourself back in thought to our early days. Had I not known you, I might, in the choice to which I was limited, have married some one who would

have made of me a desperate woman."
"There was no fear of that," my husband replied, looking up smilingly in my face. 'But, to return to the topic you have started, one would think, Mary, that you were desirous of getting rid of your girls, while I, on the con-trary, would keep them always with me. Why should they marry?"

"Arthur, I never recognized you as other than youthful until now. You have urtered the speech of eighty winters. You, a man of forty-five, to talk like this! Do you think for one moment that I want to get rid of my girls, as you term it? God torbid! But I do not want to see them lead loveless, joyless lives, or making their placid joy apparently from the choice of a single and solitary life, when too frequently other selections has been denied them."

"Now, how absurd you talk! There is Jane Hardy. Who can be happier than she? Useful, contented, and always in good spirits," "Did you never know that the happy soul lost her lover by death when she was very young? Some natures cannot love twice, and hers is one

of them. Therefore she is no example."
"Then there is Miss Mayor. She is certainly happy, though she is nearly sixty. What do you say to her, Polly?"

"I heard the story of Fanny Mavor not long since, and perhaps hers is a case in point of my argument. She was the only and, of course, idolized child of her parents, bred up in every home luxury that their means could command, but at the same time made to be useful. She was rarely permitted to go from home. Mr. Mayor had a dread of her marrying during his lifetime, and never invited any one to the house who would have made her a suitable husband. On the contrary, he was so exceedingly uncivil that did any one venture within the sacred precincts, no matter how introduced, his conduct was such that the suitor never made a second experiment. Mr. and Mrs. Mayor married late in lite, and when Fauny was about twenty both fell into ill-health. Consequently she was kept, from her affection, a willing prisoner, nother thinking nor caring of what was to come after

tary, with only enough of fortune to keep her in a much less luxurious style of living than that she had ever known." "But who told you all this? It may not be true.

and when she was thirty-eight she was left soli

"The best of all authority—herself. And more, she said that in her parents' lifetime she had met one with whom she could have been happy, but the dread of leaving her parents alone made her put away all thoughts of marriage, and when they died she felt rejoiced that her means were too limited to invite an adventurer, for, as she expressed herself-

"The solitary, lonely feeling, the desolation of heart was terrible. Till my parents died I scarcely knew I was capable of loving other than them, but to be left alone till I was seventy, perhaps, it was dreadful; so I thought. But, you see, I have lived to realize the Scriptures. "The desolate hath many more children than she which hath a husband." Children I dearly love, and so I make the stray little ones my own, as far as teaching and taking care of them, till they go out and battle with the world, and know its joys and cares, and live, which I have never done. My life has been one of vegetation only.

"I asked her if she had never loved, and I shall never forget the sad expression and suffusion which flooded her face as she replied: "'Once I did, Mrs. Norton. It was a painful dream, and I do not like to think about it.' 'But why did you not marry then?' I asked.

'Because I heard my father say so often that he hoped I would never leave them, and always set duty before inclination. So I put such thoughts away, and perhaps it is all for 'This is the story of the life of Fanny Mayor

and her parents' selfishness."
"Selfishness!" my husband exclaimed, as he got up and looked at me. "That is a hard

word, Mary."
"But it is the truth. Turn and twist such conduct which way you will, it is pure selfishness, and nothing else."

Arthur drummed on the chimney-piece for a

few moments with his fingers, then turning round sharply, said:— "What am I to do?" I cannot go and invite a lot of young men in to marry my daughters."
In an instant my face became scarlet, and I

am afraid my tone was rather sharp as I said:-That is an unmanly way of treating the sub-'Hang it! have your own way, then, Only,

if things go wrong, don't blame me," and with these words he swung out of the room. I sat down to take a view of my position, and

to discover it I had been in error in thus almost suddenly broaching a subject upon which many men are very sensitive. My husband was not different from others in

considering his elder sons and daughters as yet children. Ten years is not a period of much moment to a man or woman in a settled position, but to a girl it is her fate.

Thinking thus, I mentally argued that if we loved our children we must give up our own selfish feeling of desiring to have them always with us, and so place them in positions that we should be enabled to feel life again renewed in their hardings.

their happiness.
I was not surprised when Arthur next greeted me with, "Well, Mary, how goes on your hus-band-hunting?" He saw that I was hurt by his thoughtless remark, but I answered, waiving the question as mildly as my rising temper would

"Arthur, Alice has asked me to invite two of her school-fellows, who are both older than she is. I do not think Mrs. Forbes will object to their spending a fortnight with us."

"By all means ask them," he replied, cheer-fully. "I am glad you are come to your senses, Mary; for do you know I fancied your theory

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of finding husbands for Alice and Mary, to say the least of it, rather indelicate ?"
"Well, Arthur, I am of opinion that this indelicacy, as you call it, but as I think common sense, when wanting in parents is just what leads many girls to be restless, unhappy, and frequently to forsake their homes.
"We have a duty which cannot be ignored—

We have a duty which cannot be ignored— to put before them, as iar as able, the opportu-nity to choose between a single or married life. And it is this opportunity which we must make.

"Hitherto we have created our happiness away from the world. Months and years have rolled on, and our smiling intents, our prattling children, our rose-bud girls, have expanded into beauty, which in our arrant selfishness we would keep alone to gladden our eyes and comfort our hearts. 'Do to others as we would be done by,' Arthur dear, and we shall not err.

'Daughters are a perpetual source of anxiety to a mether to obtain a suitable marriage not

to a mother to obtain a suitable marriage, not that her own care or expense may be lessened, but that she may see no discontent on her daughter's brow, hear no disappointment in her tone, nor feel that there is bitterness lurking in ber heart. This is a truth as old as the hills, my husband, and witnessed by the son of Sirach, ere the last of the prophets departed to

I paused suddenly, though scarcely aware of it, and had fallen into a reverte, from which I was startled by my husband asking;-

What does the son of Sirach say, Polly ?" "The father waketh for the daughter when no man knoweth, and the care for her taketh away sleep, when she is young, lost she pass away the flower of her age, and being married, lest she

"But it may be said now-a-days of the mother, not of the father, for all lathers in midule-class He are very heedless of their daughters' future,"

"Well, don't say so any more, Polly, I'll send the town-crier notice to tell all eligible young men candidates for matrimony that they may call upon you," Hooked up in astonishment and disappointment to find that all my arguments had ended in ridicule, and I fairly burst into tears, which seemed not a little to surprise him, for he came over to where I was sitting, and, kissing me,

"Don't be a little fool, Mary. I dare say you are right; only a man doesn't see these things, and I don't know how to help you in the mat-I shall make a mess of it if I go inviting men here. You may do what you like, but don't ask me about it."

Upon this understanding the matter was

Christmas was approaching, when Richard would be home. I wrote to Mrs. Forbes, asking for the two girls Lucy Damer and Lillian Foster to visit us. Both were orphans, without for-tune, only barely sufficient to keep them from want. They had been many years with their valued governess, and were receiving the finis! of their education under masters, preparatory to their taking situations.

My husband, being now the manager of the bank in the town, was greatly looked up to; but so absorbed had I been in my children and house, that I had never extended the circle of my acquaintance so as to embrace any families where there were young people, and I was not aware how isolated from them we had become, till one day, expecting some friends, Jane, or Janet, as we called her, and now fifteen, said, 'How tiresome, mamma, to have to make these preparations for such old fogies! Why don't you ask some young ones?"

"Janet!" I exclaimed, in surprise, "you have associated with your brothers so long, that you have acquired all their random sayings

'Say 'slang,' mammie dear, and that's just it. I looked up very gravely: not that I meant to do so, but her remark struck me forcibly. was right, but as I was silent, poor Janet thought she had offended, and, with a deprecating look and gesture, turned my face towards her, and, kissing me, said:-

"You know, mamma, it is so tiresome. There is old Mr. Edwards and his wife, and Mr. Paterson and his sister, who, I'm sure, is ninety, and lois more. I could not sit and amuse them as Alice does, and Mary actually seems as if she delighted to listen to a detail of rheumatics and coughs, and the doings of the maid-servants. and how their sweethearts have gone away, and all this trumpery. And then, what do girls want to know about who's likely to be in the town council, and who's to be mayor, and who's dead, and who's to have the vacant almshouse? I hope, mamma, you'll know some young people when I 'come out,'"

I could not find it in my heart to censure her flippancy, or even to make a remark, and I walked away; for suddenly my child had turned a page in the book of life, and its readings were new to me, and this it was which led to the conversation with my husband relative to inviting suitable companions for the two elder girls. Very recently old Wilson, the chemist, had

died, and his place was taken by a gentiemanly man of five-and-twenty. His sister, many years older, kept house for him. So one fine morning, without mentioning my intention at home, I called and sent up my card to the sister. Miss May—she should have been December—received me with a great deal of flutter, and at the same time of assumed dignity, which rendered her reception rather a ludicrous one. Evidently she was an old lady, who had been drawn from the seclusion of her village home, where she had reigned paramount in her respectability; and I am not sure that she thought my rank in life equal to her own, for on my taking leave, she hid not very cordially respond to my invilation to visit me.

Soon after this I called upon Mr. and Mrs. Elwood, who had retired from business, but who had two sons in London. I found the father and mother well educated, well bred, and most hospitable; but as I had never visited them before, I had to invent an excuse for doing so now. The russ ultimately succeeded. I would just mention here, that these worthy

people became atterwards our dearest and best respected triends. A week or two after this, I went to a highly respectable bookseller. Here I had a great difficulty. I could only go as a purchaser, and was, of course, served with great respect. I was unable to say, "I am sorry I have neglected hitherto calling upon you, but it was from no sense of pride, only I have not before needed your acquaintance." I asked to be permitted to walk into an inner room, in which books were arranged to look at the titles. Here, hidden's age, working at a canvas frame some really beautiful needle-work, which I could not but greatly admire. I offered to show her some of Alice's work, if she would call and see

it. She thanked me very sweetly, and after I had make a show of inspecting the books, I left. When I got home, I said to Japet;—
"I saw Miss Marshall working some very
pretty embroidery, and I asked her to come and see Alice's; so when you pass that way, call, and

beg her to come with you." Janet promised compliance. I did not know how old Mr. Marshall's sons were, though I had heard that he had two who were not at home. A fortnight passed on; my husband asked me no questions, and we were sitting together no questions, and we were sitting together alone one atternoon when Janet and Miss Marshall walked in, very delighted. Janet had taken her for a walk, and the two had struck up a loving friendship that was seen at a glance. The work was exhibited and admired, and we tried to keep her to tea, but she said, "Mamma would be lonely, as papa was in London." To this plea nothing could be said. Janet looked as if she would have retained her by force; but after inviting her to come to tea on Tuesday in after inviting her to come to tea on Tuesday in the week following, she accepted, conditionally on her mamma's permission, and then left. On retiring to rest, my husband asked, "Is that part of your scheme, Mary, to entice the little ones first? Marshall is a rich man, and he has

two sons, one at Cambridge, and the other with Seldon, reading for the bar."
"I did not know what Mr. Marshall's sons And how came you by the information? "About the sons or the wealth?" he mischie-vously asked. "I have means at hand to know what money there is, but I have only recently

heard about the sons, and from no one in the town, or I should doubt the correctness of the tale; but Crisp, the lawyer at Farningham, with whom the younger son is articled, told me."

"Well," I said, "I am happy to hear such

good news." But it was snappishly uttered, as though I had been detected in something under-

Long before Christmas came we had so im proved our posttion with our neighbors, that pleasant calls and occasional tea drinkings were established. Janet, quite happy in the society of Agnes Marshall, torgot about the "old fogies." Mr. May, the chemist, who did not come near us for some time, in the end proved not only an entertaining, but an intellectual guest, and my husband always met him with the heartiest of welcomes.

One morning, about three weeks before Christmas, when we were assembled round the break-fast-table, and anxiously listening for the post-man's knock, which we hoped would bring to Richard's letter, I asked, "How would you all like to have a party the week before Christ-

'I should like one," replied Alice, "on Lillian's and Lucy's account; but I don't care much about it, mamma, until Richard comes."

"And I don't care about it at all, mamma," said Janet. "Now, if Richard would bring down some of his London friends, then I should jump for joy, but our parties are stupid. Walter and Frank are so rough; they always come home from school eager to enjoy themselves, and won't give us girls a thought, unless we can scamper over the country, and go out with them in all weathers."

"And what say you, Mary?" I said.
"I do not care, mamma," she answered, pensively, "if we are to have many old people here." My husband sat reading his paper, with his face concealed from view. He did not speak till Dick's letter came, when all thought of the distastetul party was put aside. Richard said he could not be with us till the Christmas eve. and could stay only a week. This was rather disappointment to us, who had calculated on rtnight at least. Arthur said he was glad to hear ii, as it showed that the boy was acquiring a love of business, and that he had probably become useful to his employers. He got up, and on leaving the room motioned me to follow him

"You were right, Mary," said he. "I could not have supposed the girls had lost their child-

thoughts so soon. Give a party—ten if you like—but don't bore them with old people."

"That is all very well," I replied. "But where am I to get young folks? My plan is to give a party purposely to introduce the two girls, Lillian and Lucy, and before Christmas. Mr. May must be our only single beau, it he will come, but all of our newly acquired triends must be invited, with the most influential of our old ones.

"Bravo! Polly, you are a capital diplomatist. Things may be safely left to your management."
"Without sending round the town-crier to nvite matrimonial candidates?" I asked. He went out of the room laugning, and I

knew I had gained my point. I might do what I liked in the matter now. The details of our projected party had to be talked over with the zirls, who seemed provokingly indifferent to all my arrangements, for I would not have given the slightest whisper as a clue to my hope of return invitations.

'It is so odd of you, mamma, that you will not wait till after Christmas," said Mary. "Why, everybody will be engaged in making their own

"As this will not be a grand party at all, but merely a tea-drinking, a little music, and a dance afterwards, there is no occasion to make a luss over it. You should recoilect that Lily and Lucy will like some little introduction to our friends previously to the festivities of Christmas," I replied. "I do not intend to send out written invitations; but, Alice, you can call upon our old acquaintances, choose any six you ike, and ask them to come, while I will do the same by the Mays, the Marshails, and Elwoods. Do not convey to them any idea of a party in the usual sense it is understood, but merely to tea and a little music.

And so this first step of the ladder was gained.

CHAPTER X.

School Friends-The Party-Christmas Eve-The Characters of the Friends-Levity of Manners-Excuses for Shopping-Invitation to the Ball.

In the following week Alice's two friends arrived, attractive and showy, but both wanting in that sweet nameless grace which shows the influence of the Spirit's teachings. Lallian Fos-ter was a tall, handsome girl, with hair of a chesnut hue, and large blue eyes, but there was a furtiveness about these sunny eves which made one uncomfortable. You felt, that could she be touched by Ithuriel's spear, she would suddenly appear in a very different form from her present most lovely one.

Lucy Damer was a brunette, with sparkling black eyes, which seemed never to have a mo-ment's repose. Her hair was black, and worn in short curls over her head, her whole sem-blance partaking of the Indian nature, to which, however, she had no claims, at least within her

Two days after their arrival our party came off Janet would have termed them all "old logies," with the exception of Mr. May, who came late, but that her observant eyes were closely scanning the characteristics of everybody, and she became interested in spite of herself. And the new charm of Agnes Marshali's society being still

iresh, she made herself very amiable, and submitted to be petted by Mr. Elwood.

Fanny Mayor had been invited as a kind of companion for Miss May. Experience, however, proved there could be no assimilation between the two. After tea the card-tables were arranged in one room, and two parties at whist sat down. Miss May and Mr. Marshall played chess, and Fanny Mayor flitted about from one to the other. The girls retreated to the back room, and closed the folding doors. Alice's two friends played a duet, and played well, too. Then Alice sang, Mary played, and Alice sang again to her sister's accompaniment. Presently, one of the folding doors was slowly opened for a small space, and Mr. Elwood whispered, "May I come in?" Janet held out her hand, and conducted him over to a chair. The old man was delighted. He asked for several of the old ballads of his youth, but none of the girls were accomplished enough for this, excepting Mary, who warbled, for it could be called nothing else, "Ye banks and braes." Soon siter one and another came in, till my hus-band complained of the desertion, and both doors were thrown open. Janet asked: "When shall we dance, mamma? and will you

play for us f" "Now, if you like, and I will play." The rooms were soon arranged for dancing all the gentlemen were pressed into service spite of faint denials and requests that if they consented all shortcomings must be overlooked We had a good country dance; one of the olden times, then quadrilles, and, lastly, Sir Roger de Coveriey. And so the pleasant evening passed, and separations came, and kind farewells were said, and hopes of future meetings, which latter

came in all due time. Christmas eve arrived with all its welcom ings, but the soul had gone out of it. Unspoken memories of Dot and Edith were visible in all our faces, however deep buried in our hearts we strove to keep them. Even Walter and Frank's boisterous spirits were checked, but only occasionally, when they looked up, and, instead of smiles, saw the rebellious regret which time had been unable to efface. It was late before Richard arrived, brimful of mirth, He brought with him some small present for each—none were forgotten. Among other things, carefully packed in a box, was a large gilded doll of ginger-bread for Janet. She accepted the present without remark, much to the astonishment of her brother, who presently discovered her teeding Fido with the dainty. She was laughing, and said she was meditating on the best way to make "Fiddy" return thanks for being so pleasantly remembered. Dick looked crestfallen; he had expected anything but this, and set himself thinking how it was possible that his joke could fall pointless to the

These two trivial circumstances opened my These two trivial circumstances opened my cyes to their characters. I felt I held the key to both their natures. I might trust Jauet the world through. She would receive no insuits, but quietly turn the tables on any one who offered them. The gingerbread doll did not make the slightest difference in her love or regard for her brother; it did not lead her to retaliste in any way; but, whether she knew it

or not, Richard was angry and disappointed, and in endeavoring to set himself right he sim-ply made himself ridiculous. There was no shyness about Richard; he and Lilian Foster soon struck up an intumate ac-quaintance. Dick assumed to be witty, and Lilian answered him with reparter, the instinct or which must have been born with her. As II listened to her bandying word for word, regard-less of time or place or person, I trembled for

the future that lay before her.

Meantime the Christmas week passed over without bringing us any invitations, and Richard was preparing to leave us. He was satisfied with his position—so he said—and had hopes of a rise in his salary, though his employers he termed "stingy curmungeons." This was uttered in my hearing, not in his father's, and I fanced there was a convented in control of the convented in the con there was a concealed discontent not exactly in barmony with his assertions of being satisfied He left home with but slight regret, and seemed rejoiced to get away. From this hour there re-mained a doubt in my mind which I constantly strove to dispel, and which his first letter after his return did not at all dissipace.

The characters of the two girls who had fallen across our path were not such as to satisfy my exacting heart for my daughter's companion-ship, and before the drat week had passed I regretted that I had asked them for a month. In Lillian Foster there were so many signs of a deceitful undernand disposition, and in Lucy Damer such a passionate, impulsive, yet idle nature, that I dreaded the intercourse with my girls which must take place during their visit, and many times before the month expired I heartily wished that they had never entered my

Lillian and Janet went one morning for a walk. What was my astonishment to find that they had, on pretense of Lillian's wanting some perfume, paid a visit to Mr. May's shop! Janet mentioned this when she returned, and pouted ecause Mr. May had not asked them in to see

Lillian thought it was very fortunate: she did not like old "trosty-face," as she had the rude ness to term her. I was silent from astonishment and anger. I

could not control the movements of my visitor, girl though she was; but I spoke to Janet, who at once said that it was not her intention to go again, as she thought Mr. May had not been yery respectful to Lillian, who was always talking of him. Both Mary and Alice was sent when this conversation took place. Lillian and Lucy were absent on a shopping expedition. Janet was older in quickness of fore-thought than her sisters, though in years the youngest. I thought it a good opportunity to speak to all of them on a subject which none but a mother or near relative should enter upon with young girls, "But how did Mr. May behave, Janet?" I

asked. "I can scarcely tell, mamma. Only I think I should have spoken out if it had been Alice. But Lillian says it is the way with all young men; they like to firt with girls; she says it's

good fun firting."

Truly, I had brought the poison flower into my bouse, and my girls would be the victims. I looked at Alice; she turned red and pale by turns, while Mary's eyes sparkled, and were turned inquiringly upon Janet.
"Alice, Mary, Janet," I exclaimed, "beware how you entertain such notices. It is a despi-

cable, cruel nature which asserts such things. How could Lillian bave such ideas?" "I suppose by visiting as she does twice a year with some of our old schoolfellows," said Mary. "But really, mamma, I cannot see any

harm in Lillian's ways."
"It is but the beginning of a bad end, Mary." I hope and trust that neither of you will ever know from experience what flirting means. It is destruction to a girl. No man cares to marry a firt, whose modesty has exhaled, and whose purity is smirched by levity of manner. A girl "Mamma!" exclaimed Alice. "Oh! no, no,

mamma, a girl never courts." "By what other name will you call it, Alice A girl who goes to a shop and purchases things she has no need of, on purpose to converse with the man who serves her, pray what do you call

this?" I asked. "But Lillian really required the articles she purchased, mamma," said Mary. "She to so the day before she went to Mr. May's." "Possibly so. But do you think she would have needed them so much if she could have

purchased them only from Miss May?"

There was silence for a moment, and no reply was given. It made me miserable reflecting how many pitfalls young girls are likely to tall into without a mother's watchful eye—pitfalls which to guard against requires a prevision almost omniscient.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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Philadeliphia, September 17, 1866.

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