

Bellefonte, Pa., February 4, 1910.

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"Say mother!" and Mollie tugged gently at a fold of her mother's dress to attract her attention. "Did you see that beau-ti-ful memorial window that the Staceys have had put into the church for their little girl who died

last year?" They were in the church porch as the child spoke, but her mother made no reply until they had walked some distance down the street, and then her words were few and hesitatingly spo-

"Yes, I saw it." "And," persisted Mollie, who was evidently a good deal exercised upon the one extravagance in that economicthe subject, "the superintendent spoke ally ordered household-an open fire of it in Sunday school and said that in the family sitting room. When the window was placed there by the Christmas eve came there was brought parents of our lost fellow pupil to be a constant reminder of her lovely life among us. She wasn't good a bit."

Still Mrs. Mason made no comment. Mollie made a wry face, which her mother was too wise to see, and as the two walked slowly homeward Mrs. Mason tried to divert the little girl's mind from the subject of her dead mate's imperfections by describing for per benefit another "memorial" that she had seen in a visit to the City nospital a few days before. This was a "free bed," contributed by the pereaved parents of another little lost one, and Mollie listened with glistening eyes to the story of the little street boy who had been run over by a heavy 1ray and had both legs broken.

"And there he lay." she said, her own kind eyes full of tender tears, "his little white, pinched face bright with a contented smile and his feeble hands toying with a few rose geranium leaves that some kind visitor had dropped on the coverlid for him, so cheerful and happy that I wondered at him. I asked him if he was comfortable, and you should have seen his pale face light up and heard him pipe in his thin, shrill voice:

"Comfirtable is it, ma'am? Why. it's jist hivin itsilf afther the dirt an' the coold an' the hoonger an' the batin's. Faith, an' it's well paid I am for the loss o' me two spindle ligs."

"And he laughed aloud, such a merry little cackle that I really forgot for the moment that he was a helpless, bedridden cripple for life and only thought of him as a petted child, lying in state in a soft, white, clean bed, tended and cared for as tenderly as if he had been the heir to a dukedom." "What a beautiful memorial!" cried

Mollie, with childish delight. Her mother nodded approvingly. "Yes, it was a beautiful thought, and the fund that supports that bed is called by the dead child's name, the 'Ida Lewis fund,' so that every sick and nursed back to health in that bed will bless the name of the giver, whom

they can never thank on earth." Mollie was silent for a little time, and then she said softly, while a great tear rolled down her cheek and dropped unheeded upon the soft fur of her tippet, "How I wish we could have a 'memorial' like that for our little

The mother's lip quivered, and for a moment she could not control her voice to reply to the child's suggestion. Little Beth had gone to heaven only a few short months ago, and the wound in her mother's breast was yet too sensitive to bear without shrinking the tenderest touch, but with an effort she kept back her tears and re-

"It costs a great deal of money for memorials of that kind, and only wealthy people or those with a large income can afford these noble and beautiful charities. Some of the grandest churches, hospitals and asylums in the world have been founded and endowed to keep alive the memory of those who were dear to the great of rich ones of earth."

Mollie sighed. "All the same, I do wish we could have some kind of a 'memorial' for Beth. She was such a dear, sweet little thing," she half whispered as they paused a moment upon the steps of their modest but comfortable home, and, futile as seemed the wish, her mother's heart could not but re-echo it.

That night after the young folks were all in bed and silence had fallen upon the merry, noisy household Mrs. Mason sat with unwontedly idle hands watching the fast decaying brands in the fireplace and thinking of the dear little life that only a few months before had passed away from among them. How she yearned for the touch of those baby fingers, the kisses of those baby lips, now still and slient in

this world forever! She would not have had the lives of her other children saddened for always by this bereavement that must necessarily mean so much more to her than to them, and yet they were all planning gayly and eagerly for the fast approaching Christmas, carefully counting up their hoarded pennies and full of all sorts of pleasant little mysteries and merry deceptions, without a thought apparently of the little sister who had in her baby fashion only one short year ago joined so gleefully in

It was natural that they should do

so, as she told in and yet how could she bear to have her darling forgotten in the household of which she had been the sunshine, to have her sons and daughters in future years

"There are five of us," without a word or thought of the little sister gone before? The Mollie's words came back to her with another and participation in games .- Malcolm Kentenderer significance: "I do wish we | neth Gordon in Century.

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for little Beth." A "memorial." not for the eyes of the world, but one that would keep alive in the hearts of her children the memory of that dear lost one. It might not be an impossibility, after all, and the plan, once started in her mind, went on unfolding, and as the last spark died out in its bed of somber gray ashes and the clock counted out, loud and clear in the stillness, the twelve strokes of midnight she rose to her feet with moist eyes, but a hopeful smile upon her lips.

"In that way they will be sure to remember her." she murmured to herself, "and the little charities given in her name will be twice blessed."

It had always been a custom in the

Mason family for the children to hang up their stockings the night before Christmas-a custom that, as Mrs. Mason declared, owed its popularity to forth for the occasion the usual array of stockings of various sizes and hues, from Mollie's, of conventional black lisle thread, down to little Ben's, of coarser, home knit gray, and there was a great deal of chatter and fuss and good natured rivalry over a choice of places and the finding of pins large and strong enough to sustain the ex

pected burden. "I'm going to put mine out here at the very end!" proclaimed Ben, with a flourish of the article in question and a desperate dive for the biggest pin in the cushion, but his mother laid her hand gently upon his shoulder with the softly spoken reminder:

"Not there, dear. That's where little Beth's stocking always hung, you

know. The merry babel of voices suddenly ceased, and the children turned to look at their mother in a kind of awestruck wonder as, taking from her workbasket a pair of pretty scarlet stockings-baby's favorite pair-she carefully fastened them in the accustomed place with the low voiced explana-

"We have no money to build grand memorial windows or to endow hospitals in the name of our lost darling, but we can keep her memory alive in our own hearts at least in a humbler way. Now I am going to hang up her stockings just as she did on her last Christmas on earth, and we will each contribute something out of our own stores that will make some poor children more comfortable and happy on this the world's great gift day."

Mollie slipped her hand into her mother's and laid her cheek tenderly against her mother's shoulder while she whispered, with a half suppressed

"Oh, mother, dear, that's a beautiful :hought, and we'll all be so glad to zive something toward dear little Beth's memorial stocking."

The morning saw this promise faithfully fulfilled, and it was wonderful when each one set his or her brains to work what a number of poor, neglected children were remembered and provided for out of little Beth's gift stock-

Charlie found that with a new pair of skates he could spare his old ones for a poor little lad round the corner who never had so much as a top or ball that he could call his own. Kitty was glad to give a paint box almost as good as new to the crippled girl who always sat in her invalid's chair by the window and watched longingly the gay groups of children as they trooped past to school. Outgrown picture books, caps and boots, a pair of warm mittens and a knitted scarf for the ragged little fellow who shoveled snow for the neighborhood and several lace bags filled with candy and nuts contributed from the private store that each had found in his own stocking. It was wonderful how much and what a variety of things that pair of stockings held, for whatever was given in their name was supposed to have come from their diminutive depths.

Every one gave freely, and no one felt poorer for the lack of what went to comfort those who were needy. In Mollie's pretty new portmonnaie was a two dollar bill with a slip attached on which was written, "For the new gloves that Mollie thinks 'will make her perfectly happy."

The little lass laughed good naturedly at this merry reminder of her own words and for a few minutes was full of happiness over her mother's gift. but suddenly a thoughtful expression came over her bright face, and she went silently to her room. Half an hour later she came to her mother with a grave face and the question:

"Can I do as I please with the money you gave me?"

"Certainly," was the ready reply, and Mollie's grave face was lightened by a bright and sunny smile.

"I can buy a cheaper pair of gloves," she said confidentially, "and so save out enough to buy some grapes for the little sick boy in the hospital who was run over and whose legs were broken that you told me about."

As the mother gladly gave her consent to this generous plan a joy too deep for words filled her heart. Her determination was strengthened to make little Beth's memorial stocking a lasting institution in her household and thus to keep alive the name of the dear little lost sister in many a gratetheir preparations for the coming fes- ful heart for years after that loved form had "eturned to dust.

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