

ALL DONE BY KINDNESS—Continued.

married, "if they behave very badly, beat 'em. You may have to. Jimmy is occasionally a little devil—no other word will do. And if the butcher comes, Laura knows what I want, but I'll get you to pay him. My purse is on the top shelf of the china cupboard. And don't let Mary have any sweets, for she's had a dose of castor oil and that upsets her anyway—never saw such a touchy stomach! And if Frances holds her breath just throw cold water on her a good dose; never mind the rugs. And now dear, I must be off; so sweet of you to come; I hope you won't be bored."

Marcia was not.

To begin, Jimmy, full of the hurt of a good spanking unjustly delivered to one who *had* the stiffest tooth brush, stood off and surveyed her. "Nasty old beast," he said, after his inspection. And Frances, the little imitator, followed suit. "Pig!" she remarked, putting her tongue out at Marcia. Marcia, undaunted, smiled.

"Shall we play some little game?" she asked, voicing dreams that had been brought to being by lonely orphans. "Suppose we join hands and dance. Then, perhaps, the sun will come to dance with us, too! We want the merry sunshine, don't we?"

Stiffly, they took her hands, but the game lacked verve. Marcia wondered what to do next. "What would you like to do?" she questioned.

"Paint," said Jimmy. "I have a box of paints. We always paint on rainy days."

"Lovely," said Marcia. "We'll paint daisies, trees and little fairies, shall we?"

There was an unenthusiastic assent, and Jimmy went off upstairs and returned with paints. For half-an-hour things went smoothly; then Marcia, picking up a late number of a largely illustrated paper, somewhat relaxed her vigil. After she had looked at pictures of two political candidates and their wives and then homes, and image of some of the coming season's stars, she thought she would investigate the work of the little artists. She found it all over the hall walls. It was done in the futurist manner, with much dashing applied red. And added to this, the youngest, Frances, had a large red ring around her chin and a dot on her nose.

Marcia gasped and then spoke.

"Who did this?" she asked. Her tone was unhappily controlled. It sounded as if a steam roller had removed all its natural inclination.

"We all did," said Mary. "I did the yellow and red cow. Mother said we'd be sent to bed for a day, if we ever did; but she said you ruled with love."

"I must think!" said Marcia. "I wonder what—I *wish* I'd brought 'Little Helps to Little Hearts.' After speculation, she decided on a period of banishment for the crime. "I must ask you to go upstairs, alone," she said impressively, "and think. Think of how hurt dear mother will be."

"She'll be mad!" corrected little Jimmy, grinning.

"Poor, poor mother," said Marcia feelingly. "And think how dear father's money will have to be used to buy new paper, the money father works so hard to earn for you."

"He can stop smoking cigars," piped Frances. "Mother says he

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