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She helped him out; she was most kind  
And knew the poor youth could not find  
Words his ideas to express  
Because of his sad lack of brains  
And some delicate mind.

He really thought she was unusual  
To him, but vanity is blind  
Because she put her distress  
On his shoulders, and he was blind.

But when he showed that he designed  
To be a doctor, she was kind  
To him, and she was most kind  
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# JIM'S SISTER

The doctor had made his last visit for the night and the nurse was left alone with her patient—a typhoid fever patient, muscular and raving. He had been as self-willed in his illness as a spoiled child. He had been almost convalescent when, against all warning while the day nurse was chatting with the doctor, he had staggered from his bed to a basket of fruit on the table and eaten two peaches before he was seen. The result was a relapse into a far more critical condition than he had been at first. He lay now, struggling against death itself. She wondered whether he had a sister who was fond of him—or a sweetheart—who had been sending him these baskets of fruit.

He was breathing regularly in a stifled doze. She returned to her chair and leaned forward to look at him with her chin in her hand.

Although she was not aware of it, she had changed from a young girl to a woman. She had become a nurse, and she was now a nurse. She had been a girl, and she was now a woman. She had been a girl, and she was now a woman. She had been a girl, and she was now a woman.

Jim was to have been a lawyer. Poor Jim! Her eyes filled at that old, tear-stained memory of Jim and her father drowned together in that horrible accident on the Delaware. Well, she at least had not been a burden on her mother's small income, and soon—as soon as she was graduated from the hospital—she would be not only self-supporting but an aid to others.

There were two long years of hard work before her yet. She bit her lip. The untiring run and babble of his delirium had been growing louder. She went to him again to calm him with the sound of her voice, and he looked up at her with a smile that seemed almost rational. It was only momentary; he called her "Auntie," and began a childish prattle.

"I'm not sleepy," he said. "I don't want to go to bed, Auntie," and tried to raise his head from the pillow.

She took her cue from him. "Yes, you are," she cooed. "Go sleepy-by. Auntie'll tuck you in." She arranged his blankets about his shoulders, patting and smoothing them down.

"Night-night," he said, contentedly. "Kiss me night-night."

She touched his forehead with her finger tips.

"Kiss me," he demanded. "Kiss me a night-night," and struggled to free his arms from the covering.

"Shh," she said, and bent down to him. The linen screen at the foot of the bed hid her from anyone who

stood looking down at him.

She touched his lips to his forehead. "Night-night," she whispered.

He looked at her with a childish smile, slowly putting his lips to her cheek. "Hello, old man," he said.

"Where—?" He closed his eyes on a frown.

She was still blushing hotly when he began to breathe again.

He was sitting in his armchair taking a bath at the window that looked out on the dazzling white of melting

snows. His visitors had just left him, at his doctor's orders. He was waiting for the return of "Nurse Blakely," with an impatience which he might have recognized as longing if his physical weakness had not disguised affection in him as an irritable lack of what he wished to have. She came in light-footed.

He crowded a feeble "Ah-ha! Did you hear what the doctor said?"

"What did he say?" she arranged the pillows to ease the strain on a weak back. He was grateful for his and his gratitude shone in his smile.

"I'm to be humored," the doctor said.

"Nurse," he said, "you're the best friend I ever had."

"I'm to have my own way in everything," he said.

"Are you?" she said, avoiding his eyes. "You certainly had your own way about the fruit."

He laughed now at the folly that had kept him a happy prisoner in the hospital for the past nine weeks.

"That fruit!" he said, "that was the most delicious—the most—"

Do you know, Nurse Blakely, I thought those peaches would kill me, but I was dying for something to eat—and I just took them."

"A man's a fool when he has a fever, isn't he?" he added with apologetic seriousness.

"Only then," she retorted with obstinate flippancy.

She was busying herself about the room. He was watching her every movement with an eye of an invalid tenderness. "Oh, I say," he protested, "you don't make any allowance for a fellow being ill!"

She did not answer. She smiled, having warned off the danger which his milder manner had warned her of.

She seated herself in a chair and took up a book which she had put down on the table when his visitor had entered.

"What's that?" he demanded peevishly. "What are you reading?"

"One Hundred Don'ts for Nurses," she read from the cover. "Things we are not to do."

"Well, don't worry. Your sins have been all of omission. It's the things you haven't done—"

She smiled serenely at the part.

"You might read it out at last," he said.

"Let me see," she turned the pages. "I think that is probably included in the prohibitions. Don't let others know the secrets of the profession."

He clutched the arms of the chair. "You're teasing me. Let me read that book or I'll get up."

She laughed and passed it to him. He began to read: "Don't sit in a rocking chair and rock while resting."

"Don't injure the furniture in any way and be careful of all fancy decorations."

He looked about him. The wreckage has been appalling in this palatial apartment. He read again. "Well, great Eh!" he cried, and looked up at her. "Why, it was you!"

"What was?"

"Come here, please."

She went to him. He pointed with a thin finger at an accusing "Don't kiss your patient."

She flushed under her demure Swiss cap.

"Not even delirious patients?" he inquired.

She turned her back on him from the window.

"Not even those who have an illumination of reason?" he persisted.

She could say nothing to say.

She knew that the water had been puzzled over it ever since. It was just before I fell asleep and woke up in my senses again. At first I thought it was my aunt who brought me up, and then suddenly I thought it was an old chum of mine

at college. You look very like him. Why, your names are the same. Was Jim Blakely a relative of yours? He was drowned."

"She turned on him with a cry of brother."

"Good Lord," he gasped, and tried to rise. He sank back weakly in his chair and sat there staring at her.

"What a chump I am," he said at last. "So you're little Marjorie." He remembered Jim's picture of her in his den. "How proud he was of you."

The thought of her position there came to him in a shameful contrast. "What a brute I've been," he said, "and what an angel you've been here. To let you wait on me and hand and foot like that! What a brute Jim's sister!"

Her back was to him. She stood looking out of the window. Her hand was within his reach and he took it. "So you think, do you, being Jim's chum, you could—"

He turned and looked at her. "Hand—forgive me? Could you?"

It was his old teasing tone with a new note of seriousness in it.

She tried to free her fingers. "Take care now," he warned, "the doctor said I was to be humored."

She laughed and that weakened her defenses. He caught her other hand. "You're a brick, Marjorie," he said.

"Let me go," she said sobbing. "I want to wipe my eyes, you silly."

Her tone was itself a surrender. He lay back and smiled with content into her wet eyes.—*Utica Globe.*

# TIME TO BE THANKFUL.

Rejoice in the Possession of a Whole-some, Whole Body.

Do you ever stop to think how really healthy you are and say "Thank you" to the big round world that has made you so? The physical part of one's body is the first to rise to the situation on a particularly bright, sunny day.

Very few of us realize until some check comes upon our health that we are in daily possession of the greatest, most satisfying blessing that can be given to a woman: A girl sprains her ankle and has to walk on crutches will give you the information, after she comes back from her first outing, thus equipped, that she never knew how many people there were in this city who walk on crutches or had something the matter with their ankles and limped about."

A writer in the Philadelphia Ledger. She never noticed the maimed people before. Very few people do until they get hurt themselves, and then when it is too late, they realize what a blessing it was to have a whole-some, whole body, full of the mere joy of living.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON VII. MAY 17—PAUL BEFORE FELIX, ACTS 24:10-26.

Golden Text—"I Will Fear No Evil for Thou Art With Me"—Psalm 134:1—Contrast Between Two Men Face to Face With Duty.

1. The Charges against Paul.—Vs. 1-13. Treason against Rome. 5. Paul is charged with being "a pestilent fellow," a plague, a pestilence, used in 1 Macc. 1:61, to describe men of a stoke fire, not only by their hostility to the legate a dangerous person, and with being "a mover of sedition" (insurrection) "among all the Jews throughout the world" referring to the mob of the Jews against him in almost every city as if he were to blame for them.

2. Heresy against the Jewish Religion.—Vs. 14-17. A "ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes."

3. Charge of Blasphemy.—Vs. 18-20. Paul had brought an Ephesian Gentile into the temple, and he was charged with blasphemy.

4. Paul's Answer to the Charges.—Vs. 21-23. "Introduction." "Then Paul answered, saying, I stand at counsel, sincere, and true to fact."

5. Paul's Answer to the Charges.—Vs. 24-26. "Introduction." "Then Paul answered, saying, I stand at counsel, sincere, and true to fact."

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40. Paul's Answer to the Charges.—Vs. 129-131. "Introduction." "Then Paul answered, saying, I stand at counsel, sincere, and true to fact."

# WOMEN WHO DRINK LIQUOR.

New York Minister Says the Vice Is Becoming Universal.

The Rev. Dr. L. A. Banks, rector of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, at One Hundred and Fourth street, near Columbus avenue, told members of the New York conference in Poughkeepsie Sunday that drunkenness is alarmingly on the increase among the better class of women of our larger cities.

"Some of these days I will give more startling facts," he said yesterday. "If the habit of drinking among women of the better and middle classes continues to increase I mean to make public names. I will say that every minister in New York knows women—good women—who drink. I have heard what the society women do in Newport and Washington, but I know what they do in New York in the way of drinking."

"Drunkenness among the women is a matter of indifference now-a-days. It is prevalent among our more respectable classes. It has progressed so far that we read every day of our rich women recuperating at sanitariums. Their poorer sisters must have recourse to alcoholic drinks in public hospitals. These records show it. Cocktails, of whisky, are lowering the respectable level of the women of the middle class. They take the place of the champagne and hot wines among the rich."

"Twenty years ago nothing passed the lips but light wines and ales, and then seldom except at christenings or feasts. Now the women can be seen any day in the week and Sunday, after and before church, at their hotel and restaurant meals drinking cocktails, glass for glass, with their men companions. They show indifference to opinion, lack of modesty and of conscience."

"They want to be up to date and think that is one way. Therefore we have none of the good old-time temperance."—New York World.

PLAN AN AUTOMOBILE TRAIN.

Will Make Ninety-Three Miles an Hour with Clear Track.

The Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits, the Continental Pullman company—is preparing to launch in France a service of "automobile trains" for the Mediterranean company.

These cars, which are designed by M. Serpollet, run on the rails of the company, and are therefore not amenable to speed rules. With a clear track they can make ninety-three miles an hour, or seventy-five miles on up grades.

The cars will weigh thirty-two tons each, but as the weight of an ordinary European locomotive is ninety-four tons there is an enormous saving in wear and tear on the rails.

The cars are designed with a view to lessen wind resistance; their sides will be flat and have no projections, and the ends will be pointed. The railway world is interested in this development, and M. Serpollet has received applications from English and other companies asking that the new motor train may be tried over their systems.

Of course, if the thing succeeds, automobile railways can be constructed anywhere upon steeper grades, with far lighter rails and at much less cost than ordinary railroads. Indeed, at this end the venture will be indistinguishable from the storage battery trolley car.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

NOT DESERVING OF SYMPATHY.

Bereaved Man's Frightful Pun Alienated the Neighbors.

Now, when the daughter of the house ran away with a strolling musician, the neighbors were full of tender sympathy with the family.

They called in a body to express this fact.

All would have gone well if the old man had not cherished the idea that he was a natural born wit and that the flashes of his genius in that line could—illuminate the darkest abyss of gloom that ever was heard of.

"Yes," he said, "I am deeply touched by this evidence of feeling on the part of you, my neighbors. Not that I objected to my daughter getting married. I expected her to do that some day. But I think all of you will bear witness that I have ever cautioned her not to peccoloman."

At this the neighbors retired to the roadway and stoned the house, then sent a joint message of congratulation to the runaway daughter.

—Chicago Tribune.