

**Teachers' Examinations.**  
For the purpose of examining all persons who may offer themselves as teachers, for the public schools of the county, there will be held, during the year 1922, public examinations as follows: Two regular examinations, commencing on the First Thursday in March and August. Two special examinations, commencing on the Last Friday in April and September. To persons of suitable age and good moral character, certificates are issued on the following conditions: Candidates of the third grade to those who obtain an average of 75 per cent. on all studies, and at least 80 per cent. on each; certificates of the second grade, only to those who obtain an average of 85 per cent. on all studies, and at least 90 per cent. on each; certificates of the first grade, only to those who obtain an average of 95 per cent. on all studies, and at least 100 per cent. on each. On the part of the candidates, the following conditions are required: Attendance at any Teachers' Institute, held during the year preceding each examination, commencing at 8 o'clock, in the city of Alpena, commencing at 8 o'clock, on each day.  
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"Never mind, child; don't bother your head with such thoughts." And the lines about her withered face hardened and she stitched on in silence. She was always kind to the child, and gentle, but she seldom talked, and lately as the days grew shorter and darker, she became more silent than ever. Her eyes were too weak to see by candlelight, and as the winter snows fell the store of money became very low. The sympathetic child well knew that grandmother was sad, and that many nights she went to bed hungry in order that the little one might have her bread and milk. Even baby eyes could see the pain in grandma's eyes, and her little heart was grieved.

One evening, as Elsie sat on the broad sill of the high window, watching the night come on and the twinkling stars as they twinkled at her one by one, she thought of the wonderful home in Heaven which the teacher had told about, and how Jesus was looking down on her. She saw the silent moon come out and shine so brightly on the tops of the high houses, and dreamily winked herself asleep. She dreamed the stars were brand-new nickels, and God was pouring them out through the moon to all the poor people. As the shining pieces came down pell mell, showering over everything, she awoke with a start. The grandmother had knocked down a tin pan in looking for their last piece of candle. By the feeble light little Elsie could see the weary look fasten itself deeper upon the tired face.

"Grandma, dear, let me pray tonight!" and as the old woman busied herself with preparations for the bed the child-voice made its first prayer to God.  
"Please, good Jesus, send grandma, for Christmas, three new nickels and me a new set of dishes. Good night, dear grandma." And, as the little hands smoothed down the wrinkles:  
"See, grandma dear, God can look right down upon us through the window. He will give us what we want, cos I have axed him."

Her faith was perfect. Had not the teacher made her repeat over and over again the verse: "Ask and it shall be given you." So every night she prayed again, and all through the day she would repeat as she sang and danced:  
"Please, God send grandma three new nickels and me a little set of dishes."  
This was her idea of riches. The nickels, she knew, took the care from grandma's face, and a set of dishes for herself! Oh, what bliss! She tried to keep the secret from her grandmother. She "wanted to s'prise her"—but she confided all to "Jim." She spoke with such certainty of getting those things that Jim supposed some one had promised them to her. So as the little one prattled on gayer than ever, he sympathized with her and together they built plans for the tea parties they would have on the new dishes. Christmas was coming nearer, Jim was more away than ever, having found a friend who had some money to spend, and the child was much alone, but singing, and merry all ways. "Oh, grandma, Christmas will soon be here and we will be so happy." Christmas eve came.—"Grandma, we will hang up our stockings to-night. To-morrow is almost here," and the hands clapped with delight. She laid long awake that night thinking of God's beautiful city and trying to count His nickels shining in the sky. Christmas morning came and went, Jim and his new friend had been out all night having a glorious time, but now when the day was nearly gone and the money more than gone, they were coming home. Slowly as was his wont, came Jim up the squeaky, rickety stairs, and away up there, standing in the glare of the setting sun, he saw the sheen of the tangled golden hair. But what a woe! what a pitiful peeped from within it! And when he reached her the little arms clutched him convulsively as she sobbed:  
"Oh, Jim, darling, nobody loves me but you."

Jim carried her quietly to his room, the friend following. He placed her on his knee. Gently smoothed the silky hair until the violent sobbing ceased.  
"Why, Elsie, what's the matter? Where are all the beautiful dishes?"  
The dooping eyes raised to his as with a mournful shake of the head she slowly said:  
"Not-a-nickel, not-a-dish."  
"Why, Elsie, how's that?"  
"God didn't love me, Jim. He didn't hear me, I 'spose, when I axed so many times maybe he got tired of me." And great tears rolled down her pale cheeks. Jim got up and walked the floor.  
"I can't stand this, Will. Have you any money?"  
The stranger boy, whose handsome eyes were glistening with a slight moisture he tried in vain to hide, repeated the child's words. "Not a nickel. Not—a—dish."

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"Do you think the janitor would put up a few more for a fellow?"  
"We could not find him this afternoon. Come to me Elsie."  
The little dejected one dragged herself over to the boy, Will, attracted by the kindly good nature in his face, his fine clothes and his gentlemanly manner, she placed her little hand in his.  
"I like you; you've got so many pretty things I guess God loves you too. I'm so little and so poor He couldn't love me."  
The grandmother stood in the door. Taking the little slender hand she led Elsie out of the room, saying:  
"All this nonsense is making the child sick."  
Though the night and day had been spent by the boys forgetful of God and the teachings of good fathers and mothers, yet so far the world had left some innocence in their hearts, and they were overcome to see a little child lose faith in God's love, and to find themselves powerless to help her. Next morning when the bronze doors of the bank swung open Jim and his friend were the first to enter. Together they went to the janitor. The old man was abraded, proof against their promises. Will then told the story of Elsie. As he proceeded in his graphic way the messengers gathered round him, and through the great bank the words were carried from mouth to mouth:—"Not a nickel, not a dish." The pressure proved too strong for the janitor. He advanced the loan. Nor did it end there. Every messenger, clerk, teller, cashier made contribution to the fund. During the excitement the President—the great money-king of the city—entered. He, too, heard the story, and taking from the cash counter three packages, each containing twenty new shining nickels, he placed them in Jim's hands, saying:—"There are the three nickels," and taking a bank-note from his pocket: "This is for the little girl's dishes."

With light hearts Jim and Will went home that night. They had selected the prettiest set of dishes the city stores afforded, and the remainder of the money had been converted into new nickels from the mint. These treasures were left for safe keeping until night with friends below. As they mounted the stairs Elsie was waiting as usual for Jim. She was more cheerful, but much subdued.  
"Elsie," said Will, "did you hang up your stocking last night?"  
"Oh, no; last night was not the night. It was the night-before-last," and the little lips quivered.  
"Yes, but maybe the angel God sent with the things could not find the way up these dark, shaly stairs."  
"The teacher told me that angels could see in the dark, the same as in the light."  
"Well," suggested Jim, "perhaps the angel hasn't had time to get around to you. You know this is an awful big city and the angels must be going round yet."  
The pretty eyes opened wide.—She had never thought of that.  
"Do you really think that God loves me, and that the angel will come yet?"  
"Well, I wouldn't wonder. If I were you, I'd hang up the stockings to-night. You see, we must not be in such a hurry with God."

Elsie was now all life again, and her spirits rising, bubbled over in dimples on her cheeks. Her boys must help her hang up the stockings. The grandmother objected, but a wink and a few words from the boys gained her consent. Good nights were said, and when the little happy brain finally rested in sleep, the boys on tiptoe brought in their treasures. At the sight of the lovely dishes and great quantity of shining nickels, more than she had in all her life seen together, and more than she could earn in many months, the grand mother broke down. The tight strings which poverty had so many years been binding around her heart seemed to snap, and she rushed from the room. The boys finished their work in silence, and as they went to their room a few star rays were shining through the sky-light and feebly lighted up one of the distant corners of the dining hall where Jim saw the figure of an old woman kneeling with head upraised to Heaven. The winter sun was just gilding the spires of the city when Elsie, waking found the grandmother bending over her; something she saw in those dear eyes she never had seen before. Had God's angel been there and left his glory in grandmother's face?

With one bound she reached the stockings. The bright nickels were poked out. They glistened and shone as in her dream. And the beautiful—beautiful dishes! The little feet danced their merriest dance. The echoes of the old building rang out with the happiest laugh. Then, hush! listen to the little voice:  
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