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ROSETTA POPE'S SCHOOL.

"What are you doing?"
It was Rosetta's uncle who asked the question.

Rosetta looked up with a little laugh. "I'm playing school," she said.

Uncle Leonard came near and gazed at her row of pupils, first in wonder, then with an amused smile.

"You have some very famous scholars," he observed.

A dozen or more cards were arranged on chairs before her, and each card pictured the face of a man or woman prominent in literature.

"Is Tennyson at the head or foot of the class?" he inquired, his eyes twinkling.

"Oh, at the head!" Rosetta answered. "I don't know what other people think, but I rank them first just as I like them, and then, if they don't recite well, they have to go down!"

"do they recite?" her uncle asked. "Spelling and geography?"

"Of course not! They recite from their own works—here are the lessons!" and she laid her hand on a big pile of books at her right.

"Do you admit visitors?"
"Oh, yes, sir! Mamma often comes in. That's the visitors seat, pointing to a great armchair.

So from the other side of the room Uncle Leonard watched the small teacher and her renowned scholars.

"Lord Tennyson will please recite his New Year's poem, beginning:

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky."

Whereupon Rosetta selected a book from the pile, and keeping her fingers on the place, recited the lines with very little hesitation.

"Well done!" praised her uncle.

"Thank you," said Rosetta, blushing.

The next card bore the face of Alexander Pope, and the teacher said:

"Mr. Pope, you may recite two lines from your 'Essay on Man'" and again Rosetta spoke for her pupil:

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;

Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Then she turned to her uncle with a smile. "I can't understand much of his," she explained; "but seeing our names are the same, I thought I'd have to put him in somewhere, and he's learned those lines so well he stays up near the head."

Uncle Leonard burst out laughing, but was checked by Rosetta's warning finger.

"Mr. Cowper, please give us the first and last verses of 'John Gilpin.'"

Rosetta began bravely enough: "John Gilpin was a citizen

Of credit and renown;
A—"

Silently she puckered her forehead, and then she said in a voice supposed to be stern: "Mr. Cowper, you may go to the foot!" adding to her uncle: "I never can remember that, but I like it."

"And how often do you have this sort of thing?" asked Uncle Leonard.

"Oh, whenever I get lonesome! I guess I'd rather have you talk to me now," and with one sweep of the hand she gathered her famous pupils together and tossed them on the table.

"Tell me about Cousin Maud, please," she coaxed.

"One thing about her is that she is lonely most of the time, we live so far from neighbors. I think I'll get a set of cards like yours on my way home, and tell her about this school of yours."

"Oh, do!" cried Rosetta. "And then when she comes down here next summer we can play it together. Mamma likes it because she says it teaches me so much."

"I should say so! I shall have to coach Maude at first; she doesn't know one author from another."

"Neither did I till I learned," said Rosetta.—EMMA C. DOWN, in *Young Christian Soldier*.

HER TURN.

A certain lady induced her husband, who was not a regular churchgoer, to accompany her to evening service. During the sermon he fell asleep, snoring at first softly and at length so noisily that the good lady was constrained to give

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him a sharp nudge in the hope of rousing him.

To her consternation, however, as he slowly awakened, he exclaimed in a loud tone: "Let me alone! Get up and light the fire yourself—it's your turn!"—Continued.

A BOY'S ESSAY ON CATS.

A school boy wrote an essay on cats. The chapter on different breeds supplies the following information:

"Cats that's made for little boys and girls to maul and tease is called Mal-tease cats. Some cats is known by their queer purrs—there are called Pursian cats. Cats with very bad tempers is called Angorrie cats. Cats with deep feelin's is called Feline cats."

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