LONG AGO.

I once knew all the birds that came
  And nested in our orchard trees,
For every flower I had a name—
  My friends were woodchucks, toads and bees,
I knew what thrived in yonder glen,
  What plants would soothe a stone-bruised toe—
Oh, I was very learned then—
  But that very long ago.

I knew the spot upon the hill
  Where checkerberries could be found—
I knew the rushes near the mill
  Where pickerel lay that weighed a pound!
I knew the wood—the very tree
  Where lived the poaching, saucy crow,
And all the woods and crows knew me—
  But that was very long ago.

And pining for the joys of youth,
  I tread the old familiar spot
Only to learn this solemn truth:
  I have forgotten, am forgot.
Yet here's this youngster at my knee
  Knows all the things I used to know;
To think I once was as wise as he!—
  But that was very long ago.

I know 'tis folly to complain
  Of whatso'er the fates decree,
Yet, were not wishes all in vain,
  I tell you what my wish would be;
I'd wish to be a boy again,
  Back with the friends I used to know,
For I was, oh, so happy then—
  But that was very long ago.

—Eugene Field,

ELIZABETH'S VALENTINE.

Itwas almost time for recess, and Elizabeth had studied all her lessons except her georaphy, and the geography class didn't recite until the last thing.

"I can learn that after recess," thought Elizabeth. "Dear me! I wish the bell would ring."

She glanced at the clock. Twenty minutes to wait.

"I suppose I might study over my spelling again," she thought; "but I guess I know it well enough."

Elizabeth was particular anxious for recess on this day because she and her friend Helen were goingto finish making their valentines during recess; for the next day was St. Valentine's Day. Elizabeth had brought with her to school a bottle of mucilage, some lace paper, and some silk fringe that she had frayed out from a few pieces of silk, and Helen had brought her paints.

Elizabeth was going to mail her valentine to her little [illegible] for a surprise, and [illegible] sister, tended [illegible] to send hers [illegible] her father, who was away from home. Elizabeth was going to put a verse of poetry on her valentine. She couldn't find any verse suitable for her little sister, although she had looked through all the valentines in the bookstore, so she had made up the lines herself. They were:

"Sweet little girlie, with big blue eyes,
Little red mouth, so small in size!
When you don't cry, I love you so much,
And you're just as chubby and fat as the Dutch."

Elizabeth thought this verse was very pretty, and she was going to paint the first letters of each line blue.

"I might be painting them just as well now," thought Elizabeth, "and then I shall have more time in recess to stick in the fringe."

She made a sign to Helen across the aisle for the paints. Helen looked surprised, for she didn't think Elizabeth would do such a thing in school, but she got out the paints, and, when Miss Turner, the teacher, wasn't looking, passed them over. Elizabeth knew it was wrong to paint in school.

"I will open my spelling-book," she said to herself, "and perhaps I can be studying at the same time."

She wet the brush in her mouth, and began to paint. She soon found that she could not paint and study both at once.

"Never mind," she said to herself, "I know the spelling any way, and if Miss Turner asks what I'm doing, I'll stop painting instantly, and begin to study, and say, 'I'm studying.'"

She painted on quietly. She got the *S. L.* and *W.* all done. They did look pretty. How pleased her little sister would be! She had just began on the *A.* when she heard Miss Turner's voice, saying:

"Elizabeth, what are you doing?"

"I'm studying," she replied, without a moment's hesitation.

The words were scarcely out of her mouth before her heart sank; for she had forgotten to stop painting and begin to study before she replied. She looked across the aisle at Helen. Helen's mouth was in the shape of an *O*, and she was drawing in long breaths through it. Elizabeth knew that this meant "Oh, how wicked you are!"

Elizabeth's face grew very red. She put aside her paint-brush, and tried to study her spelling, but she could not see the words, because her eyes were blinded by tears.

When the bell rang for recess, Helen came to Elizabeth, and sat down in the seat with her.

"Elizabeth Gardner," she exclaimed, "aren't you ashamed? Oh, I wouldn't tell a story!"

Elizabeth buried her face in her arms upon her desk, and began to cry.

Helen waited a few moments and then said:

"Well, let's do the valentines."

"No," sobbed Elizabeth, "I don't want to."

"You said you would," replied Helen, "and it's breaking your promise, not to."

Just then the children heard Miss Turner's voice close to them, saying:

"What is the trouble, Elizabeth?"

"O Miss Turner!" said Elizabeth, "I told you a lie."

"Why, Elizabeth," said Miss Turner; "I am surprised, and very sorry."

"I'm sorry too," said Elizabeth."

"What made you do it?" asked Miss Turner.

"I don't know," said Elizabeth; "I didn't know I could tell a lie so easily."

"Tell me how it happened," said Miss Turner.

So Elizabeth told all about it. When she got through Miss Turner said:

"You have done very wrong, Elizabeth; first, in painting during school; and, second, in being untruthful. It would have been wrong to say 'I'm studying,' if you were not studying when I asked you the question; for that would have deceived me. A person may be untruthful without telling a direct lie, and if you had carried out your plan just as you had intended, you would still have been untruthful, for you would have tried to make me believe what was not true. And even if I had not asked you the question at all, you would still have had untruthfulness in your heart, for you planned to be untruthful. But you see that in planning untruthfulness and deceit you were led into telling a direct lie. That is the way it often is when we yield to temptation; we are led into a sin that we had not thought of."

"Yes, ma'am," said Elizabeth; "I see how it is. I will never do so again. I don't want to be an untruthful girl."

Just then the bell rang.

"There," said Helen; "now we can't do the valentines."

"Oh, yes!" said Elizabeth; "come over to my house after school, and we will finish them there. Mamma said any way she was afraid it wasn't a very good plan for me to bring the things to school."

"Did she tell you why?" asked Miss Turner.

"Yes, ma'am," said Elizabeth, casting down her eyes; "she was afraid I might do something naughty."

"So," said Miss Turner, smiling, "your first mistake was in not taking your mother's anvice."—By Maud Wilkinson, in *S. S. Times.*

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"	Asheville		12 55pm
Lv	Asheville		1 25pm
"	Round Knob		2 35pm
"	Marion		3 12pm
"	Morganton		3 56pm
Ar	Hickory		4 38pm
"	Newton		4 58pm
"	Statesville		5 45pm
Ar	Salisbury		6 40pm
	(Eastern time)		
Lv	Salisbury	9 36am	8 10pm
"	Greensboro	10 44pm	9 52pm
Ar	Danville	12 00pm	11 25am
"	Lynchburg	1 58am	
"	Charlottesville	3 35am	
"	Washington	6 42am	
"	Baltimore	8 00am	
"	Philadelphia	10 15am	
"	New York	12 43pm	
"	Richmond		6 00am
"	Durham		5 25am
"	Raleigh		7 10am
"	Goldsboro		1 45pm

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Lv	Goldsboro	5 00pm	
"	Raleigh	2 00am	
"	Durham	3 30am	
"	Richmond	2 00am	
Lv	New York		4 30pm
"	Philadelphia		6 55pm
"	Baltimore		9 20pm
"	Washington		10 43pm
"	Charlottesville		1 55 am
"	Lynchburg		3 45am
"	Danville	6 00am	5 50am
"	Greensboro	7 30am	7 05am
Ar	Salisbury	9 37am	8 17am
	(Central time)		
Lv	Salisbury		8 55am
Ar	Statesville		9 41am
"	Newton		10 26am
Lv	Hickory		10 47am
Ar	Morganton		11 28am
"	Marion		12 12am
"	Round Knob		12 51pm
"	Asheville		2 05pm
Lv	Asheville		2 55pm
"	Hot Springs		4 21pm
Ar	Paint Rock		4 26pm
"	Morristown		6 05pm
"	Knoxville		7 25pm
"	Chattanooga		11 20pm

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	(Central time)	
Lv	Asheville	7 20am
	(Eastern time	
Lv	Asheville	8 20am
"	Biltmore	8 23am
"	Hendersonville	9 15am
"	Tryon	10 13am
"	Spartanburg	11 28am
Ar	Union	12 45pm
Lv	Alston	2 45pm
Ar	Columbia	3 35pm
	(Central time)	
Ar	Savannah	4 50am
"	Jacksonville	9 00am

DAILY		No. 13
Lv	Jacksonville	6 55pm
"	Savannah	11 20pm
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Lv	Columbia	11 30am
"	Alston	12 15pm
"	Union	1 42pm
"	Spartanburg	3 33pm
"	Tryon	5 00pm
"	Hendersonville	6 03pm
"	Biltmore	6 52pm
Ar	Asheville	7 00pm
	(Central time)	
	Asheville	6 00pm

MURPHY BRANCH	No. 67	No. 17
	A. M.	P. M.
Lv Asheville	7 00	4 30
Canton	8 15	5 02
Waynesville	9 20	5 55
Dillsboro	11 40	7 10
Bryson City	¶ 1 25	8 30
Andrews	4 37	P. M.
Tomotla	5 08	
Ar Murphy	6 30	
	P. M.	P. M.

	No. 18.	No. 66
	A. M.	A. M.
Lv Murphy		4 30
Tomotla		4 50
Andrews		5 20
Bryson City	8 20	12 25
Dillsboro	7 48	12 00
Waynesville	10 35	2 05
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	P. M.	P. M.

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Ar Spartanburg		2 30am
Lv Spartanburg		6 03pm

NO. 62.		NO. 63.
	Central time	
Lv Asheville		6 30am
Ar Asheville		7 15pm
Ar Salisbury		7 30pm
Lv Salisbury		5 30am

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" Cannon,	10 05
" Money,	10 13
" Penrose,	10 33
" Davidson River,	10 45
Ar. Brevard,	11 00

	No 13 Daily p. m
Lv. Brevard,	5 30
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" Penrose,	4 55
" Money,	4 47
" Cannon,	4 27
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