

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

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for Corazon. She is already awake and she must be hungry."

"Yes, mother," says Florencia as she skips down the stairs.

Five-year old Corazon goes to the study table. She sees the crayons scattered on the table. With much delight she draws lines of all sorts on the very poster of Florencia. She laughs joyfully as she scrawls the multicolored lines on the paper. While she is looking at the ruined poster, Florencia arrives and nearly drops the biscuits when she sees the destroyed poster.

"You naughty, naughty girl!" cried Florencia as she snatches the paper and gives the little girl a pinch. "You have ruined my poster."

The mother hears the scoldings of Florencia and the cry of Corazon so she enters the room to find out the cause of the commotion.

"Mother, see what Nene did to my poster," sobs Florencia as she shows the paper.

"I'm sorry, but it was partly your fault. You shouldn't have left your poster on the table. Stop crying now. Crying won't mend matters so dry your tears and make another," advises the mother.

"Make another, Mother? No, never. Just think of it. I spent more than twenty minutes in making that and now it is destroyed. I can't make another, and I won't even if I can. Anyway, it is no longer

MY BROTHER'S KITE

My brother had a fine new kite.

An aeroplane, said he:

And if it had a pilot

He could make it cross the sea.

And so we tied a bamboo doll!

Upon the under side,

So he could fly the airplane

And have a lovely ride.

The pilot must have liked his plane

And liked the trip that day.

For he flew high, and broke the string,

And calmly sailed away.

Winnifred Lewis

my fault if I fail to hand in one tomorrow."

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What quality of Helen Keller impressed Florencia most?
2. How can you account for the poor class standing of Florencia?
3. What resolution did she make after reading the story of Helen Keller?
4. Was Florencia sincere in resolving to be more patient and more persevering in the performance of the school works? Justify your opinion.
5. Why is the story entitled "Opportunity Knocks"?

WHO HAD THE BEST

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thing to tell us, Jaime?"

"I enjoyed my vacation but my experiences may not be interesting to others."

"Let us hear them."

"I went camping. At the camp we followed a certain program of activities. We were not so free as Andres, but we found life on the hills-very interesting. We had to obey rules about eating, sleeping, and playing. We took long hikes in the mountains but returned in time for lunch. How keen my appetite was after the walk.

"Is that not fine?" Miss Marquez commented.

"In the evening we held programs. Although everybody wanted to stay up longer, we had to go to bed at nine o'clock."

"Tomorrow we shall hear more stories. What are your comments, children?"

"Andres enjoyed his vacation because he was free to do as he pleased," Jose remarked.

"I think Jaime had a better vacation," Irmina countered. "Look, Jaime has grown bigger and taller."

"Andres forgot all the rules of health we learned at school," Nora seconded. "The question raised is: 'Who had the better vacation?'"

"Ah, yes, yes," the girls agreed.

"Tomorrow we shall discuss our vacation activities with respect to rules of health," Miss Marquez announced. "You and I are given this long vacation to gain health which will enable us to do our work well during the school year."