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Little Mary was not quite five years old, yet she began to show that she had a very bad temper, and was quite apt to get into a passion, when not allowed to have her own way.

Poor child! she did not think how wicked this was, nor how unhappy it made all her friends, as well as herself, when she gave way to these fits of rage.

One day, when the children were at dinner by themselves, Miss Mary took all the pudding
to herself, and would not allow the others to have any. When they insisted upon having a share, she began to pout and cry, and she made so much noise that her nurse came and took her away from the table. Mary did not like this, and she screamed and kicked, and finally got away from her nurse, and ran off. But Nurse soon caught
her, and shut her up in a room by herself; and then she told Mary’s mamma how the foolish child had behaved. Mary’s mother was very sorry that her little girl should act so ill. So she took a piece of tape and tied Mary’s feet together, and then left her sitting on a stool.

After a while, Nurse went to see if Mary was sorry for her
fault; but the bad girl was still angry, and she struck Nurse in the face. When her mamma heard of this, she went and tied Mary's hands behind her, and made her stand in the corner of the room.

Pretty soon Mary became tired of crying, and when she heard her sisters playing in the garden under her window, she
began to wish she had not been so wicked. She was then sorry for her fault, and wished Nurse would come, that she might ask her to forgive her. But no one came till near night, and poor Mary had a sad time of it.

About tea time, Nurse came to the door again, and she found the little girl quite humble.

Mary told her how sorry she
was for her bad conduct, and begged Nurse’s pardon for kicking and striking her.

When Mary’s mamma heard how sorry her daughter was, she forgave her too; and she went and untied her feet and hands, and then led her into the parlor. Mary ever after strove to keep a guard upon her temper. She finally conquered these sudden
fits of rage and passion, and became quite a mild and good natured little girl. Nor did she fail to remember with thankfulness, the kindness of her mother, in punishing her for a fault which, if it had not been corrected, would have made her whole life miserable.
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