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made too much noise. Sometimes when my own lessons were over and Puff came to ask me to play with her, I used quite to forget my little boys and girls, and they had to keep on being at school all day long, which must have been very tedious; but they never made any complaint about being treated in that way, and when I came to attend to them, I always found them studying as diligently as ever.

Sometimes my children used to be ill, and then a very tall doll, that had cost threepence, dressed like a doctor, came to see them. I remember once, after Montem and I had had the measles, I painted all my little boys' and girls' faces with pink spots to make believe they had had measles too, and I made them lie in bed all day long and take a great deal of medicine. I think all that sort of thing was much better fun than if I had had one or two very fine dolls, and had been obliged to hang them up by their shoulders when I had done with them.

Once mamma gave me a penny for pulling up all the weeds in one of the flower-beds. I had been wanting for a long time to have a doll that would do to be Lucy Walters, but none of my little girls were pretty enough, for I had washed them and