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‘No, thank you, no more of *that* for me. I tried it once, and it did me no good. I won’t be such a simpleton again.’

I don’t think you have. I am afraid, next time the plum pudding, or the spice cake, or the jam tart came in your way, you took it just as if it was the most innocent thing in the world, and forgot all about the being poorly afterwards, and the bitter medicine, and the going to bed in the middle of the day, and the other disagreeable things which follow when you have been having too many good things. You are not half so wise as Puff, for you need a great many lessons to teach you what she learned in only one. And though when the pain comes, and the bitter medicine, and the tiresome going to bed, you determine that you will never be such a little simpleton again, your resolution only lasts until next time the good things are offered, and then you take them just as eagerly as if you had never proved what unpleasant results have to follow upon the eating of them.

Ah! well, it certainly is very foolish; but I will not scold you. I have done just the same thing myself, over and over again, and I shall do it again,