

rabbits made of white fur with pink beads for eyes, and gingerbread horses, and papers of candy and such things. On the boys' stall there were tops, and cricket-balls, and whistles, and balls of string, and hammers, and pocket-knives, and bags of marbles, and popguns, and other things that boys are fond of, so you may be sure that Tommy Tubbs was looking forward eagerly enough to the school treat. The boy or girl who had the greatest number of good marks was allowed to go up to the stall first and choose, and then the others in succession according to the number of their marks, so those who had the fewest marks had to take what the others left.

The tea was to be at half-past three. It was a funny time to have tea, was it not? but Mrs. Aidel liked the children to have plenty of time to play in the field afterwards, and go home early. Aunt Mary and Lucy and I went to the Rectory about a quarter of an hour before tea. There were some other little children who had come to see the treat, sitting on benches on the terrace in front of the drawing-room window. Lucy and I felt rather shy at first, because we saw so very few people at home, but by-and-by one dear little girl called Pansie Aidel came and put her hand into mine