

seen him at the school treat, the day before; he was talking to Mrs. Aidel and aunt Mary for a long time. I did not remember him at all, though.

It was half-past seven when the house was finished,—nearly an hour past our bed-time; but aunt Mary had said we might sit up until she came home, and she would not come home before eight. So we sat down on the bank just opposite to our house, and admired it all over, and kept crossing backwards and forwards over the bridge, and looking at it from different positions. And then we took out our silver threepenny pieces and considered how we should spend them. We decided at last that we would buy five pennyworth of strawberries and a pennyworth of new milk for our feast. Whilst we were wondering how many strawberries there would be in five pennyworth, aunt Mary came home. We saw her in the lane, just across the bank, and ran to meet her, and help her to carry some of the parcels to the house. One of them was addressed to us from Lucy's grandmamma. She might have known that we were going to have a feast, for, when we opened