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hands, and made her dance round the room with me ever so many times. I was obliged to do something, for I was so very, very happy. How could I sit still on that stool, with my two arms stretched out, and a skein of cotton nearly a yard long upon them, when I knew that my little sister had come, and I should see her in one week, and have her to love and kiss and toss about and play with, always?

Aunt Mary picked up the skein of cotton and said we would finish it another time, and then I rushed off into the field to tell Lucy and Skinny about my new sister. They were both of them very glad. Skinny said she knew how to take care of little babies. She had sometimes minded Mrs. Aidel's baby for a couple of hours when the nurse went out, and it never cried nor made any commotion at all; and, if my mamma would let her, she thought she should be able to take care of my little sister. She was quite sure she should be strong enough and steady enough, too.

Then I went to tell Mrs. Tubbs about it. She was washing blankets, and that made her as cross as could be, but I felt as if I must tell everybody how happy I was. She was in such a bad temper. Indeed, she had been in a bad temper for a very long time, ever since