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and there is nothing she likes too hard  
for her to learn. Her strong will that  
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to night - and she was as unconcerned  
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to-day that they were going to take up  
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