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**WHAT'S IN A KNOT?**

Lest thou forget.— Deut. iv. 9.

I wonder how many of you tie knots on your handkerchiefs to remind yourselves of something you particularly want to remember. It is quite a good plan so long as you don't forget what the knot represents ! Did it ever strike you why people tie knots on their handkerchiefs ? What made them think of adopting that special way of reminding themselves, and when did they begin to do it ?

The idea is more than five thousand years old, and it came to us from China. About three thousand years before the birth of Christ, the Emperor Tschang Ki of China invented the art of writing. Before that date all the great events in the kingdom were commemorated by knots on cords, and the ancient history of China is preserved for us in this way. Of course when writing was introduced the Chinese gave up that way of recording memorable happenings, but the custom has come down to us in the knots we make on handkerchiefs to represent the things we wish to remember.

Now I think some of us would require a great many more knots on our handkerchiefs than we put there.

In fact we would need so many knots that we should have to keep a handkerchief sachet on our persons with a knot in each corner of every handkerchief. Why should we need that ? Just because we forget so many things we ought to remember.

1. Some of us have a curious habit of leaving our belongings lying about for somebody else to pick up and put away. The result is that when we want them again, they very often can't be found, and the whole house is turned