Catharine Susan in Hot Water

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“What shall we tell them”—

Oh, you want to hear what Maria and me did when we was littler?
Well— one day we got up most awfully soon— ’cos we thought about those big peaches on the wall—

Oh! such a cold dip!
Well— that horrid dog woke up too—
— old gardener heard him...
Oh! he was unkind to us—and Father said "Serve them right."

Oh!—poor dears!
They got into the larder—Sh-w-w-w—she cometh!!!

And that was the end of that!
Well — another day we wanted some treacle for toffee. Maria was awfully sorry about the shopwoman’s toothache — so I took the treacle — not to trouble her — but —

Oh! you naughty, naughty girl!
it broke! _! _!
_all over me_ _ _
and it is a most awful trouble when you can't get it off in time! _!_

"Oh! do be quick, Maria—do"
and the shopman got an old cushion full of feathers — and rolled me over and over — — and it all stuck — — Oh! horrid!!

No! I don't pity you!
Well—another day at our party we thought we would make a snowstorm to amuse two of our cousins — —
but we didn't succeed—quite!

Well—we've told you lots of our naughtinesses
but there's lots of nice sorts of adventures we can tell you

Next time

Goodbye.

sent upstairs—and before supper too!
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