

## HOW KITTY WENT TO CHURCH.

BY MARTHA H. PILLSBURY.

No, Mawvy Jane, don't ask me, please,  
They've put my sled away,  
And mamma said distinct to me,  
"You can't go out to-day."

You see, I've been a naughty girl,  
I can't be always good,  
But mamma's quite pertickerler,  
I spose she finks I could.

My nursey dressed me yesterday  
For church, and set me down,  
And told me not to move at all,  
Because I'd rouff my gown.

I hate new gowns anyhow,  
They scratch, and don't feel good,  
Why don't they make them old at first?  
O dear! I wish they would.

It took my mamma hours to dwees,  
I knew I mustn't stir,  
And pussy cat laid on the floor,  
And oh! I wanted her.

I had to stwetch considerable,  
But Kitty comed at last.  
You see I got her tail quite tight,  
And all the rest comed fast.

She crawled right in my little muff,  
The dearest, softest ball,  
And, somehow, when we went to church,  
I took my kit and all.

I sat quite still five hours, I fink,  
And played with mamma's fan;  
And then I fought I'd see if kit  
Was listenin' to the man.

I spose I must have pinched her tail:  
She gave a dwefful "Me-e-e!"  
And then she jumped right froo the muff,  
And over mamma's pew.

Then straight along right up the walk,  
My naughty kitty ran,  
And jumped upon the little stand,  
Beside the talkin' man.

The man, he stopped his talk and smiled  
And held the kitty fast,  
Until a big boy took her down  
And brought her back, at last.

But mamma didn't smile at all;  
She looked so sad at me,  
And though the meetin' wasn't done,  
We all went home,—we free.

My mamma said, "My little girl  
Has been so bad to-day,  
To-morrow, t'make her 'member this,  
She can't go out to play."

So Mawvy Jane, I'm here, you see,  
And just take my advice,  
Don't ever take a kit to church,  
It weally isn't nice.

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THE NIGHT LIFE OF  
YOUNG MEN.

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gay colored transparencies are ablaze with attractions; the saloons and billiard halls are brilliantly illuminated; music sends forth its enchantment; the gay company begins to gather to the haunts and houses of pleasure; the theatres are wide open, the mills of destruction are grinding health, honor, happiness, hope out of a thousand lives. The city under the gaslight is not the same as under God's sunlight. The allurements and perils and pitfalls of night are a hundred-fold deeper and darker and more destructive. Night life in our cities is a dark problem, whose depths and abysses, and whirlpools make us start back with horror.

Young men, tell me how and where you spend your evenings and I will write out a chart of your character and final destiny, with blanks to insert names. It seems to me an appropriate text would be: "Watchman, what of the night?" Policeman, pacing thy beat, what of the night? What are the young men of the city doing at night? Where do they spend their evenings? Who are their associates? What are their habits? Where do they go in and what time do you see them come out? Policeman, would the night life of young men commend them to the confidence of their employers? Would it be to their credit?

Make a record of the nights of one week.

Put in the morning paper the names of all young men, their habits and haunts, that are on the street for sinful pleasure. Would there not be shame and confusion? Some would not dare go to their places of business; some would not return home at night; some would leave the city; some would commit suicide. Remember, young men, that in the retina of the all seeing eye there is nothing hid but shall be revealed on the last day.

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"A Christian boy, by God's help, and so grow to be a Christian man," said George. "I believe that is the greatest somebody for us to be."

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