

Jacks bit of Stick.

"Well, Jack, and what are you going to make of that stick you are cutting away at so busy!" Don't know, father. I'm just cutting it for amusement; perhaps it will turn into something or another when I've done.

But it did not. It grew smaller and smaller under the boy's knife, till at last it was all gone into chips and shavings, no good to anybody.

Well, it was only a bit of wood, and not of much account. But still it might have been made into something useful if only Jack had tried to shape it, instead of chipping away at random.

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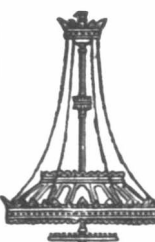
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