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## THE RATTLE.

"TINKLETY, tinkle-ty, tink." Baby May hears the music of the little bells on the rattle which papa brought home for her last night. Mamma is shaking it, just to please her a little before she lets her have it, but baby doesn't think it sounds half as nice in mamma's chubby little fist, and she won't be happy unless she gets it.

## THE LITTLE PRAYER.

At a meeting for children a prayer of three words was given them to learn: "Lord, help me."

The teacher said, "If you get into any trouble and will pray this prayer, you will get help."

Little Lulu went home from the meeting and told her mother about it. "Whenever I get into trouble I shall know what to do," she said. "I will pray this little prayer."

A few days after

she was returning from school she saw an ugly-looking cow in the road. She was very much afraid of cows, and what should

she do? All at once the little three-worded prayer came into her mind, and she ran home saying, "O mamma, I met a

very dangerous cow, and at first I was afraid to go by her, but I said, 'Lord, help me,' and the cow never looked at me."

Lulu's little prayer led her mother to say, "I'll try it too."

## THE HORRORS OF HEATHENISM.

A MISSIONARY who travelled up the Zambesi a few months ago, tells us that on one occasion a company of natives gathered in front of his hut and began an animated discussion. This grew hotter and hotter, till presently a fire was kindled and a large pot of water was set on it. "I was told," said he, "that this was a trial for witchcraft, and that the two persons charged had to wash their hands in the boiling water and if the skin came off after twenty-four hours, the victims were to be burned alive. First one, then the other dipped his hands in the fiercely-boiling water, lifting some up and pouring it over the

wrist. Twenty-four hours told its tale, and I saw the poor fellows marched off to be burned before a howling, cursing mob."



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