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THROUGH IN TELL PROSE Hello, there, Controlf Switch the

So I can get St A lentine That you? I was to order A tip-top valenties you know, With folly judgets a a tow, And pansas recently to their

You've plenty of a "Well I say Please make it he had all and cay-Of pink or blue and vellow a That sort o' ship ofor s though The sun was plan or closs the show-That's just when have a fellow

Put in some Capp ... all on wither, A neart, maybe, and stare and these All in their proje places I want it up-to-date you know, With pretty police in a row, And pansies making faces.

Borre verses? Ye ex put in a lot. My mother, she knows what is what As well as any other-Good-by, then Like it I guess so. For what just ple. ex me, you know, Somehow, just suits-my mother!

-Primary Education

A BRAVE LITTLE MOTHER.

This is a true story, and among the Pigolden deeds of courage" I think that it should have its place.

Across the street from my home is an old Revolutionary homestead, surrounded by grand trees, which are our delight through all the year. We are not the only ones, however, who enjoy their strength and beauty. Birds stock among the branches to build their homes. Rare birds - birds of ancient family, wno probably prefer those trees to newer once with finer names and more recent hirth. Besides my small feathery friends, there are squirrels, also, and among these are Mather Frisky and her little ones.

We became acquainted with her because she chose her "hole" in the tree meatent we, and her busy, important ways won our hearts and admira-Aloby

Last autumo, when a cectain little boy arose one murning very early to mather nuts, he had quite an experisuce with Mother Frisky, and became her most devoted admirer ever after. When he reached fire chestnut tree Pricky and he seemed to have the world to themselves. It was a still ewest morning, and mother squirrel appeared to have no fear of the little ant she watched him The harvest was not plentiful, and it was the early boy any chance. The intruder shook the free, and Frinky trembled approving-Il's hut lell, be made a dary it, and the boy's treasure was mel Il more than one lell, the rethad lay with the quicker and abler.

tota, but with such a happy and flowing thee! Well, Mother Frisky throve, and we were all aware, by the chattering and sappiness, that up in the old tree were other young Friekles, making

**what the** mother-heart. One day I sat writing at my table, when a confused builtle of voices atirabted my attention I looked up. Be-Sow Mother Frisky a tree stood five buys, and each boy held a stone in his

"There she goes!" cried one, and a shower of atones raised among the dranches.

With horror, I saw that they were aiming at our dear little mother aquirrel, who was furbing among the hare branches, trying to reach her come and babies

By a graceful bound she made her sucape and disappeared into her hole. Then one boy said "Climb up, l'obby, and scare her

out; we'll get more stones!" Hobby began to climb, and by the time that I had reached the tree each Warrior was ago n armed for the attack. My appearance daunted the boys. Bubby slipped down from the tree, and the stores clattered to the ground Then Mother Frisky did such a beautiful thing that more than eme little head was bowed, and all Smarts were touched

She had evidently realized her daner, and had seen the approaching for. There was no time to be lost. The home she had rade and loved was no donger a unle sindier for her babies. In the face of that strong, slarm-

ing enemy she must get her treasures away and hide them in a new hole --empty and descried, but far, far out

Cautiously, she preped out, took her chances, and, one is one, urging and chattering to make them brase, she guided her dustings to the strange

"Boys," I said "She will miss her old cory quarters she will have to work very hard to carry her store of food to the new shelter, and I wonder which of you, had he been pursued and threatened by five big armed men ' sold have dared to do what that litto mother has just does? Compare your size and hers, and then try to imagine the terror in but beart while she was trying to save her children." "Do you think we could bring het

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tur sorry eses "No." I replied, "that would frighten her still more You will have to win her trust "I'm awfully sorry," whispered an-

Teresto

other voice "So am 1," came in a sad chorus. "But there is one thing you can do," I said, as I pressed a little hand that had stolen into mine, "You can form yourselves into a bodyguard and de-

fend Mother Frinky and her little ones. While you are near no one will dare to molest her. You can put food in her way, and be very gentle when she ventures near you."

them standing under the old tree, their honest faces upturned to catch a sight of the merry little family doing acrobatic leats among the top branches. Sometimes I think Mother Frisky understands, for once lately she came down to the ground and timidly hopped to within a yard of Hobby, who was standing like an image. Then she

darted away, as if not quite sure even

But the bodyguard is faithful. Their fame has spread abroad, too, and many other squirris are saler because Mother Frisky, by her brave, unselfish act, touched the hearts of five thoughtless little boys. - Brooklyn

THAT BABY.

There's a droll little baby that runs RWA5-

From 'round the corner on Frenchman street-I you watch you may see him 'most any day,

With his brown, hare arms, and his brown, bare feet. smaller tot you'll not see-Of the human sort-with such speed

and spring. Hig legs are as crooked as legs can

BAW BWIDE. His hair is tousled, his frock is reut, He is mud-bespattered and dust by dight:

But his little face shows supreme con-And his dancing eyes are with fun alight.

Oh, the wabbly work of those limbs -ilams os Oh, the frantic strain of the spidery thing-

When he hears the voice of his mother call. When her nearing footsteps behind him ringi

An extra scramble! A clutch! A hug! There's a shrilling of laughter that slivers the air'

There's a flourish of feet as she holds him snug, With his head thrown back in swirl of hair.

Then happy and laughing they hurry back To that smallest of cots on that small side way.

Ab, much of its brightness the season would lack Without that baby that runs away? -Laura Garland Carr, in Boston Transcript.

O Mary, every step of thine upon earth is either a lesson or a benefit! Queen of Heaven, Mother of Mercies, in thee is life, joy, and hope of the earth!

Even the fool, who said in his beart there was no Gyd, found that He was not far off when thunders rent the skies and lightning shattered the

When God lets His creatures work for Him, it is rather that they make more work for Him to do, as children do when they pretend to help their ather It is a condescension, an honoring of the creature, the clearest proof of God's exceeding love for us.

An unhappy life is an idle one Those who are happiest are the most earnest workers It is folly to say that we can find no labor. Life itself is a stupendous task It is cowardly, however, to shirk labor by feigning not to see it Each mortal, if he does his duty, will have a busy life.

The uses of the woods are many, and some of them for the scholar doctors." high and peremptory. He must leave the house, the streets and the club and go to the wooded splands, to the clearing and to the street. Well for him if he can say with the old pale-

Chais With Young Men A TASKU FOR RUADING

Knowledge and feating are two diffixent also. He is not easy to think out to our elses even very obvious things Reading singled them to as It mereases the light round about us. and also the light within us. We gain tane by appropriating through books the experience of others. We learn methods which shorten roads \* \* \* A taste for reading often hinders our taking the wrong side in practical questions, which are mooted in the them has been replaced by world, but tell upon the Church It does this either by the information it has enabled us to abt un on the subser itself or by making our natinets. accurate and sensitive through our faenthants with right principles, and with the subjects kindred to the one under discussion I not his many little minded, narrow-sighted good people get on a wrong tack about the Church and the Pope, and public aftairs, especially in a non-Catholic country, simply because, having no taste for reading, they are fractions of uen rather than men -Faber

SYMPATHY The human heart crases for the sympathy and affection which it is so capable of reciprocating We love to converso with and to confide our difficulties to those in whose iriendship we believe and trust. Are we auticipating a joy? They must know and share it Are we in suffering or affliction? We yearn to be consoled by those loved friends who it may be are far away, and perhaps even forgetful of us And yet there is ever near us a friend-the best, the truest, the most "We will!" right joylully rang out i devoted our God-to whom we say five clear, boyleh voices, "I often see I nothing! If it is consoling to unburden our troubled minds and sorrowing hearts to those we love, powerless though they be to give assistance, should it not be far more so to but out our grief and bitterness into the bosom of Our Heavenly Father, Who is not only willing but all-powerdul to assist and comfort us? To the laborer bending over the soil he is tilling it is a relief to raise his weary frame to kaze awhile upon the blue aki, and to exchange a few words with his companions. Ah! what is it not to the soul to soar above earthly cares, and to rest on higher things in a loving and intimate converse with God, our untiring and ever-present Friend?

> TWO ROYAL BROTHERS IN BLACK.

We do not know much about African kings, but we are glad to hear that the Holy Father has sent a beautiful picture of the Blessed Virgin to the King of Onitsha, Samuel Oksi Paolo, whose name is affectionately abbreviated into Sami. A most interesting account of his conversion is afforded by The Illustrated Catholic Missions. Sami was formerly a Protestant preacher among his people, and an enthusiastic enemy of all things Roman; but the charitable works of priests and Sisters led to his conversion. Sami was really not eligible for And they take him along with a see- kingship because he had refused the preceding year to kill his twin sons as a sacrifice, and he deserved banishment, not honors, according to the code of the tribe, his election was also opposed by the Niger Company and by the non-Catholic missionaries. But Sami was elected, nevertheless, and his first act was to hand over the chief idol of his people to Father Vogler and to set up a crucifix over

his throne. In due course the great feast of the tribe came around, and Sami, according to custom, ought to have sacrideed to the official fetish - slaughtered a goat and danced before the idol But the King ordered the fetuli: to be stowed away in a corner, and he relused to slay the goat The chiefs of the wibe remonstrated and threatened to revolt, but threats and remonstrances were all in vain. Sami took the goat and said: "I will show you another way to profit by this creature. We will kill it and eat it togeth-The missionary who sends the

account adds "So the goat was killed and eaten, and the attem is still fasting "

Another rocal conservation was that of the Majesty that Late. In account of this conversion and of the simil tancous buptism of the whole town of Naube, of which he is king, is also given in the same good all king Obt was hoptized on the feast of Our Lady's Assumption We will let Father Lejeune, who performed the ceremony, describe the count "It was a charming ceremony

mass the humble catechanien would not occupy the chair prepared for hing. he sat on the earth on a simple mat He had already separated himself from all his fetishes and his wives, and put ande his crown of antelope horns in a corner of his heart. About 1 p in he received baptism in song for godfather our catechist Uphiem, and for godmother the superioress of the Sisters at Onitsha. As soon as baptized, he came out, and in his enthusiasm come in a load voice. Who is like to float And all the people of Nsube - 9,000 at least - cried out after him: Who is like to Clos!?'

"The twenty-eight chiefs of Naube then held a council and decreed: (1) that all parents should send their children to school, and that for school purposes each of the nine quarters of the town should give up the fetish house of the quarter, (2) that all the Naubes should be instructed in the Christian faith; (3) 'wo large roads, twenty-three feet wide, should be made At the erpense of the town, to connect the mission with the different quarters, (4) opposition to these unanimously voted decisions should entail a fine, to be determined by a special commission. These events are the more consoling because for three years Nsube had been practically abandoned, as the Niger missionaries died one after the other, and it was impossible to look after this people, whose evangelization appeared so very difficult. "It is a remarkable coincidence that

on the very day I bantized Obl. we learned of the death of the first missionacy of Nsube, Father Cadio Perhaps by his prayers and the sacrifica of his life he has bastened this wonderful harvost."

Long life to Their Majesties King Sami and King Obl Fatul

Deal Lord, I do thank Thee for dark days. They make me stronger and draw me nearer to Thee, and help me to know myself. And oh! at the end there comes such a peace of heart that I know Thou all the while hast been holding it for me. Dear Lord, make me patient and brave when I am lonely and misunderstood, when I am in pain or grief, when I cannot see my way. Hold my hand tightly, and I will walk with Thee whether I see Thee or not, knowing that "at eventide it will be light," or that in the morning "Thou wilt stand on the shore.

Th a manner real religion has its origin in the heart rather than the head. Intellect is magnificent, but to us to declare that Jesus had a great mind, for we always think of Him as the lover of mankind. His thoughts were as wide as the firmsment, indeed, and no secreta were hidden from Him, but somehow when we bend the knee to His Divine excellence these thoughts all brush themselves aside, and we see only the glory of that earth embracing love which pours over the ages from the sacrifice of Calvary. Philosophy profound as creation was His, but above it mirge the infinite sympathy and charity of His life, as the waves of the ocean dash over the justing rocks in the coast.

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