

WHAT ELSIE DID WITH HER OLD TOYS.

A little friend of mine, called Elsie, was grumbling the other day about having nothing to do. And yet if you had seen what lots of toys and books she had, you would have thought she must be the happiest little girl in London.

As I was going to see some little children who belonged to my Sunday-school class, I offered to take her with me. On our way to their home, she asked many questions about them wanting to know if they had pretty toys like herself.

Turning down a street narrower and gloomier than the others, we came to a small court. I saw Elsie look very much astonished, and after some seconds she said, "Surely no little girls live here; it's so dark and dirty."

Stopping at a door, I tapped and walked in. The room was very small and comfortless; in the centre were three little children busily engaged in sorting rags. Directly they saw me they left their work, running to me with exclamations of delight.

I told them I had brought a little girl to hear what they had to do every day. "Oh," said the eldest, "we get up and get father's breakfast ready, then Bennie goes out with his matches, and we three work at our rags till father comes home again."

"And do you never have any games or toys to play with?" said Elsie.

"No, miss, we never have time in the day-time to go out and have a game and we don't know what toys are."

A few minutes later Elsie's little fingers pulled me by the sleeve, and in a whisper she said, "Auntie, I've got a shilling grandpa gave me this morning for a new bonnet for dolly; give it to them to get some nice toys for this new year!" So I did. When we were coming home Elsie told me she would not have any new toys this year, but should ask her mamma to give some to the little children she had just seen instead.

Now don't you think you could follow little Elsie's example, and help to give some of the hundreds of poor children that are around us a little pleasure this winter-time? I have since been helping Elsie to mend a quantity of her toys, which she intends to send to one of the hospitals.

She said this evening, when I told her I was writing to ask some other little girls to do the same, that she was sure they would, if they only knew how glad the little children were to have them, and how much happier she felt in thinking she had helped to give them pleasure.

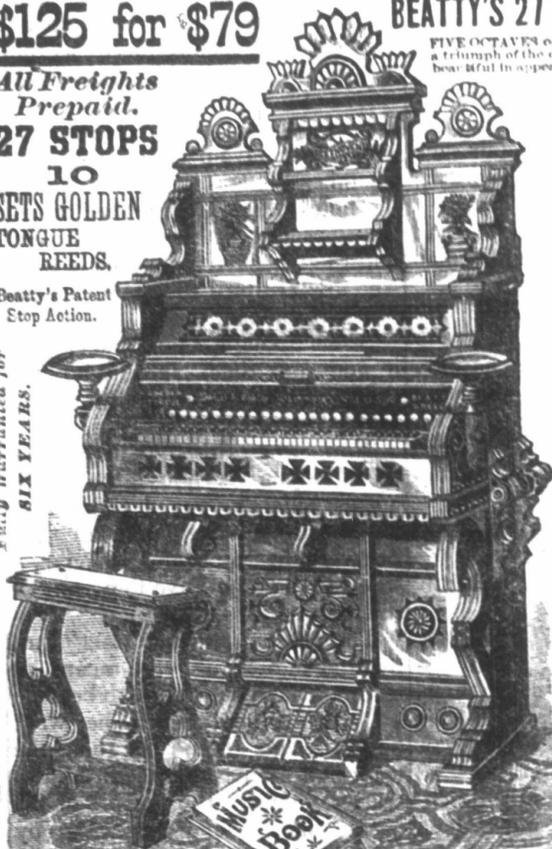
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At Orleans, N. Y., one day recently, a shopkeeper hearing a rattling and squealing in his cellar, went down and discovered a large rat which, in running over a pile of clams, had been caught by the tail by one of the shellfish. The animal had dragged the clam to his hole, but was unable to pull the bivalve through, on account of its size, and it was in that situation that the rat was captured and killed.

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