

# HAPPY DAYS

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## LOTS OF FUN.

Here is what you little folks would doubtless call a jolly good time in earnest. Well, there is enough turning of things upside down and hubbub about it, anyway. Of course, all little people like plenty of this sort of thing in all their sports, and they have a right, too, to a full share. Older persons are wont to forget, at times, the rights and needs of children in this respect. There is much complaint and remonstrance against the noise and disorder in the plays of the little ones. There is something to be said here on both sides. Children must romp to be healthful, but they should endeavor not to interfere thereby with the health or comfort of those who have outgrown childish sports. When you want to have a grand frolic, such as the party in our picture are engaged in, see to it that no one reasonably objects, and that full permission is given.



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comfort do beautiful pictures, soft carpets, luxurious food, and other things of that nature, impart to one who is tortured by a burning fever? Or, what delight is to be derived from living in the most beautiful garden that ever was formed, if one's conscience is continually tormenting him with the remembrance of a sin he has committed? There can be no pleasure under such circumstances.

This teaches us that happiness must begin within us before we can enjoy anything outside of us. Those who have sinful hearts will be in misery wherever they go. In "Paradise Lost," Milton represents Satan as saying to himself, while standing in the midst of the garden of Eden, where he vainly hoped to find rest:

"Which way I turn is hell,  
Myself am hell."

He carried his misery with him wherever he went; whether in Eden or in the world of the damned.

it revolved all the starry worlds. Jesus says, "the kingdom of heaven is within you," and these words contain a truth which very many, I think, quite overlook. They labor under the impression that if they are allowed to enter the place called heaven, they will be happy. Now, if you wait a moment, you will see that no matter how beautiful the place is that we are in, we cannot be happy unless our minds are at ease and our bodies in health. What

Only those whose hearts have been made clean of all sin can ever be happy in heaven; and only those who with repentance turn to the Lord can ever have their sins washed away.

## HEAVEN.

Where is heaven? I suppose every one as at some time in his life asked that question, but no one has ever received a perfectly satisfactory answer. Some have thought that heaven might be all around us, and is unperceived only because our spiritual eyes are not keen enough to see it. Others have thought that heaven was the very centre of the universe, and round

Whether the memory shall be a beautiful chamber of peace or a torture-chamber of despair will depend upon the soul's obedience or disobedience to the admonition, "Remember thy Creator."