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This picture brings to mind what the prophet Isaiah says when he speaks of the good time coming, when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard lie down with the kid, and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is going to make all things new, and do away with all violence and wrong feeling, both in man and beast, and then we shall have a happy world.

Curious stories are told of animals making friends with each other, and living in perfect harmony. This picture shows us the cat, the rabbit and the dove, all as happy together as they can be. See how pleased they look. The bunnies are snuffing, the doves are cooing, and the old and young pussies are purring away. But if they had the disposition that some children have to

each other—and grown up people, too—you would soon see the fur and feathers begin to fly. Children differ in their temper and tastes as much as the group before us. It makes one miserable to come near some children or even to look upon them. And they seem to take pleasure in annoying those around them. And that is nothing less than a manifestation of the worst features of brute nature. Any boy or girl ought to be as good as the best of animals, and a little better. Children know much more than the pussy or the pigeon; and can do much by habitual cheerfulness to render each other comfortable, and home desirable and happy. The members of the family may have natures as diverse as the dumb creatures of our cut, but by yielding to and obliging one another, you may and will develop and enjoy all the elements necessary to constitute a *happy family*. Try it,

dear young readers, and you will find out how cheery the home and pleasant the life will be when made radiant with love.

## ARCHIBALD STONE'S MISTAKE.

ARCHIBALD STONE is Archie's name,  
And Daisy Stone, that's Daisy;  
Mamma's and Papa's are just the same,  
And mine—why I am Maisy.

Daisy and I are twins you know,  
Exactly eight years old;  
We are just alike from top to toe,  
And our hair is just like gold.

And Archie he is almost ten,  
And figures on the slate.  
But does not add up rightly when  
He says we are not eight.

For I have learned a little song—  
It's name is "Two Times Two";  
That's why I know that Archie's wrong,  
For 'course the song is true.

Papa says not to worry more,  
Nor vex my little pate,  
But Daisy's four and I am four,  
And that makes us just eight.

## THE TWO RICH MEN.

Two men set out in life the same year  
In their school-days one of them was indolent, neglected his books and his mind became a merchant, acquired a large estate and lived at his ease. But he was miserable. No one found pleasure in his company and he envied the condition of the laborer in his fields.

The other was attentive to his book, acquired a useful trade, and followed it with success; became a man of wealth, still worked at his business, and found pleasure in labor and study, and in the society of the wise and good who sought his friendship.

What made the difference? *Idleness and industry in boyhood.* The last lived to good purpose, and the first to no purpose at all.

## WHAT IS PRAYER?

WHEN we pray aright we are talking with God, and he is listening to us. When we read the Bible God is talking to us. So in reading the Scriptures and praying we are conversing with God. Remember this when you read your Bible and when you pray and never do either carelessly or thoughtlessly.

A CHILD being asked what was the three great feasts of the Jews, promptly replied, "Breakfast, dinner and supper."