

**A Lonesome Boy.**

The boy sat cuddled so close to the woman in gray that everybody felt sure he belonged to her; so when he unconsciously dug his muddy shoes into the broadcloth skirt of his left-hand neighbor, she leaned over and said: 'Pardon me, madam, will you kindly make your little boy square himself round? He is soiling my skirt with his muddy feet.'

**For the Busy Mother.**



MEN'S AND BOYS' PYJAMAS.—NO. 1079.

Pyjamas are becoming more popular each season on account of their utility, and a simple and easily-made design is here shown with high neck and standing or turn-over collar as preferred, or with open neck. The usual seams are used in the construction of the trousers. The pattern is cut in seven sizes, from 22 to 46 breast measure. For 38 each size 8 3/4 yards of material 27 inches wide is required.

The New York 'Times' tells the story. The woman in gray blushed a little, and nudged the boy away. 'My boy,' she said. 'My goodness, he isn't mine!' The boy squirmed uneasily. He was such a little fellow that he could not touch his feet to the floor, so he stuck them out straight in front of him like pegs to hang things on, and looked at them deprecatingly.

'I am sorry I got your dress dirty,' he said to the woman on his left. 'I hope it will brush off.' The timidity in his voice made a short cut to the woman's heart, and she smiled upon him kindly. 'Oh, it doesn't matter,' she said. Then, as his eyes were still fastened upon hers, she added, 'Are you going up-town alone?' 'Yes, ma'am,' he said. 'I always go alone. There isn't anybody to go with me. Father is dead and mother is dead. I live with Aunt Clara in Brooklyn, but she says Aunt Anna ought to help do something for me, so once or twice a week, when she gets tired out and wants to go to some place to get rested up, she sends me over to stay with Aunt Anna. I am going up there now. Sometimes I don't find Aunt Anna at home, but I hope she will be at home to-day, because it looks as if it is going to rain, and I don't like to hang around in the street in the rain.'

The woman felt something uncomfortable in her throat, and she said, 'You are a very little boy to be knocked about this way.' 'Oh, I don't mind,' he said, 'I never get lost. But I get lonesome sometimes on the long trips, and when I see anybody that I think I would like to belong to, I scrooge up close to her so I can make believe that I really do belong to her. This morning I was playing that I belonged to that lady on the other side of me, and I forgot all about my feet. That is why I got your dress dirty.' The woman put her arm around the tiny chap and 'scrooged' him up so close that she hurt him, and every other woman who had heard his artless conversation looked as if she would not only let him wipe his shoes on her best gown, but would rather he did it than not.—'Standard.'

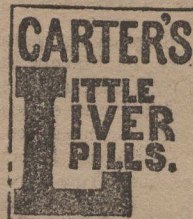
**Religious Notes.**

A German doctor wrote to 150 eminent poets and authors, asking if they found alcohol an aid to their work. He received 115 replies, and all but seven of these were to the effect that alcohol in any shape or form was a hindrance, destroying concentration and playing havoc with mental labor. And this was in beer-soaked Germany.

The Rev. E. P. Hammond the evangelist, whose work among the children of two continents has been so successful, has been invited to spend a year in India. The Rev. Richard Burgess, general secretary of the India Sunday School Union, will organize a series of meetings for Mr. Hammond, whose labors will be to a very large extent among the famine children in the mission orphanages. Dr. Hammond's visit and its results will be of special interest to all who have had a share in the India Orphan Work.

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A gracious revivil has been in progress in Sweden for over a year. Its influence has been widely felt in Stockholm and in smaller cities throughout the land. There is a great difference reported between the prayer-meetings now and formerly. It is said that people are willing to forsake food and rest to take time to attend the services. The converts show much eagerness for the prayer meetings. When it was proposed during last May to cease holding them every day, the people requested that they might be continued.

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