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Speak Thou, and winds shall cease;
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Where breathes the balm of peace.
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A Strange Guest.

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Farmer John Harmon stood in the glow of the broad fi eplace, wrapped in his great coat and muffler, his tur cap pulled down about his early, and his whip in his hand, while the pswing hoofs of his impatient horree crunched the snow outside. He stooped-as he spoke, and lifted his little daughter's chi till the clear, brown eyes looked up, with the frank smile which always warmed his heart.

"No, indeed, father! How could I be lonesome with such a little cl atterbox as Tony? Hark! I do believe he's wsking now, the darling!"

"I'm sorry that Minda Lawson couldn't have come to stay with you, but, of course, if Jack's sick, it stands to reason that she can't leave him. But Steve. and I'll be back before dark, never fear. Hallol you were right, Jennie. Here comes the little general!"

A chabby boy of three years old appear.

Then, whenshe had given him his breakthe of bread and milk, and pieced on the
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houther had gone, was fully fifteen miles
away, and cone there, they must wait for
the grinding of their load of grain.

"We shall have a long day to curselves.
Tony dear," said Jennie, more to break
to do, for sister must bake the bread and
cakes for Sunday, and father and Steve
will be wanting a good hot supper to
night."
"Tony the prieter?" lisned the boy.

"We are all alone—I and the baby—for my father and brother are gone to town; but I expect them home every minute, and I am sure they wouldn't like me to let anysee go on in the storm. You can put your horse in the stable youder."

Without replying the man led away his horse in the direction indicated, whence he soon returned, and taking, his place in front of the hearth, roceede to dry his wei garment. His face, which evideally had shown fine lines, wore a hard and bitter expression, as the flickering shadows played over his bent head and averted eyes. A vague discomfort orept over the spirit of the little hostess.

"I wonder if he's sick, poor man he looks so miserable-like," she thrught. Then she said aloud, "If you haven't been to supper, sir I could take you up sour of the park and beans I'm keeping hot for father and Steve, and I could make you a cup of tes in a minute."

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He walked slowly up and down the room, at each tupe nanyeaching a little wasne,

good man. He played with Tony, and did all the chores."

John Harmon picked up a scrap of 'spepr on the table, on which we scrawled, 'Good by, little girl, don't tell your father that anybody came, and always be good to be those that aint good themselves."

"That proves it," he said. "I as w that man watching us, yesterday, when we went over the brook, and he must have you thow that tree to prevent our getting back hast night. He did its to rob.

"John Harmon rushed out of the room, but and attoulehment." Why, he said, "he heart that night. He did its to rob. The street heart that the same has prevent to see the provided of the story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be story, but they guessed a part of it. The farmer had in his house a considerable to be stored to be sto

Learning to Hewl.

It is an old Spanish proverb, we believe, "He who lives with wolves will con learn to how!" He who lives with the calles of his friends, and counts them over and sorts them and measures them, will soon have equally grave ones of his orn, which his friends will be sure to see, and which his friends will be sure to see, and which will make him positively unable to cure them. There is nothing that to deteriorates character as this undue looking after faults and blemishes in others while we are blind to our own. We may abhor meanness and stinginess in our neighbor, and be able to give a hundred reasons my be should give away more in charity, and see a thousand little things indicate his smallness of soul, and at the same time we may be so engressed with one hase of meanness in him as to forget another phase of meanness in him as to forget another phase of meanness in thin as to forget another phase of meanness in ourselves. We may about attribute to the manufacture of "Thank God, I'm not a shapper." The idle, thriftless mu can never reform the over-shread open cluster; the impurity in ourselves. We may despise our neighbor for his sharpness and trickers, and appeal over our own slackness and idlences and shiftleseness the overletter of "Thank God, I'm not a shapper." The idle, thriftless mu can never reform the over-shread speculator; the impure man can never lift the untruthrul man out of the bog; the goosip is not its our us the miser of his selfishness. There is only one way, after all, to reform the world. Not by learning to how it in fart to begin the work of reformation with ourselves. We one back in minatakes, but first to begin the work of reformation with ourselves. We one back in minatakes, but first to be given the work of reformation with ourselves. We one back in minatakes, but first to begin the work of reformation with ourselves. We one back in minatakes, but first to begin the work of reformation with ourselves. We one back in minatakes, but first to begin the work of reformation

—The obliging visitor, just to show that he is really fond or children, and that the dear little ones are not amonying in the least, treats the youngest to a ride upon his kneethroit, trot. I thore do you like that, my boy? Is that nice? 'Yee, sir, replied the child is 'but not so nice as on the real donkey—the one with four legs.'

— 'Papa, where's Atoms?' 'Atoms? I' don't know, my boy. You mean Athens, probably.' 'No, I mean Atoms— the place where everything is blown to.'

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—A little girl went visiting one day, and after a time was given the abum of family photographs to look at. She turned the leaves over carefully, and pretty soon closed the book. "Well, dear, saked the hottess," did you look at he album?" Oh, yes," answered the little maid brightly," and we've got one 'zactly like it only the pictures are prettier."

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I asked him wot he was doin' there at that
time o' night. Sex he 'I have no business
here jest now, but I expects to open a'
juwlery shore in this vicinity later on.' At
that I sez: I wieh ye success, sorr.' Megisymetry store in that vicinity and stole
seventeen watches.' New Policeman
(after a pause): 'Begorre, yer honor, the
mon may have been a thafe, but he was
no loiar.' in tono of the fire."

Surjou won't be comfortable, sin,"

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"Tony help siner?" lisped the boy.

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"What should I have done if this man had not come?" she thought. "He may be lowed to tone of the list of the sine years and had not come?" she thought. "He may be do, but he is very, very kind."

She lot consciousness at last; and when she work the storm was over; and the sum him streamed in at the eastern window.

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