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go, too." Now, the Princess was a beautiful wax doll, with lovely curls, dressed in pink silk.

"Better not take the doll, Lucy," said her father. "Young ladies don't go fishing in pink silk."

Lucy was determined, and so Princreek. Here she put the doll on a stone under a large tree, where she was sure it would be safe.

and there came Rover, dashing down as fast as he could. to the bank, and with such force It was no use punishing him, beagainst the Princess that he knocked cause, of course, he could not underit over into the creek, and Lucy saw stand, but he was spoken to in a very the water close over her darling.

The creek was deep at this point, and Lucy's father had to fish some time for it. When he at last drew it the pink silk ruined.

All the crying in the world could not restore poor Princess Irene.

Had Lucy remembered the fourth commandment she would have obeyed her father's suggestion, and the dolly would never have met with such a sad fate.

# MASTER JACK DAW.

A friend had given Harry a jackdaw in a wicker cage, which he kept time." hing upon a large nail outside the neiths old, but as he grew up Mas- two. All at once he flew to the table,

ter Jack became a most mischievous t:re The first thing he did was to peck away steadily at the wicker bars of his cage until it was nearly falling to pieces. So Harry made another cage with a stout wooden back and frent and sides of thick wire. Jack couldr't pull that to pieces, although he often had a good try. He ate biscuit meal, and was also very fond of boiled potatoes, and when Harry's mother made a pie there was nothing he erjoyed more than a piece of uncooked paste. Harry used to roll the past into small pills, and Jack would swillcw them so quickly that his little master often wondered he did not choke himself. When Jack got to know the household well he was allowed to come out of his cage, and would hop about the kitchen looking very important. He was exceedingly curious, and always wanted to poke his black peak into everything; and I am afraid he was a thief when he had the chance.

One evening he was allowed to come into the sitting-room because Harry had a friend to tea, and wanted him to see Master Jack's funny ways. So he came in upon Harry's finger, and looked at the strange little boy out of the corner of his round eyes, as much as to say, "Who are you, I should like to know?"

After he had allowed them to stroke his head and had screamed "Hallo!" three or four times, he was put on the back of a chair and told that if he was a good bird and kept quiet he might stay there a little while.

After that every one went on talking, and, as mother began to tell a story, they soon forgot to take much notice of Master Jack. Suddenly cess Irene accompanied them to the they were startled by a loud tearing sound. They looked round and saw that Jack, whose chair was near the wall, had pecked a piece of loose Suddenly she heard a loud bark, paper from it, and was tearing it off

grave voice and given one or two pats upon his back. He really seemed to understand, for he was taken to his cage looking very sad and serious from the water the wig was soaked He was not allowed in the sittingoff, the paint gone from its face, and room after that. One day Harry was left at home to take care of the house. He began to feel very dull, and thought he would like to have Jack for company. He knew his mother allowed the bird only in the kitchen, and he was by a cozy fire in the sitting-room. He did not feel at all inclined to go into the kitchen, but he wanted Jack to come in all the same. At last he gave way to tempetation, and brought Jack into "the

room with him. "I'll only keep him a few minutes," he said to himself, "and he can't do any harm if I watch him all the

Jack sat on the back of the chair house. It was then only a few looking very demure for a minute or lime is the measurer of all things, - COLTON THE WATCH the most accurate of time's instruments

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and, before Harry could do anything, he had picked up his mother's thimble that was lying by her work-basket and flew straight out the door with Harry followed him, calling, Jack, Jack!" But Jack didn't take

any notice. He flew to the back door, which Harry had left open, and through it out into the garden, There was a large water butt just outside, and Jack perched on the rim and deliberately dropped the thimble into it. When Harry saw it disappear under the dark water his heart sank, too. Then Jack went into his cage, and seemed very pleased with himself, indeed.

"Oh, you wicked bird!" cried his master.

Jack looked at him, and his small, bright eyes seemed to say, "Oh, you wicked boy, for letting me in!"

Harry tried to find the thimble, while Jack looked down at him with great interest. When he was obliged to give up the search in despair, Jack gave a loud caw of delight.

So Harry was obliged to confess the truth to his mother, and, although she was grieved by her little son's disobedience, she could not help smiling at Jack's behaviour.

Harry saved his pocket money, and gave his mother a new silver thimble, which every one was very careful to keep out of Master Jack's way.

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