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Smiles

Little Girl (timidly)—Please, Mr.
Storekeeper, I want to get some shoes.
Storekeeper—How long do you want
them?

Little Girl—I want them to keep, sir,
if you please.—*Journal of Education.*

Little Robert was very bright and at
the end of his first term at school was
promoted to the second grade. He was
much attached to his first-grade teacher
and was loath to leave her.

"Miss Eva," he said, with tears in his
eyes, "I do wish you knew enough to
teach second grade, so I wouldn't have
to leave you."

An English tourist in the West Indies
had been warned against bathing in a
river because of alligators, so he went in
swimming at the river mouth, where his
guide assured him there would be none.

"How do you know there are no allig-
ators here?" he asked when he had
waded out neck-deep.

"You see, sah," said the guide, "dey's
too many shark here. De alligators is
skereed out. Dis ain't no place for dem,
sah."—*Fair News.*

It is little Edna's first year in school,
and, like all beginners, she is very enthu-
siastic about her lessons. She is learn-
ing to read by the phonetic system, and
takes delight in practising at home. Not
long ago someone stepped on the cat's
tail, and the poor beast gave utterance
to an agonized wail, followed by a pro-
longed hiss. "Oh, mother," Edna eagerly
exclaimed, "did you hear kitty give the
'th' sound? I suppose she learned it
from me."—*New York Press.*

Young Tommy returned from school
in tears, says the *Ladies Home Journal*,
and nursing a black eye.

"Betcher I'll pay Billy Bobbs off for
this in the morning," he wailed to his
mother.

"No, no," she said, "you must return
good for evil. I'll make you a nice jam
tart and you must take it to Billy and
say: 'Mother says I must return good
for evil, so here's a tart for you.'"

Tommy demurred, but finally con-
sented. The next evening he returned in
a worse plight and sobbed:

"I gave Billy the tart, and told him
what you said. 'N then he blacked my
other eye and says to send him another
tart to-morrow.'"

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