

A LITTLE GIRL WITH TWO FACES.

I HEARD a strange thing the other day. It was of a little girl who had two faces. When she is dressed up in her best clothes, when some friends are expected to come to tea, or when she is going out with her mother to call on some neighbours, she looks so bright, and sweet, and good, that you would like to kiss her. With a nice white dress on, and perhaps a blue sash, and pretty little shoes, she expects her mother's friends will say: "What a sweet darling!" or "What a sweet face, let me kiss it!" And so, she always has a nice smile on her face, and when she is spoken to, she says, "Yes, ma'am," and "No, ma'am," when she ought, and "Thank you," very sweetly, when anything is given her.

But do you know, when she is alone with her mother, and no company is expected, she does not look at all like the same little girl. If she cannot have what she would like, or do just as she wishes, she will pout, and scream, and cry, and no one would ever think of kissing her then.

So you see, this little girl has two faces; one she uses before company, and puts it on just like her best dress; and the other she wears when she is at home alone with her mother.

I also know a little girl, who has only one face, which is always as sweet as a peach, and never sweeter than when she is at home, and her mother wants her to be as useful as she can and help her. I think I need scarcely ask you which of these little girls you like best, or which of them you would most like to resemble. — *Presbyterian Witness.*

COURAGE.

DANIEL dared to be singular, both when he refused the king's wine-cup, and when he defied the king's lions. The young man who follows the fashions, and runs with the crowd, counts for nothing. When he turns around and faces the crowd for conscience' sake, he encounters some hard knocks, but he saves his own soul, and is in the right attitude to save the souls of others. Every young man who resolutely determines to keep a clean Christian conscience, and to walk according to Christ's commandments, will encounter either full-grown lions, or some very ugly cubs, in the course of his experi-

ence. In business, he must decide often between selling his conscience, or losing a sharp bargain; he must prefer to be poor, rather than to be a successful gambler. In social life, he must not be afraid of the nickname of "Puritan;" on such questions as theatre-going and wine-drinking, and club-life, he must be content to pass as a bit of a fanatic. In politics he must "bolt," as often as his party heads on the wrong track. I have watched the career of thousands of young men in two great cities, during a whole generation. The vast majority of all who have failed in life have been wrecked for want of courage. They had no fibre to face lions either large or small. Whereas, those who have had the conscience and the courage to take Daniel's course, have usually found that the lions were chained, or else "God had shut their mouths." Retreat always meant ruin. Taking your stand for God, "with your windows open" — not towards Jerusalem, but towards Jesus Christ — you are sure to come off conqueror. Never be afraid of but one thing in the universe, my young friend, and that is the *frown of God*. His smile is the foretaste of heaven; His frown makes the darkness of hell.

Some may hate thee, some may love thee,

Some may flatter, some may slight;

Cease from man, and look above thee.

Trust in God, and do the right!

— *Dr. Cuyler.*

CHILDREN AT PLAY.

"OPEN your mouth and shut your eyes." —

Three little maidens were saying —

"And see what God sends you!" little they thought

He listened while they were playing!

So little we guess that a light, light word

At times may be more than praying.

"I," said Kate, with merry blue eyes,

"Would have lots of frolic and folly;"

"I," said Ciss, with bonny brown hair,

"Would have life always smiling and jolly;"

"And I would have just what our Father would send."

Said lovable little pale Polly.

Life came for the two, with sweetness new,

Each morning in gloss and in glister.

But our Father above, in a gush of great love,

Caught up little Polly and kissed her:

And the churchyard nestled another wee grave,

The angels another wee sister.

— *Gerald Massey.*

Give to a gracious message an host of tongues:
But let ill tidings tell themselves, when they be felt.
— *Shakespeare.*

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