CHILDREN'S CORNER.

CRADLE HYMN.

Sleep, little baby of mine;
Night and the darkness are near;
But Jesus looks down Through the shadows that frown, And baby has nothing to fear.

Shut, little sleepy blue eyes; Dear little head, be at rest;

Jesus, like you, Was a baby once, too. And slept on his own mother's breast.

Sleep, little baby of mine, Soft on your pillow so white, Jesus is here

To watch over you, dear. And nothing can harm you to-night.

Oh, little darling of mine, What can you know of the bliss. The comfort, I keep. Awake and asleep, Because I am certain of this!

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JENNIE'S TEA-PARTY.

Jennie Hill was very busy indeed one pleasant Saturday morning, and bustled about just as her mother often did when quite hurried with household cares. Jennie was going to have a small teaparty in the afternoon, and she had a great deal to do. The play-room must be put in perfect order. The three dolls, Maud, Psyche, and Arabella, were to be dressed in their best, with new sashes and small bonquets for the occasion, and above everything else, Jennie was going to make three tiny fans of white paper to fasten to the dolls' belts, just as she had seen the ladies in the city wear them.

So with a little sweeping-cap perched on her bright, curly head, Jennie flew about, sweeping, dusting, and arranging the baby-house, which was a large shoe-box divided into rooms and furnished with paper furniture, all very fine, and making a very nice home for the ten paper dolls that lived in it. Then the tea-set had to be nicely washed, and a great many other things attended to by the busy little house-

Jennie expected to have a "perfectly elegant time," she said. Her two little friends, Carrie and Alice, with their New York cousin, Nellie, were coming very soon after dinner to stay until

seven o'clock. Now Nellie was two or three years older than the other girls, and was greatily admired and looked up to by knocked. No response. He knocked them. Jennie had a little brother three years old whom she loved dearly, but as ter, let me in," he piped in a shrill he was very wide-awake, and found it voice. Freddy made a good many calls, he got into Jennie's play-room, she thought she would not invite him to the party.

Jennie was quite tired when she had finished her preparations, having changed the furniture in the baby-house several times before it quite suited her. She dressed the dolls, and seated them at the window to watch for the company, looking very grand and smart with their boquets in their laps, which they did not seem to smell of at all, and their fans fastened to their belts. Although their cheeks were very red, causing one to think they were quite warm, the dolls did not use their fans at all. I dare say, however, they were trying to keep everything fresh and nice until the com-

pany arrived. The tea-table was all set, even to the tiny bits of cotton cloth for napkins, fringed out by Jennie, and nicely washed and ironed by Bridget, and a tiny bell to ring for an imaginary table-girl. The refreshments were down stairs in the pantry all ready, for Jennie's mother had had a tea-party of grown up folks the night before, and there were enough goodies left for quite a feast for

the children. Mrs. Hill expressed great satisfaction at Jennie's arrangements when called in to view them. "Very well for a seven-year old house-keeper," she said, "but where is your table-cloth?"

"Oh, dear," said Jennie, " it has got a big hole right in the middle of it, and I did not like to put it on."

"Come with me, and I will get you a nice white towel, all fringed, that you may use for your table-cloth this afternoon. I will help you set the table."

In a little while everything was in perfect readiness. Bridget was to take the refreshment up stairs and put them in the next room, which Jennie was to call her pantry when she got supper for her friends.

"Now, mother, don't let Freddie come near us this time, will you?" said Jen-

"No, I will keep him with me. He need not know that you are playing in the house. He will be asleep when the girls come, and I do not think you will be troubled by him. There he is now, coming up stairs. It would be better if you should shut the play room door before he looks in."

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Jennie hastily shut the door, and meeting Freddie in the hall, took him down stairs to show him pictures, of which he was very fond.

Very soon after dinner the company came. Jennie did the honors well, and ushered the girls into the playroom with quite an air. What a pretty sight the tour happy girls made, as they played merrily at housekeeping, visiting, etc.!

certs in New York which her father and mother attended and talked about, especially the last one, which Nellie said was some kind of a "log (Kellog) concert;" she didn't just know what kind, but her mother told a lady who called, that it was "elegant."

"Let us make believe have one here." said Alice. "We can be the audience, and one of the dells can be the primmer dollar. Maud will make a lovely one because she smiles and shows her teeth.'

"It is prima donna, Alice," said Nellie. "But never mind," she added, as little Alice seemed rather crest-fallen at her mistake, "I think just as you do, that Maud will make a very nice one. We can call her Prepper.

No one was wise enough to correct Nellie's mistake, and then she was from New York and must be right. So the children played concert, and the singing was quite remerkable. Arabella and Psyche were stripped of their bouquets, which were thrown to Maud who was too stiff to pick them up, and, therefore, stood quite still and smiled.

"There! it is almost five o'clock." said Jennie, "and we must be getting supper. It is so warm I guess I will not make tea unless you prefer it, ladies." "Oh no, indeed, we seldom drink

tea," was the polite reply. Now Freddie had stayed quite contentedly with his mother until half-past four, when a lady called for Mrs. Hill to go out on some important errand. Freddie was sent to the kitchen to stay with Bridget. He liked that very well, but pretty soon Bridget had to go down to the back door, to tell the ashman about some rubbish to be taken away, so Freddie was left alone for a while.

The play-room was right over the kitchen, and all of a sudden, Freddie heard some very merry sounds overhead. He at once pricked up his ears, and listened. "What's that?" he said to himself, and in the next breath answered his own question. "Jennie," he said, and began climbing up the back stairs, making so much noise that Jennie heard him, and locked the door very quickly. "Hush, girls!" she said, "there comes Freddie; he will spoil all our fun, if we let him in." The girls kept very quiet-in fact, the sudden silence was quite impressive.

Freddie outside, was rather surprised at the stillness, but he marched boldly up to the door, and finding it fastened, again; all was still. "I am the minisvery easy to do mischief, especially when and was doctor, minister, or ragman as suited him. A giggle inside assured him that somebody was there, and again he knocked and in a tearful voice said, "Sister Jennie, let me in!"

"I am going to peep at him," said Nellie, and softly opening the door she saw a cunning, roguish little face with tears in the bright eyes, lifted to hers. As she opened the door a little wider, Freddie said, "Any wags to-day, marm ?"

"Oh, you cunning little fellow!" said Nellie, "you shall come in."
"Yes, let him come in, Jennie," said

the other girls. "I will take care of him," said Nel-

"he shall sit beside me at the table..'

Jennie felt uneasy, but was too polite to say anything. "Now, Freddie, you must be good if you stay here," she said to the delighted little fellow. " I will be velly good."

When they were seated round the table (they had to sit on the floor, the table was so low), Freddie folded his hands and waited for the blessing to be asked, as he did at the big table.

"Why don't you pway?" he said. "Oh no, Freddie, we are ouly playing," said Jennie.

But Freddie was not satisfied, and covering his eyes with his chubby hands, he said "One two, three, amen. This made them all laugh, which much surprised Freddie.

"What can I help you to now, Nellie?" asked Jennie. "I think I have eaten a genteel sufficiency," answered Nellie. " but perhaps

I might take a little Charlette Russe, Now this was the grandest thing that had been said at the table, and the girls were much impressed by it. Jennie passed some frosted cake, as she thought it probably the nearest thing to what

Nellie called for. "What will Freddie have?" asked

Alice. Freddie had been an attentive listener to what the girls said, especially when Nellie spoke, whom he seemed to like very much, and he had concluded to have just what she preferred. Accordingly he answered, "Me will take some

Sally-goose with a little gavy on it." While the girls were shouting with laughter at the funny speech, Mrs. Hill came in to tell the children that Mr, Hill would take them to drive and leave the little girls at their home. So the tea-party was suddenly broken up.

"Did you enjoy yourself this after-noon, Jennie?" asked her mother.

"Yes, indeed, I had a splendid time." " Se did me," said Freddie from his

Jennie kissed him good night, and was glad she had let him come to her Nellie, who was ten years old, was quite entertaining, as she told the other girls about some of the large con-

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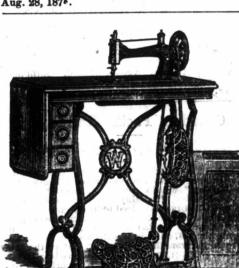
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