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not readily be seen. However, both JOB PRINTING was house-cleaning time, and the boys were down at once on their hands ion clock, whose place was in the ming-room, found itself on the library able, face to face with the black marhe clock that belonged in the parlor.

"Why, where in the world did you come from ?" asked the wooden clock. in a harsh, loud voice. "I never heard you tick or strike. Have you been in the house long?" "Fifteen years," replied the marble one, in low tones.

"Fifteen years !" repeated the wooden clock, holding up his hands in wonder. " That's a long time. I've only been here three. And did you never talk louder than you do now ?" " Never," said the marble clock.

" And don't you ever strike ?" " Oftener than you do; for I tell the

half hours, as well as the hours. Lis-

ten, I'm going to strike twelve in a

moment." And at the end of the mo-

ment rang out a sweet tinkling sound.

like the chiming of wee silver bells.

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ly. "You are much too loud. I am

"Yes," said the marble clock, "ex-

" Refinement!" interrupted the loud

"I mean," answered the marble

clock, "the nicer one is the less noise

" Oh, indeed !" said the wooden clock

scornfully. " Well, for my part. I like

to hear myself speak, and like others

worth, at least, twenty of you."

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ing fallen an called nce. The ed in cutand knees, hunting eagerly for the hidden treasure. Once more the sound of wheels met their ears, and, just as Sam sprang to open it, Ben's hand turned over some snow, and lighted on the penny. Acting upon a sudden impulse, he popped it into his pocket, saying to himself, Sam needn't know, and then to-morrow I can buy that whistle I've been wanting so long." The carriage passed on its way, but the coachman gave the

search.

"You've not found it, have you?" said he, as Ben still feigned to look for the money.

"No, I'm afraid it's no use looking any more," replied Ben ; "it's rather cold ; shall we zo ?"

"All right," said Sam. "We'll come down early in the morning, and look for it." So off went the brothers "Ho! ha!" laughed the wooden to their home.

clock rudely. " Do you call that strik-Poor Ben crept into bed without ing? Just hear me!" and it struck saving his prayers that night. Somethe mid-day hour with such a brazen how he did not feel as if he could clang that the bronze lions on each side pray, with that penny and the lie he of the marble clock started and put had told about it burning his conscience. Neither could he sleep. The "There, what do you think of that ?" money was under his pillow, and he felt it said, as the last stroke died away. as if it were getting hotter and hotter, And my ticking can be heard all over till it scorched his cheek. Restlessly the house. How much more valuable he tossed about, till at last, towards morning, he fell into an unquiet, "There's where you make a great dreamful slumber. mistake," said the marble clock quiet-

But even in his dreams the penny seemed to scorch him. Now he was racing, as if for life. down a snowy "Twenty of me !" said the wooden road, and a great big penny, like a one, so indignantly that its tongue-in dagger, behind him. At another time other words, its pendulum-nearly fell he thought he was struggling in a river, with ice over his head, and a penny hung around his neck, dragging actly twenty. The more refinement him down, down to the bottom.

> At last he woke, the horrors of his dreams still upon him. He could bear the sting of conscience no longer.

"Sam," said he, "I want to tell you something. I did find that penny after all, and here it is, and I'm so un-

happy, I don't know what to do " Then tender-hearted Sam put his to hear me, too. I don't believe in arms around his brother, and tried to comfort him; but, seeing that nothing

clocks being seen and not heard." made him feel much better, he whispa closet/last evening "" aske i the low- ered at last, " Come, Ben ; let's kneel down here, and tell God about it. Mother Says that's the only way to get peace ? Then you couldn't have been right again." So they knelt down together by Sam's bed, and Ben sobbed out a confession of his sin, and prayed to be forgiven. Then the boys back to their beds, and fell asleep.

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" By the by, weren't you shut up in voiced one, slyly, "because somebody had a new book and wanted to read in either seen or heard."

" I wish they'd take me back to the dining-room," said the wooden clock. "I always did hate house-cleaningputting everything out of its place, and stuck-up staangers."

THE RED HOT PENNY.

Every body in the village of Heppinglee agreed that it was very kind of Squire Meadows during the winter months, when the road was bad, to allow the bighway travellers to go across his grounds, on his own private road, and out into the public thoroughfare again on the other side. This short cut lessened the traveller's jour." ney by a good mile and a half, for otherwise he would have had to go all round the park, which he was now permitted to pass through.

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Presently Sam paused in his jumping over a snowy stump, and said, " Ben, do you hear any thing ?". Both boys listened, and in a moment

or two their practiced ears detected the quick trot of a horse driven by a gentleman, who flung a copper to the boys as he went by.

The snow was deep, and the penny trized. fell with some force, and sank into it

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