

## Children's Department.

### A Would be Sailor.

Many years ago a lady was traveling by coach to Glasgow, and on the way noticed a little boy with a large sou' wester hat, trudging along the road. He looked footsore and weary, so she asked the coachman to take him up, saying she would herself pay his fare.

The boy was grateful, and soon chatted away to his new friend. He told her that he was an orphan, and had not been kindly treated by his uncle, who was a fisherman at a village some distance off, so he intended going to sea.

"You look so young," said the lady, touched by the sight of the sad face underneath the large hat.

"I can do lots of work though, and I shall grow bigger," said the boy hopefully.

The lady gave him a half a crown, and hoped he would do well.

Some twenty years passed away, when a sea-captain, journeying near Glasgow, saw an old lady walking slowly along the road; he stopped the conveyance, and offered her a lift. They entered into conversation, and the old lady thanked the captain for his kindness to a stranger.

"I always feel I must give a seat to a weary foot traveller," he said, "since a lady paid for a seat for me when I was a youngster, first starting for sea, and had got sore feet from walking so far. Kindness begets kindness, you know, ma'am, and I have always tried to do kind acts for the sake of my unknown friend."

"God bless you!" said the old lady, looking earnestly at him. "I gave a seat to a boy once, and I have often prayed for him. I cannot do a kindness like that now, for I am too poor to pay for myself."

A little more conversation followed, in which they recognized each other.

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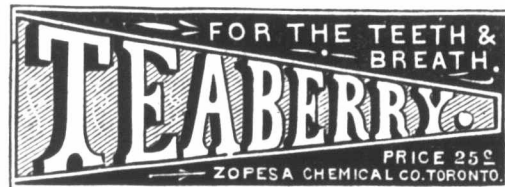
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The captain said her kindness had been the beginning of his prosperity, and now he must take care of her, which he did to the end of her life.

### Fascination.

The power which dangerous snakes possess to fascinate their trembling prey before they destroy them is very wonderful. Often one of these reptiles will hold pretty young birds enthralled for some minutes, rendering them perfectly incapable of escaping from the great danger which threatens them, until the favourable moment arrives, when the dangerous neck is raised aloft and the head of the reptile shoots down, with a sharp and deadly blow, upon the pretty creature, whose song is over for ever.

Take care, little readers! That is just the way sin first fascinates, and then bites with its poisonous teeth, those who are held captive thereby. There is no escape for the poor birdies, and there is but little escape for us, unless God helps us. If the birds could close their eyes, they might be saved, for it is through the eye the fascinating power works. We may close our eyes and ears, and, as the Apostle says, "Flee temptation." Moreover, God's grace will help us to resist and overcome, if we seek it aright and trust in Him with all our hearts.

### A Little Pair of Housekeepers.

Before the steamer 'Sovereign' had commenced her daily trips between Montreal and Carillon, a pair of swallows inspected her, and finding a cosy niche for a nest in a hole beneath a board just above the paddle-wheel, they built one; and had scarcely given it the finishing touch, when to their surprise the boat changed places.

They were not to be frightened into the desertion of their house, however, by this trifling incident. Finding themselves unmolested and that they could prosecute their housekeeping as well in one place as another, they decided to move with the boat.

And so they have made their trips daily to Carillon with the 'Sovereign,' the laying of eggs and incubation going on meanwhile.

While madame sits quietly on her nest and views the beautiful Lake St.

Louis scenery as the boat speeds on her course, her lord flies alongside, anon skimming the surface, and now and then darting upon an unsuspecting insect. When she prefers exercise and recreation her dutiful spouse assumes the task of housekeeping, and she flits and forages in turn.

The nest of this happy couple can be seen by any one who chooses to lean over the railing of the 'Sovereign.'

### A Kind Sister.

"Bertie, are you not coming yet?" cried a bright girl of about thirteen, with a fishing-basket strapped over her shoulder, and a fishing rod in her hand, to her brother, who sat writing at a small table in the study.

"Not just now," he answered. "I have got this to do first," pointing to an exercise which lay on the table before him.

"Oh, what a pity!" said Nelly. "What did you do to deserve it, Bertie?"

"I did nothing," her brother answered; "it was Frank Singer's fault. He would keep whispering the next words in my lesson, though I told him I knew them. The master called me up, and gave me this exercise for a punishment, because he thought I had asked Frank to help me with my lesson—which I had not."

"I will stay and help you," said his sister.

"You, Nelly! I thought you were very anxious to go with the fishing party?"

"So I was," said Nelly; "but never mind; I would rather help you, so please let me. Listen! They have come here to see why we have not joined them. I will run and say we cannot come just now."

Running into the hall, she told her companions that they could not come then, but would follow soon. Without waiting to hear their exclamations of dismay, she ran back to the study, and sat down to help her brother.

With hard work the task was soon finished, and then away they ran to join the fishing party. They had splendid fun; but I think Nelly enjoyed herself most, for she knew she had done right in helping her brother.

### A Wrong Turning.

"I shall take my chance!"

The two boys had started at early morn to visit a distant village. They were cousins, and their homes lay in the same pleasant valley. At noon they had reached their destination. They were about to return immediately when their attention was attracted by a travelling circus, and in one way or another the time slipped by until the sun was rapidly declining. Then they hastened towards home.

"Let's try another road," said the elder lad. "It will be pleasanter than returning by the way we came."

His younger and wiser companion endeavoured to dissuade him; but he was obstinate, and declared that he knew the road perfectly. On they went, and now the sun had disappeared, night was creeping on quickly. Presently it got quite dark, and the boys halted, for the elder had to admit that they had lost their way. Before them the road branched off to the right and left.

"I shall take my chance!" said the foolish lad, and he went off to the left.

The other waited until a countryman passed, who informed him that

the proper way was that to the right. He reached home in safety, while his companion was found next morning exhausted and weary, lying under a haystack.

Two paths lie before us, dear children! The broad road that Christ tells us leads to destruction, and the narrow road to life eternal. Let us not say, "I will take my chance, and follow my blind impulses," or take the way that seems pleasantest; but let us rather ask God to lead us, and be our Guide. The narrow path with Jesus is always the happiest path.

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