

respectfully... and my duty... few minutes... my right hand... I am unable to... and have them... the soldier... forbidden to... relieved by an... dismounted... said, "give me... relieve you; go... ended to."... went first to... where he told... his post, and... and get his... unfitted him... the news of it... whither the... sent, King... wish to see... he made him... mine.

CORNER.
DO?"... itching away... indoors at play... and leaned on her... reared-out air... in the world that... re do?"... chance to reply... there closely by... all seemed the... wonderful game... tters, and fought... re do?"... ant, then gayly re... th a portico wide... money to spend... without end, ... painted by you, ... can do.

and paper, and... that ever you saw;... a sea, ... chasing a bee;... saying like you, ... re do?"... took pencils in... ll understand... until it was plain... forgotten to rain;... a long one, it's... we do?"... this earnest way... while your little... hereafter shall... ed, to the skies;... to your "what... re you... e Wide Awake.

T."... naughty bib;... naughty crib;... she would n't... ot in her Sun-... her picture-... help the cook;... or coaxed, or... whatever she... rice to eat;... and good, and... single kiss—... with a girl like... SINS.

s all day. He... and taken his... had sat down... flattened her... kitten on top... ad even been... dear mamma, ... little boy felt... visit to the... tured him, in-... antly, Tommy... ed out fiercely... I aint cross

hen bed-time... was taken up-... Tommy, you'll... y turtle, or a... s, when you're... "I wont."... happen; you'll

if it doesn't. I've read of just such... coming to boys in books," said... as she tucked him into his bed... Nurse thought he had become very... quiet all at once, and as she bade him... "Good-night," she wondered if he was... up to more mischief. But he was al-... ready snoring as she reached the door... As soon as she had gone down-stairs... Tommy got out of bed, and felt under... the bureau for the piece of mince-pie... he had hidden there. He had taken it... from the pantry shelf, that evening—a... good big quarter of a pie. It was... rather dusty, but tasted good, and... Tommy sat up in bed, and ate it all in... ten bites. Then he curled down among... the blankets, and wished he was a crab... "I'd crawl right down and bite nurse... now," he thought. "I wonder how it... would feel to be a turtle, or a crab, or a... "

"A very fine specimen indeed," said... a gruff, strange voice... Tommy looked around. Where was... he? Where was his bed, and his room... with blue paper on the walls?
"Oh, my! what is the matter?" cried... Tommy. He was sitting upon a bit of... sea-weed, in a great glass case full of... water, and a red-nosed man in specta-... cles was looking at him.
"A fine specimen of fresh-water ur-... chin," said the red-nosed man.
"I aint a urchin," cried Tommy, in-... dignantly.
"See him open his mouth! How ugly... he is!" exclaimed a small boy beside the... red-nosed man.
Tommy looked around for something... to throw at him, but right at his elbow... sat a huge hermit crab, who stretched... out four claws, and said:
"Shake hands, cousin! Glad to see... you!"
"I'm not your cousin," said Tommy, ... drawing himself up.
"Oh! He says he is not my cousin!"... squeaked the hermit crab, so loudly... that all the skates came to see what... was the matter.
"You're a horrid ugly thing!"... screamed Tommy. "I saw you yester-... day pinching a poor little crab, and... poking your old claws into his shell... I'm not your cousin."
"Now, just hear that!" said the her-... mit crab, with a wicked smile. "Here... is an urchin who pinches his little... brother, pulls his hair, and takes his... peanuts away, and yet he declares he is... not my cousin! Nonsense! Of course... you are. Come along."
He was just stretching out his claws... to drag Tommy off the bit of sea-weed... when two little sea urchins came rolling... along, and said:
"Why, here's cousin Tommy!"
"Go 'way!" exclaimed Tommy. "I... never was such an ugly, prickly thing... like a chestnut burr."
"Ugly, prickly thing, indeed!" cried... the sea-urchins. "Did n't you pain... your poor mamma with your naughty, ... prickly temper,—you ugly little fresh-... water urchin!" And both the sea-... urchins gave him great pokes with their... sharp spiny sides, and then rolled away... laughing at his pain.
They had no sooner gone, then up... came a whole family of thin little ali-... gators, and with them a whole family... of fat little seals, giggling, bouncing up... and down, and eating mince-pie.
"Tommy, how d' ye do? How d' ye... do, Tommy?" said they all.
They looked so mischievous, and so... big, that Tommy began to cry.
"Cry, baby,—cry! Haven't any pie!"... sang all the fat little seals and thin... little alligators, jumping at him and... trying to bite his toes, till Tommy was... frightened half to death.
Just as he made sure they were going... to eat him, something wonderful hap-... pened. A beautiful sea-horse, with a... silver bridle, came floating down, led... by the loveliest little mermaid that... ever was seen. And as she came close... to Tommy, she said:
"Poor Tommy! Come with me... Mount my little friend here, and we... will take you away from these tormen-... tors."
So Tommy got upon the sea-horse's... back,—and he just fitted there nicely;... which surprised him, till he remember-... ed that since he had become a fresh-... water urchin, he had grown very small... They pranced away from the seals... and alligators, and all the skates smil-... ed pleasantly as they passed. Soon... they came to the mermaid's house,—a

large pink conch-shell, with sea-weed... climbing over it, and a long avenue... marked by rows of pink sea-anemones... leading up to it. The sea-anemones... bowed, and waved their fringes to the... mermaid, and welcomed her home.
"I have a poor little urchin who has... been naughty, and has been punished;... but now he will be good and happy,"... said the mermaid.
Then they went into the conch-shell... and around and around, and up the... spiral stairs, that were pinked at every... step, till at last the mermaid put Tom-... my into a bed like a rosy pink sunset... and kissed him good-night.
"You won't want to get up and look... for pie again, will you?" said she.
"I just guess not!" answered Tom-... my; and then he fell asleep, while she... sang to him songs about the sea.
When he woke up, the sunshine was... streaming over him.
I did think of giving him some pare-... goric, ma'am," nurse was saying. "But... after a little while he stopped crying... so I did not get up."
"Why! I must have dreamed it!"... said Tommy to himself. Just then he... looked down and saw some pie-crust... crumbs in his bed. "I don't know... though," he thought. "May be it was... true. May be I really was—a urchin..."—St. Nicholas for June.

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