

Happy Days

THE GUINEA PIGS.

WHAT comical little fellows these guinea pigs are. They are not a bit like common pigs. They are much cleaner and nicer. They are more like rabbits. They make very pretty pets, and are very playful little creatures.

DOG STORIES.

I KNOW of a dog whose name is "Truth." This is the way he got it: When he was little they called him "Frisk," because he was never still a minute. One day Fred's mamma lost her overshoe, and she said: "I just believe Frisk has carried it off; he ought to be whipped." "You won't whip him if he confesses the truth?" asked Fred. Mamma promised she would not. So Fred showed Frisk the other overshoe, and told him to bring back the one he had carried off. Frisk looked at it wisely, and then ran off and brought the other from the garden, where he had taken it in play. Then mamma called his name "Truth."

I have heard of another dog who was not so truth-

ful. His master used to give him a penny every morning, which he took to the butcher's for a piece of meat for his breakfast. He seemed to enjoy this very much; but after awhile this was not enough to satisfy him. His master kept a confectionery shop. He had a great many pen-



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nies come in, and he used to put these in a small box under the counter. Master Doggie found where they were; and, as he didn't know anything about the commandments, he helped himself to one each day, and bought an extra cent's worth of meat. Here is a dog from whom we might learn

a lesson: Carlo's master used to try him by putting a piece of meat within his reach, and then telling him not to touch it. Carlo always turned his head the other way, and wouldn't even look at it, until his master said he might have it. It is best not even to look at temptation.—*Our Little Ones.*

TALKING BACK

"CONTRADICTING" is the Latin of it. Some boys and girls have a bad habit of doing this. The habit grows upon them till they become quite unconscious of it. Whatever is said to them by parent or teacher, in requirement, advice, expostulation or reproof, these boys or girls have some defence or objection to make. What they ought to do is to receive admonition in silence or else with a thoughtful spoken assent. There are children who never seem to regard a direction from father or mother as binding on them if they can only think of something to say against it, and generally they can. The direction must be repeated,

or they consider themselves free because they have talked back. Boys and girls, do not "talk back." it is a miserable habit. Ask your friend if you do it; for if you do, it is probable you are not aware of it. So ask to be reminded when you talk back, then say nothing to the remainder, except "Thank you."