

BOYS AND GIRLS a Pause in the Day's Occupation.

The Bilated Wise Man

You remember the story of the three kings, and how they followed the miraculous Star, which led them to the crib of the Infant Saviour at Bethlehem, and how they cast their treasures at His feet, and then went their way rejoicing, having seen and adored the new-born King who should redeem His people, Israel.

to the ground, for his King was coming. When at last he lifts his head, what does he see? Not the King he had hoped for; not a King with a golden crown upon his head and a royal scepter in his hand; but a King crowned none the less.

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"It's not cowardice, my friend," was the answer, "but death, faced on the battle-field, looks quite different from death considered and meditated at home; and besides, it's not death itself I dread, but—"

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not a bit of green grass was to be seen, and there was nothing moving about, not even a mouse or a rabbit. "This is hungry weather," said the Fox to the Hare; "my limbs ache with cold."

"It is, indeed," answered the Hare, "not a morsel of food to be found anywhere. I could almost eat my own ears if I could manage to get them into my mouth."

The Dayspring Or the First Christmas in Rome.

It was in the 29th year of the reign of Emperor Augustus, during a most clear and beautiful December night. Rome, the capital of the whole world, with its glittering palaces and temples, its magnificent streets and endless rows of houses around the seven hills, was buried in deep silence. The Tiber seemed to be anxious to roll noiselessly his yellow waters through the imperial town.

In this hungry mood they trotted along side by side. After some time they saw a peasant girl coming towards them with a large basket in her hand, and out of the basket came a small which was very pleasant to the Fox and the Hare—the refreshing smell of new rolls. "I'll tell you what we will do, Puss," said the Fox. "Do you lie down your full length on the ground and pretend you are dead. When the girl comes up, she will put down her basket to pick you up for the sake of your poor skin, for hareskins make excellent gloves. While she is doing this, I will run off with the bread-basket, and we shall have something to comfort us this cold day."

Puss did as Reynard bid her, lay down and pretended to be dead, whilst the Fox hid himself behind a snowdrift. Soon the girl came up, observed the Hare with its legs all stretched out, put down her basket, as the Fox had said she would, and stooped to pick up the Hare. In a moment the Fox jumped out of his hiding-place, snatched up the basket, and was off with it like a shot across the fields, and Puss, coming to life again, scampered after her companion. But Sir Fox showed no inclination to stop and share the rolls; he evidently intended to eat them all himself, of which the Hare did not approve. However, she did not utter a word, until they came up to a small pond when she said to the Fox, "How nice it would be if we could get a dish of fish, too! Then we should have fish and white bread, just like the folks. Suppose you dip your tail in the water, and the fishes, which have not much to bite at just now, will hang on to it. But you must not lose any time about it, or the pond will be frozen."

At the same hour there knelt, far away on the other side of the Mediterranean sea, in the land of Judea, the blessed Virgin Mary and her virginal spouse, St. Joseph, in a holy transport before a poor man, and adored the new-born king of the Jews. Heavenly songs thrilled through the air and choirs of angels announced the birth of the long-expected Saviour of mankind, of Jesus Christ, the "Anointed."

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ESS... Eglinton, says ten corns from my way's Corn Cure." and do likewise.