CHILDREN'S CORNER

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT AT TEN.

Would you like to know row I was enabled to serve my country? It was all boys, and escape their ridicule awak-owing to a resolution I formed when I was ten years of age. My father was sent down to New Orleans with the little navy we then had, to look after the treason of Burr. I accompanied him as cabin boy. I had some qualities I thought made a man of me. I could swear like an old salt; could drink as stiff a glass of grog as if I had doubled Cape Horn, and could smoke like a locomotive. I was great at cards. and fond of gambling in every shape. At the close of dinner one day, my father turned everybody out of the cabin, locked the door and said to me-

"David, what do you mean to be?" "I mean to follow the sea."

"Follow the sea! yes, be a poor, miserable drunken sailor before the mast, kicked and cuffed about the world, and die in some fever hospital in a foreign

clime."
"No," I said, "I'll tread the quarter deck, and command as you do.' "No, David; no boy ever trod the

quarter-deck with such principles as you have, and such habits as you exhibit. You'll have to change your whole course of life if you ever become a man."

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Myfather left me and went on deck. I was stunned by the rebuke, and overwhelmed with mortification. "A poor, miserable, drunken sailor before the mast, kicked and cuffed about the world, and to die in some fever hospital! That's my fate, is it? I'll change my life, change it at once; I will never utter another oath; I will never drink a drop of intoxicating liquors; I witness, I have kept these three vows to this hour .- Central Christian Advocate.

"RABBIT LIP."

BY DAVID RICE, M. D.

About thirty years ago there was standing in one of the northern towns of Franklin County, Mass., a little dingy, one story, brown school-house. such as was common in those days all over the state. It was in a rural distriet, and the children who attended the it ain't quite right to make game of village school were those of common anything that a feller is not to blame for." farmers and mechanics. Among them there was a little boy aged about twelve | tion was performed with perfect success, years, bright, kind-hearted, and intelli- and Charlie came home so completely gent, but he had the misfortune to restored from his deformity that any be greatly disfigured with a hare-lip.

He was the son of a poor man who ever existed. gained a livelihood by working out by tualat school, and there was not a scholar | tionalist. in his class ahead of him in any study. There were some roguish, and even bad boys in school who, in order to "have fun," as they called it, would make game of anything and everything that came in their way. Now Charlie, with his cleft lip and imperfect palate, could not speak plainly; and these bad boys often made him the object of their ridi-

cule and rough sport. One day, when the boys were all at Lay in the yard, they saw Charlie coming. He was just a little late, and he came clumping along in his big boots, worn pantaloons, and rimless hat, his face flushed, and his whole appearance rather "stunning," as the boys all declared. "Halloo! Rabbit; how are the 'old ones?" shouted one of the boys. "Split upper lip and a high toe nail;" shouted another. "Is not his mouth a beauty?" "It looks just like a cuttle-fish with one of the legs off," said a fourth. "Let's hear you whistle, Charlie; come now, pucker;" said another of his tormentors. The poor boy bore this tirade just as long as possible without replying. Finally, the tears came into his eyes, and rolled down his cheeks: "I'm just as God made me," he replied; "and am not to blame for my deformity. Any one of you might have been just like me. When ou laugh at me, you laugh at

God, who is the author of us all. "Now, look here, boys. Next week I am going to Boston to the hospital. Colonel Green has given us the money to pay my fare. I am going to have my lip operated upon; and if it succeeds, I hope I may look as well as other boys. I have got to be laid down on a table and have my lip cut by the needles. If I am cured and look like

me, will you?" Charlie told his story.

Bruiser. "And with such a nobby hat," said another. "And with them par-

lie; "for father cannot afford to buy me new clothes."

Charlie's story had softened every their affection.

wicked and bad heart in the district. Theidea that he must lie on a table and have the doctors cut him with knives and sew him with needles, and he willingly submit so as to look like other boys, and escape their ridicule, awak-

natures. Evening came, and the little schoolhouse in R. was well filled; not only by school children, but by others who had heard of little Charlie's case.

"Bruiser" called the meeting to order. Gentlemen," said he, " we are conglomerated here to-night for the purpose of 'biz.' And that biz is that Charlie Hawks is going to Bosting to be surgerized by the doctors; to have his mouth made perpendicular, like common folks, and it will hurt awful I tell ye. Now, them Bosting people are a kind of proud, stuck up, nobby sort of folks; and if Charlie goes down there with his present fixin's on, he won't appear respectable like; and they will think us folks up this way is nothing but heathens and beggars. Now I propose we start a 'scription paper, and raise 'the needful' to get a new suit of

clothes." "I second the motion;" replied one of the other.

"All in favor hold up hands." "It's a vote." And so the measure was carried. A paper was accordingly drawn up in due form, and in less than an hour a sufficient sum was subscribed to purchase a complete outfit for little Charlie. The next day, after school, will never gamble." And, as God is my Bruiser, who was "chairman of the committee," took Charlie to a clothing store, and fitted him with a new suit of clothing from 'top to toe,' not omitting even a pair of boots. "There sir," said Bruiser, "this will pay you, for what we boys said to you the other morning; now we are even, ain't we, Charlie."

"Even," replied Charlie, "I never laid up anything against one of you; especially against you; for you have got a good heart, if you did laugh at me."

"We was all in fun," said Bruiser: but come to think it all over, I guess Charlie went to Boston. The operaone would hardly have known that it

Thirty years have gone by. I have the day at anything he could find to do. watched the life history of little Charlie Little "Charlie Hawks" fared hard at Hawks. He is to-day a prominent home indeed. His parents were kind Methodist clergyman, well known for to him, but he had to go miserably clad, his talents and eloquence as a preacher. The Sea and the Savages and sometimes he even went to bed And more than once in all this time he hungry. But Charlie was always punc- has been a presiding elder.—Congrega-

"LET'S PLAY."

O the blessed and wise little children, What sensible things they say! When they can't have the things they wish for, They take others and cry: "Let's

play!" Let's play" that the chairs are big

coaches, And the sofa a railroad-car, And that we are all taking journeys, And travelling ever so far.

Let's play" that this broken old china Is a dinner set rare and fine, And our tin cups filled with water Are goblets of milk and wine!

Let's play" every one of our dollies Is alive and can go to walk, And can keep up long conversations With us, if we want to talk.

Let's play" that we live in a palace, And that we are the queens and kings; Let's play" we are birds in a tree top And can fly about on wings.

Let's play" that we are school-keepers And grown people come to our school; And then punish them all most soundly If they break but a single rule.

O the blessed and wise little children. What sensible things they say: And we might be happy as they are, If we would be happy their way.

What odds twixt not having and having. When we have lived out our day! Let us borrow the children's watchword-The magical watchword-" Let's play !"

When Chalmers was in the very zenith of his popularity in Glasgow, and crowds were gathering every Sabbath round his pulpit, he was walking home one surgeons, and sewed together with evening with a friend, who told him of a soul who had been converted other folks, then you won't laugh at through the instrumentality of a sermon he had preached. Immediately All the boys stood still, and listened with wondering eyes. The hearts of man's eye, and his voice faltered as he Sermons for Children—Pearce Shades and Echoes of Old London the worst of them relented. Tears act- said: "That is the best news I have ually stood in "Old Bruiser's" eves as heard for long. I was beginning to think that I had mistaken the leadings Little Threads, for the Young, by the author of "But you ain't going to Bosting with of Providence in coming to your city; them are old boots be you?" said but this will keep me up." And how many similar cases might be told? Grumblers come often enough to the ticular holey pantaloons;" said a third. pastor complaining that they have been "I suppose I must." answered Char- neglected, or that things are not just Pilgrims Progress. Good type and colored illusas they want them to be; but the people who are really upheld, comforted, "Look here, boys," said Bruiser; and blessed, keep themselves hidden, "there will be a meetin' at the school- until, too often, with his energies brohus to-night, and all hands is invited ken, and his spirit crushed, the minister to be present. A fu'll meetin' is requested. gives up in despair. Many an Elijah Early candle-light, and plenty of tin in who has fled to the wilderness might have kept his post, if only those whom (Bruiser did not use very good gram- he had strengthened by his labor had The Birthday Present, or the Story of the Painted come to him and encouraged him by

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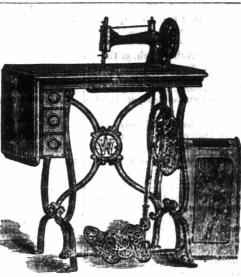
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