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MY UNCLE KNOWS.

I always used when I went to bed,
Right under the clothes to hide my head.
But my Uncle Joe came back one day—
I was only three when he went away—
And he told me what I didn't know
In all my life, did my Uncle Joe.

"There are no bogies at night," he said;
"Just birds and flowers that have gone to
bed,
And crickets and such things scattered
'round,
Tucked up in the dark all safe and sound;
And dreams out of Wonderland, too," said
he,
On the look-out for sleepy heads like me.

So I'm not afraid of the dark one bit;
But I lie half awake, just watching it,
And wait for the dreams to take my hand
And lead me away to the Wonderland.
Sometimes I think if it wasn't true,
But just pretending, what should I do?
But since he says it, it must be so,
For my uncle knows, does my Uncle Joe.
—Holiday Magazine.

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ALPHABETICAL.

The kindergarten children are struggling
with the alphabet.

"Who can tell what comes after G?"
asks the teacher. Silence reigns.

Again she questions, "Doesn't any one
know what comes after G?"

Then Carleton raises his hand. "I do,"
he says. "Whiz. Gee whiz." — Women's
Home Companion. * *



"Tommy Brown, if you had been Adam in the
Garden of Eden, Eve never would have had a chance
at the apple."—Life. * *

SHE WANTED MORE.

Little Ethel had never eaten any corn
boiled on the cob, and so enjoyed very
much the ear given her at a neighbour's
table.

When she had gotten off all the corn,
and desiring some more, she handed the
cob to her hostess, and said very politely,
"Please, ma'am, but some more beans on
my stick."—M. C. * *

A MOVING APPEAL.

He was a motherless boy and his father's
only child, but some of the relatives had
decided that he should be sent to a boys'
school, fifty miles from home, and at last
the father had agreed to the plan.

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the father received a letter, which was,
although not faultless as an example of
spelling, so much to the point, and so in
accord with his own feelings, that his plans
for the future were speedily readjusted.

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