Children's Page

BY HOOK OR BY CROOK.

"By hook or by crook" is a saying we hear But sometimes its meaning is not beautiful canary. But one day she

to be told

The year sixteen hundred and sixty- not make Dicky bird live again.

when London was burned almost down carelessly threw down the match. His mother had often told him that And the boundary marks were not readily found;

set in hand, Many questions arose as to owned the land.

Law courts were appealed to, but no good did they;
The suits appeared endless and caused much delay, So at last 'twas resolved that two

men of renown, Surveyors of very long standing in Should be chosen to act as joint re-

ferees-And the plan did the citizens own. mightily please. To them the responsible task was

entrusted Of seeing the properties fairly adjust-In cases of doubt they gave the clue

needed, And forthwith the building of London proceeded.

Now, if for their names in old records we look, "Hook" and "Crook,

And allusion to them was repeatedly

"We must do it by hook or crook" and would say, And we say the same to this very

WHILE THERE IS TIME.

"There's father, girls." "Yes, and he looks tired." "We'll soon get him out of that.

Poke up the fire, Marg." for his latch-key. his coat and hat.

"Well, well, this is good." He came supplied the absent fire. "Mary, back in the door, rubbing his hands, his already? Surely you have not sold face reflecting the brightness of the your chestnuts so soon!"

away from your father.' There comes Uncle George," said Janet. She handed father the slippers she had been holding to warm, and went to open the door for him.

"Dear me! Dear me! Now, if this isn't homelike! You would realize it, Allen, if you were a desolate old bachelor like me. Always being waited on, happy man," he said, with a

"Oh, yes, yes," father's face beam-ed as he took it; "it's all nonsense; but these silly girls and their mother have lately built up a theory about me that I am not quite as strong as me that I am not quite as strong as I used to be, and need a most ridicused to be a not need to be need to b lous amount of coddling. Nothing at all in it except that in these years glanced at her tiny watch. have been away we have both been getting older, and," a laugh and a pat on the head of the daughter who chanced to be nearest him, must say I rather like it."

"No wonder. It is better than the comfort of a boarding-house," said the visitor, looking around at the bright room and the bright faces with a half sigh. "I declare, Allen, I used to feel sorry for you in the old times, when I thought you had such a tug of it with family cares. Bread and butter, shoes and stockings-why, I thought myself a lucky and a wise fellow in having steered clear of such burdens. But of late years I seem to have awakened to a sort of a fear that I have made a mistake. are getting paid up for it now."

"But," said father, with a glance sympathy at his brother, "it is of sympathy at his brother, you who are making the mistake in thinking it ever was a burden. along with it all the time."

"I dare say," agreed the other.
"Janet," said Emily, as the two friends were seated together a little later, "hasn't it been rather a new thing with you, this waiting on your father—petting him up and taking such good care of him? Seems to me you didn't take him so much in earnest until lately.'

"I think you are right, Janet, shame be to us that it is so. Well" -after a little hesitation-"might as well tell you a bit of sad experience that came before me and set me to doing some thinking. I was making a visit to Helen Ward when her father was brought home after an attack

of apoplexy. "I remember." "He was still living, but died soon afterward. I came away at once, but joyously, as he read the words. "We not before seeing and hearing enough to open my eyes to something to which I had been blind before. I took the note, Ralph, me a good while to get over the reme a good while to get over the remembrance of the misery of those pointing to a slip of paper on the floor. It was a \$50 bill, neatly foldpoor girls. 'He's been working for us all these years,' was their cry. Thinking and striving for us, and we have taken it as a mere matter of silver quarter that a kind stranger becourse; never tried to make him hap stowed on a little chestnut girl twenpy, or show how we do love him. Oh, if only we may have a chance yet! But they never had, poor things!

take the lesson, too. I don't went lungs. It will soften and subdue the of size (sighs).

"I FORGOT.

"I forgot" is a little fox which does a great deal of harm. Annie had a forgot to put fresh food and water Now, some of our readers may like in the cage. For several days together she forgot all about her bird; and That its origin's really exceedingly when she did think of him and went to take him food and water, there he It dates from a time we can easily lay dead on the bottom of the cage. She cried very bitterly, but this did

Tom lighted a candle one night, and he must not do this; but he "forgot" and the match fell into a basket of So, when the rebuilding was first rubbish. That night, while the people were asleep, the fire spread from one who thing to another until at last the whole house and all that was in it were burned; and all because Tom each year for three years.

> THE CHESTNUT GIRL. "Please, sir, will you buy my chest-

Moore, looking carelessly down on the in land will not meet this requireupturned face, whose large brown eyes ment. shadowed by tangled curls of flaxen (3)

"Please, sir, do buy 'em." pleaded to care for them, and-",
"Are you very much in want

"Indeed we are," sobbed the child; 'mother sent me out and-'

"Nay, little one, don't cry, 'I don't want your chestnuts, but We find that they happened to be here's a quarter for you if it will do you any good."

On account of the wisdom and tact through a rainbow of tears, but strode with parents or on farming land ownon his way, muttering between his And thus it passed on, from father teeth: "That cuts off my supply of for the district of such intention. cigars for the next twenty-four hours. When anything difficult had to be I don't care, though, for the brown- be given to the Commissioner of Doeyed object really did cry as if she minion Lands at Ottawa, of intention hadn't a friend in the world. Dear to apply for patent. me! I wish I were rich enough to help every poor creature out ci the Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

While Ralph Moore was indulging in these reflections, the dark-orbed little for damsel whom he had comforted was dashing down the street with rapid footsteps, utterly regardless of the basket of unsold nuts that still dan-Hester ran to the coor, and it was gled upon her arm. Down an obscure open before her father began to feel alley she darted and up a wooden Margaret had staircase to a room where a pale stirred up the coal in the grate, coax- neat-looking woman was sewing as ing it into a cheery blaze by the time busily as if the breath of life depend-really happy unless united with God, father was kissed and helped off with ed upon every stitch, and two little it follows that frequent confession is ones were playing in the suashine that

the silver quarter.

closely drawn to shut out the storm horred. and blast of the bleek December night. laugh as a younger girl came carefully carrying a glass of hot water.

A fire was glowing cheerily in the grate, and the dinner table was in a glitter with cut glass, rare china and self, to relieve it of its fears, to puripolished silver. Everything was fy itself and unite it more closely waiting for the presence of Mr. Aud- with God. The habit of mortal sin

> What can it be that detains pasome matron of about forty, as she we must either give up one or the "There's a man within the study, come on business," said Robert Aud-

was reading by the fire. ley, stepping to the door. But as she union with Him in heaven? opened it the gas light fell on the face We find time for so many things of a humble-looking man in thread- which do us no special good, and too bare garments, who was leaving the often in many cases for things that house, while her husband stood in the are sinful and harmful to us, and yet

is that man, and what does he want?" and he came to see if I could give should we understand by frequent him the vacant position is he bank." confession? Is it going to confession

about it.

and you have said a hundred times quent confession. It is easy to do 'paying up,' as you call it, has kept you would never deny me anything." "And I will keep my promise, Mary," said her husband, with an affectionate kiss. "I'll write the fellow a note this very evening."

An hour later, when the children were snugly tucked in bed, Mrs. Aud-

> "That's right, my little wife," said her husband, when the simple tale was finished. "Never forget one who has been kind to you in the days of the habit of frequent confession he will find it so comforting he will never gave it up. "Taste and see how sweet the Lord is."—"Seedlings." been kind to you in the days when you

needed kindness most." Ralph Moore was sitting that selfsame night in his poor lodgings, be-side his wife's sick bed, when a liveried servant brought a note from the

rich and prosperous banker.
"Good news, Bertha," he exclaimed will not starve. Mr. Audley has prone the position.

"You have dropped something from into their composition. ed in a piece of paper, on which was

written:

came home with a heart full of thank- Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup has fulness that the chance was still left stood the test of years it now ranks "And to me," said Emily. "I will as a leading specific in the treatment of all ailments of the throat and

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The homesteader is required to perform the homestead duties under one of the following plans' (1) At least six months' residence

upon and cultivation of the land (2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence

duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty "Chestnuts! No!" replied Ralph of his homestead. Joint ownership (3) If the father (or mother, if the

hair, were appealing pitifully to his father is deceased) of a homesteader own. "What do I want with chest- has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by bim, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the little one, reassured by the rough kindness of his tone. "Nobody seems on a homestead entered for by him in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(4) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in Ralph, smoothing her tangled hair, a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(5) A homesteader intending to He did not stay to hear the delight-ed thanks of the child poured out cordance with the above while living ed by himself must notify the Agent Six months' notice in writing must

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Frequent Confession

happiness, inasmuch as no one can be one of the chief means of becoming and remaining happy, as together with Holy Communion it, more than fire. "Miss Emily," he said, turning with cordial handshake to a young girl who had come in from a neighth in the distribution of the distribution ejaculated the anything else, leads us and binds bor's, "I sometimes say that four girls are just enough—exactly fitted into my needs; but if you belonged to me, I am sure I should feel that I couldn't get along with less than five. But I shouldn't want to steal you have from your father."

If Ralph Moore could only have seen the rapture which his small silver gift had brought into that poverty-stricken home, he would have grudged still less his privation of cineral strangely enough neglected by a great many, and even the fairly good are lukewarm with regard to it. This can be best accounted for by the fact that Satan, knowing its very useful-ness and necessity to our happiness and advancement, it is strangely enough neglected by a great many, and even the fairly good are lukewarm with regard to it. This can be best accounted for by the fact that Satan, knowing its very useful-ness and necessity to our happiness and advancement, it is strangely enough neglected by a great many, and even the fairly good are lukewarm with regard to it. This can be best accounted for by the fact that Satan, knowing its very useful-ness and necessary to our happiness and advancement, it is strangely enough neglected by a great many, and even the fairly good are lukewarm with regard to it. This can be best accounted for by the fact that the strangely enough neglected by a great many, and even the fairly good are lukewarm with regard to it. This can be best accounted for by the fact that the strangely enough neglected by a great many. ness and necessity to us, does every- Phone M. 592 thing in his power to keep us from Years came and went. The little practising frequent confession. Thus chestnut girl passed entirely out of we are led to defer our confession, to Ralph's memory, but Mary Lee never put it off for little or no reason, and forgot the stranger who had given her instead of seing in it a comfort and consolation, we are led to look upon The crimson window curtains were it as something to be feared and ab-

To the good and holy, frequent confession is one of the joys of the soul; for it permits the soul to humble itand frequent confession, we are told other; and as mortal sin is the greatest of evils, separating us as it does from God, and maybe forever, should ley, a pretty boy of twelve years, who we not gladly take this easy means of keeping us united with God here on "I'll call him again," said Mrs. Aud- earth, that we may insure ourselves

doorway of his study, apparently re-lieved to be rid of his visitor. we can find no time to go to con-fession. It is a happiness, and happifession. It is a happiness, and happi-"Charles," said Mrs. Audley, "who ness for time and eternity, and yet GEO. S. EGLES there are comparatively few who go "His name is Moore, I believe, love, to confession frequently. Now what "And you will?" she eagerly asked. several times a year? Surely not, "Don't know, Mary; I must think when obligation, binding under sin, commands us that we confess at least "Charles, give him the situation." once a year. Nothing short of going "Why, my dear?" every month, or at the farthest, every "Because I ask it of you as a favor, second month, should be called freth's; little time is required; the ley told her husband why she was in-terested in the fate of a man whose most benign. If any one will acface she had not forgotten in twenty quire the habit of frequent confession

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Annie-mated! Why are stout gentlemen prone to melancholy? Because they are men

to lay up a heartache to last all my life with the thought of lost opportunity."—Sydney Dare.

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