

will have, what will you do to bless the poor now?"

"I will give them some bread."

"You have no bread—the bread is mine."

"Then I could earn money and buy a loaf myself."

"Take things as they now are—you know what you have that is your own; what are you willing to give to help the poor?"

The boy thought again. "I'll give them half my money; I have seven pennies; I'll give them four. Wouldn't that be right?"

I Love the Bible.

It has been said that a pebble in a stream may change the course of the brook, so a single act of faithfulness on the part of one of God's children may change the current of human life.

When Mr. Hone, who wrote the "Every-day Book," and was of sceptical views, was travelling through Wales, he stopped at a cottage to ask for a drink of water, and a little girl answered him: "Oh, yes, sir; I have no doubt mother will give you some milk. Come in."

He went in and sat down. The little girl was reading the Bible. Mr. Hone said: "Well, my little girl, are you getting your task?"

"No, sir; I am not," she replied: "I am reading the Bible."

"Yes," said he, "you are getting your task out of the Bible."

"Oh, no," she replied, "it is no task to read the Bible; I love the Bible."

"And why do you love the Bible?" said he.

Her simple, childlike answer was: "I thought everybody loved the Bible."

Her own love to the precious volume had made her innocently believe that everybody else was equally delighted to read God's word. Mr. Hone was so touched with the sincerity of the expression that he read the Bible himself, and instead of being an opponent to the things of God, came to be a friend of divine truth.

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"There, that will make enough pies for the little old woman that lived in the shoe and all her children, Thanksgiving day."

Dollykins laughed; for although she did not belong to the little old woman, she knew that she would have a piece of pie.

The pumpkin was laid on the cellar shelf not far from the wall where Mrs. Mouse had built herself a snug house. There was a large family of them, and Mrs. Mouse called them to her and told them it was quite time to find homes for themselves.

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"There is Whiskers, now," said his mother; "he is old enough to climb the pantry wall and take a sip of cream. And here is Long Tail, who, yesterday, took a piece of cheese from the trap by himself. Clear out, all of you!"

Off scampered the little mice. Now Whiskers had seen Uncle Jack put the pumpkin on the shelf, and he thought what a fine home it would make.

Once inside he would always have plenty to eat, and would never have to go scrambling through the cellar in search of a dinner as the others did.

"No, no!" cried Mrs. Mouse, when she heard of it; "you will be sure to be caught in your own trap."

But Whiskers only laughed; what did an old mouse like his mother know! So he gnawed a hole in the pumpkin, and ate and ate until his sides grew so fat he could hardly move.

"You'll come to harm," sighed Mrs. Mouse, shaking her head; but Whiskers laughed again.

His brothers and sisters had to work hard for their living; and Whiskers, with his head stuck out of his pumpkin-house, made sport of them, and would not

give them even a taste of the sweet, yellow meat.

The day before Thanksgiving Uncle Jack carried the pumpkin upstairs and laid it on the table. Whiskers, as usual, had eaten so much that he was sound asleep and did not know it.

Grandma, with a sharp knife, cut into the pumpkin, when out rolled Whiskers.

"O," cried grandma, "a horrid mouse! Kill it quick!" And poor Whiskers was thrown into the water-pail to meet a cruel death.

"I told him so," said his mother; "but children will never take advice from their parents."—Our Little Ones.

—Jesus said in respect to Judas: "Good were it for that man if he had never been born." A Christian writer thus comments on this language: "Words of immeasurable ruin, words of immeasurable woe—and the more terrible because uttered by lips of immeasurable love; words capable, if any are capable, of revealing to the lost soul of the traitor all the black gulf of horror that was yawning before his feet."