



## AUNT MARY.

**H**AVE you an Aunt Mary? I have. And here she is; by which I mean, here is a likeness of her. Aunt Mary is an aunt worth having. She can make a kite, and then help fly it. She can skate, and slide, and coast down hill. She can make bonnets for the girls, and bows and arrows for me. She can play on the piano, and sing beautifully.

There is a young man who comes to our house, and he says he wants to make Aunt Mary his wife, and take her off to live with him. How can I put a stop to it? This is what vexes me now. What should I do without Aunt Mary?

Who would explain to me my lessons? Who would sing sweet songs? Who would make the old house lively, and keep us all, young and old, from growing dull? I must talk to this young man. I must tell him to please keep away from our house, or else to give me his word that he will not try to make Aunt Mary leave us.

## GOOD RESOLVES.

1. That God shall be the first one spoken to each morning, and the last one spoken to each night.

2. That I will read God's word daily, before reading any other book.

3. That I will every morning ask my Saviour to give me something to do for Him that day, and that I will then watch for work and do it.

4. That I will nightly ask myself how far I have succeeded in keeping these resolves, and wherein I might have done better.

## A SUNDAY STONE.

**I**N one of the English coal-mines there is a constant formation of limestone, caused by the trickling of water through the rocks. This water contains a great many particles of lime, which are deposited in the mine; and as the water passes off these become hard and form limestone.

This stone would always be white, like marble, were it not that men are working in the mine, and that as the black dust rising from the coal it mixes with the soft lime, and in that way a black stone is formed.

Now, in the night, when there is no coal-dust rising, the stone is white; then again, the next day, when the miners are at work, another black layer is formed, and so on, alternately black and white through the week until Sunday comes; then, if the miners keep holy the Sabbath, a much larger layer of white stone than before. There will be the white stone of Saturday night and the whole of Sunday, so that every