

The Children's Page

BILLY.

One day Billy was a stranger—at the end of a week he was as much at home as any boy on the street.

"Why is this Billy such a favorite?" Mr. Farr asked Mrs. Farr. "I don't know yet," said Mrs. Farr. "I am watching to find out."

When Mrs. Farr looked again they were sailing ships down the gutter and discovered the Mississippi with great excitement.

"Oh, we can't!" objected somebody. "We've got it all planned to walk out in the other direction and see the place where the fire was last night."

"It isn't very pretty," he said, cheerfully, when the others were trying to be polite, and look as if they saw nothing different in it.

"How would it do," suggested Joe, "to be quiet until we are asked about it? May be Mr. Mervin will think the street boys did it. They broke one."

"What does this mean, Bobbie?" asked his father. "I was late to school," said Bobbie, who knew that his mother had seen him leave the house in good season each day.

"Well, that is rather bad," said papa, gravely. "I don't want my son to grow up into a man who is always behind time. Now I am going to be very severe. I shall not tell

you to-night what the punishment will be, but unless you can show me a good reason why you were late—

"I can show you!" cried Bobbie. "I can show you! You just wait." He ran out of the room, and soon came running back, holding in his hands the smallest mite of a kitten.

"Then I needn't have that punishment—that one that was too awful to think up?" asked Bobbie. "No, that is all forgiven," said papa.—Exchange.

Do Not Delay.—When, through debilitated digestive organs, poison finds its way into the blood, the prime consideration is to get the poison out as rapidly and as thoroughly as possible.

Do your saving at the beginning of the week, you who live upon allowances, or, what is the same, so far as this counts, upon a salary.

HOW MY WIFE DID HER CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

My wife's a whale for shopping, and when Christmas-time came round she took the biggest basket and got early on the ground.

The basket's not half large enough, and so I quickly grow From forty inches round the waist to ninety-nine or so.

Of course she has a pocket, though it's mighty hard to find, But I've a dozen, more or less, and so she doesn't mind.

I find a place for Johnny's horse and Polly's box of bricks, A doll for baby's stocking and a pollywog for Dick's;

THE EGOIST.

The teacher was endeavoring to explain the meaning of "egoism" to the class. "Who is it," he said, "who expects never to be neglected, who expects the best of everything, imagines that he is the centre of everything, who never thinks nor does anything for anybody else but expects everything done for him?"

CONUNDRUMS.

When is a horse like a house? When he has blinds on. Why are clouds like coachmen? Because they hold the reins.

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