

A STORY WITH A "MORAL."

A little girl, aged three, informed her mother that she knew a beautiful story about a giant. "Would you like to hear it, mamma?" asked she.

"Well, then," she continued, "once there was a great big ugly giant, and he was very fond of eating little girls. One day, as he was walking through the woods, he met two little girls—one very good little girl, and one very naughty one.

"First he took a bite out of the good little girl, and he made up a horrid face, and said she tasted awful nasty; then he took a taste of the bad little girl, and he smacked his lips and said she tasted dreadful nice, 'cause you see, mamma, she had eaten nuts and raisins and candy when her mother told her not to, and that made her taste sweet.—Then the old giant said, 'I'll never again eat a good little girl. I'll always eat the bad ones.'—*Wide Awake.*

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FRED'S BROKEN BONE.

"Fred! I think I left my spectacles upstairs," said grandpa, after he had patiently searched the sitting room for his accustomed helpers.

"O, dear," began Fred, who always thought it a great nuisance to go up and down stairs, unless he wanted something for himself and couldn't get any one to go, but before he had finished his grumbling sentence, little Elsie had deposited her lapful of patchwork on the sofa, and with a cheery "I'll get them grandpa," was on her way upstairs.

"Fred you forgot to put your tools away," mamma said a little later.

"O, dear, it's such a bother to put everything away," fretted Fred. "Can't I leave them where they are till to-morrow, for I will want to use them again."

"No, I want them put away at once," said mamma in such a decided tone that Fred knew she required instant obedience.

"O, dear, I never can learn this long lesson," he grumbled that evening when he sat down to prepare his recitations for the next day. "It's such a lot of work to translate all these sentences."

Dr. Morton had dropped in for a little chat with Fred's father, and he looked up as he heard the boy's impatient exclamation.

"What do you think I have been doing to-day Fred?" he asked.

"What, sir?" asked Fred, glad of a diversion from his books.

"Breaking a little girl's arm."

"Don't you mean mending it, doctor?" asked Fred, thinking the doctor had made a mistake.

"No, I broke it," answered the doctor. "Some time ago this little girl broke her arm and it was very badly set, and has been so stiff ever since that she could not use it as she

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wanted to. She makes lace very cleverly and her earnings have been a great help in the family, but since her arm was hurt, she has not been able to work at all. We held a consultation at the hospital to-day, and decided that the only way to help the child would be to break her arm again and reset it."

"I think I'd rather never been able to do any thing than have that done," exclaimed Fred.

"Why, that's unfortunate," remarked the doctor. "I have been thinking that there is a bone about you that ought to be broken very soon if you expect to become an active, vigorous man. I've been meaning to mention it to you for some time."

Fred turned pale. He was not at all fond of bearing pain.

"Where is the bone?" he asked, with a frightened tremor in his voice.

"Will you have to break it for me?" "No, I can't very well break it for you," answered the doctor. "You can break it yourself better than any one can do it for you. It is called the lazy-bone."

"O, is that what you mean," and Fred was soon relieved that he could smile at the doctor's words.

"Yes, my boy, that is the bone I mean, and it is a bone you ought to break very soon if you ever expect to be of any use in this world. It will take a pretty determined effort to break it for it's one of the toughest bones I know anything about, but you can break it if you make an effort. Will you try?"

"Yes, sir, I will," promised Fred manfully, his face flushed with mortification at the thought that he had earned a reputation for laziness. "I suppose pitching into this lesson with all my might and mastering it will be the first crack toward breaking my lazy-bone, won't it?"

"Yes, Fred, that will be a good beginning, but you'll have to keep right at it to effectually break such a tough bone as your lazy-bone is. Keep at it, and you'll succeed in time, but it will take a good deal of manly determination to persevere."

Fred privately made up his mind that he would not be found lacking in this latter quality, and he did persevere nobly until at last, after many weeks patient labor, he felt that he had given the final blow which had shattered his "lazy-bone" forever.

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