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Four little girls and two little boys  
Went out in the garden to play,  
But tired of all the games they'd played,  
"What will we do?" said they.

One little boy said, "Let us go fish,"  
A pleasure he did adore,  
"Oh, no," said a little girl, "I know what;  
We'll have a tug of war."

Two girls and a boy on each side had they,  
And to win the victory each tried,  
But which, "from the looks of things,"  
did win,  
I'll leave you to decide.

## FATHER'S COME HOME.

I wonder what boy or girl is not glad  
to see father come home? These little  
children are delighted, for father has  
been away fishing, and mother has been  
so anxious for his return, for there have  
been many storms since he went away;  
but God has watched over him and  
brought him safely home again to his  
wife and the "bairns," as he says. The  
children have been on the shore watching  
all day for him, and how delighted they  
are to take him safely to mamma.

## A NEW WAY OF MAKING TIME.

Once when Carol's mamma was very ill,  
the little one hushed her sweet voice, lest  
she should "sturb mamma."

A weary time it was for the wee girlie!  
She missed mamma; and, tired of watch-  
ful Mary, she liked to slip away into  
papa's study and play quietly beside him  
while he wrote his sermons. His presence  
made the study a pleasant place.

Mr. May often made calls in the after-  
noon; and one day, noticing the shadow  
on his little girl's face, he said, "I shall be  
home by four, Carol."

Carol watched and waited, and still

papa did not come. A thought occurred  
to her. With a great effort she climbed  
up to the study clock, and, opening the  
door, tried to move the hands along, when,  
alas! snap went one of the hands.

"Where is my little girl?" asked Mr.  
May, as he entered the house an hour  
later. But no little girl appeared. When  
he entered the study she pointed mutely to  
the clock.

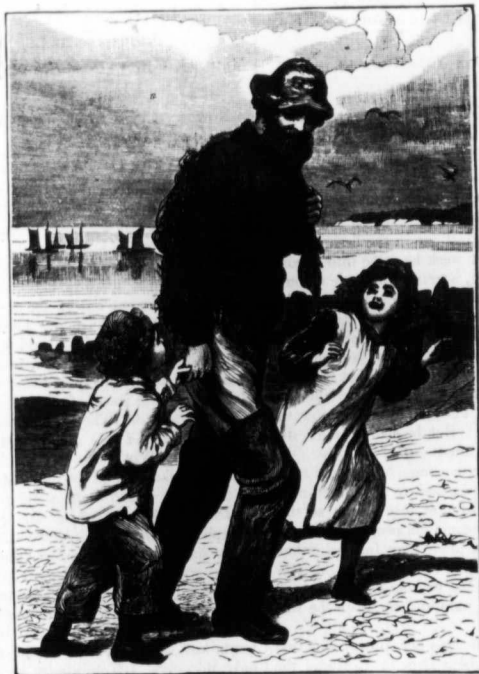
"But what made my darling touch the  
clock?" asked her papa.

And Carol sobbed out: "I wanted to  
make it time for papa to come home."  
And papa could not find it in his heart to  
chide her.

## BOY CHARACTER.

It is the greatest delusion in the world  
for a boy to get the idea that his life is of  
no consequence, and that the character of  
it will not be noticed. A manly, truthful  
boy will shine like a star in any commu-  
nity. A boy may possess as much of a  
noble character as a man. He may so  
speak and live the truth that there shall  
be no discount on his work. And there  
are such noble Christian boys; and wider  
and deeper than they are apt to think is  
their influence. They are the king boys  
among their fellows, having an immense  
influence for good, and loved and respected  
because of the simple fact of living the  
truth.

Dear boys, do be truthful. Keep your  
word as absolutely sacred. Keep your  
appointments at the house of God. Be  
known for your fidelity to the interests of  
the church and Sunday-school. Be true  
in every friendship. Help others to be  
and do good.



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