don't all the grass have flowers on it?" he

When Don and Dora came home they asked so many questions that mamma had to stop her sewing and tell them what made the rings in the water, and why Don could not hop as well as the grasshopper, and all the other things they wanted to know. Don and Dora learn a great many things by keeping their eyes open when they go to walk.

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### A STORY ABOUT GYP JONES.

Shall I tell you a story about Gyp Jones? He was a little fat dog that just loved to pry into bags, holes, baskets, and pockets. He pretended he was in search of rats, but that was not so. He was in search of cakes and crackers and candies. All of these things Gyp loved as well as his little mistress Maud did. He and Maud had eaten many cakes and candies together.

Well, one day Gyp was all alone in the house, excepting that he had the company of Growler, the mastiff; and he thought it would be a good time to go around and smell of all the bags and baskets and

pockets in the closets.

Now Maud and her papa and mamma had gone away in a hurry to catch the excursion train, and they had left many doors open; and so, as Gyp thought, it really was a good time to see what there was in the house that he would like to eat.

He first went into the pantry; but all the cupboard doors were shut, and the box covers were on even and tight. So he skipped up the stairs, and Growler came behind slowly. It was a good thing for

Gvp that Growler did follow, as you will see. For what did Gyp do in the very first closet they entered? He poked his nose into his master's tall, stiff boot; and then his head, and then his body. What he expected to find I do not know. But crawl in there he did; and when he found there was nothing good to eat in the boot he tried to draw back, but he could not do it. Well, how do you suppose he got cut? Why, Growler just took hold of the little rogue with his teeth and shook him out.

## ELISHA AT DOTHAN.

Once there was a preacher whom bad men hated. They hated him because he spoiled their wicked plans. These bad men said among themselves, "We will take an army and go to the city where this preacher lives, and then we will kill him."

So with their king at their head they set out, and surrounded the city by night. When the preacher and his servants awoke in the morning they looked out, and lo! all around the walls of the city were enemies. They were soldiers dressed in armor, and they carried spears and bows and arrows. Their horses were covered with armor, and they were harnessed to dreadful war chariots.

The poor servant was scared out of his wits. He thought that they would be killed at once. "Alas, my master!" he cried, "How shall we do?" The servant did not know that God takes care of every man and woman, and every boy or girl who tries to do right.

The preacher prayed that God would open the servant's eyes, and, wonder of wonders! the young man at once saw that the whole mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire-a far greater host than the king's army at his feet. Then do you know what happened? This army that God had sent came down and smote the enemy with blindness, so that not a hair of the preacher's head was harmed, after

Isn't that a wonderful story? But let me tell you another one just as wonderful. Every time a girl or boy, no matter how small, tries to be good, and to keep from being naughty, God sends his angels to help them. We need not ever give in to bad temper, or bad thoughts, because God is helping us, and he is stronger than evil.

#### PERSEVERANCE.

BY FRANK WALCOTT HUTT.

The boy that keeps right on, without A wish there were no hills to climb. Gains something every day, no doubt, And wins a hilltop in due time. Though all things come to them that wait, The boy that rises with the dawn

Shall never reach his goal too late, If he's a mind to keep right on.

#### DOTTY'S RULE.

BY JOHN A. CAMPBELL.

"Dotty," said Dotty's mother, " n silk has given out, and I will have to be more. Will you go to the store for me!

said Dotty, who w "Yes, mother," playing with her dolls. "But, oh dear I don't see why I have to do all the rands for everybody! I run, run, run

day long!

Now Dotty knew a great deal bets than that. Mother did not often ask he to run errands, especially outside thouse. And, all day long, mother was ing little things for Dotty that took great deal more time than her little g understood. But Dotty had a bad faultshe liked to complain and grumble, wh she was told to do anything, instead doing it cheerfully at once.

So she sighed and laid down her doll Arabella, as if she was giving up h whole afternoon to do mother's erran

instead of ten minutes.

Then she came slowly to her mother for the order, with a little frown on l face. But Mrs. Hall said:

"No, Dotty; I sent Mary Jane

stead."

"But, mother, I said I'd go!" Dotty. "I was obeying, wasn't I?" "Yes, dear, but you grumbled, NEHEMIAH RE

know."

It was a sober little girl that went be Neb. 4. 7-20. to her dollies, and somehow Dotty did have as much enjoyment as before. So she ran back to her mother, crying. have a new rule, mother! Always ob Mon. and don't grumble, either!"

"That's a very good rule," said motive

smiling.

### PETER NODDY.

Peter Noddy comes at night, Down the chimney, so they say, Sews our eyelids fast and tight,

Till the break of day; And never yet has anybody Caught a glimpse of Peter Noddy.

Often have I set my chair By the fire to watch for him; But he took me unaware

In the shadows dim, And before my eyes could view him He had popped his needle through the e tell the pec

Is his thread a moonbeam white. Stolen from the sky, I wonder? Or perhaps he tears the slight Spider-webs asunder.

And from out their glossy shreds Twines and spins his lissom threads. And his fingers are so deft, And his needle is so keen, Not a scar or mark is left

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