

THE THUNDER STORM.

Some time ago, two boys, in a village near York, were sent out to a field about half a mile's distance from home. Whilst they were there, a dreadful storm of thunder and lightning came on, and, being in this lonely situation, they were greatly afraid, thinking the great day of judgment was come. One of them said, "What shall we do? shall we never see our dear mother again?" The other replied, "Let us run to the cow house, and there pray to Almighty God; it may be He will save us." Here then were these little fellows on their knees, pouring out their souls to their Heavenly Father, whilst the loud thunder shook the frail cow-house at every clap, and the vivid lightning darted through its shattered sides. Though they had been regularly taught to say the Lord's prayer, they never before entered so fully into the meaning of that expression, "Deliver us from evil." The storm soon abated, and they returned in safety to their tender mother, who, when they related what had happened, commended their conduct, and told them to let their requests at all times be known unto God, by prayer and thanksgiving. One of the boys is now a Sunday-school teacher.

DAY-DREAMING.

It is very easy for boys and girls, and older people too, to fall into the habit of day-dreaming about the good they mean to do, the knowledge they intend to gain, and the fame they hope to win. They forget that idle dreaming is a foe to the carrying out of good resolutions. There are always better ways of employing one's leisure hours than this. Haven't each of us, time and again, been bitterly ashamed of ourselves and surprised at our own negligence, when our consciences told us that our carelessness was the direct result of a half-hour's purposeless castle-building? Such a habit, indulged in, will spoil what might have been a beautiful and helpful life. But a habit of wide-awake, energetic endeavour, formed while we are young, will cling to us through life, and make the fact of our being in the world a great blessing to everyone with whom we come in contact.

Peter dreamed when he should have been praying, and when temptation came he was defenseless, and denied the Lord. We must be careful not to dream when we should be asking for strength, else we shall deny our Master in word or deed.

THE BETWEEN-TIMES.

Mary came home from school one bright afternoon, rosy and hungry. She had come the long way around, and the crisp air had made her hungry before supper time.

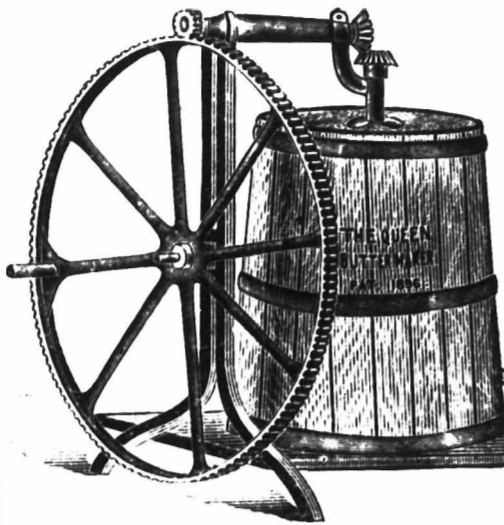
"May I have something to eat now, mamma?" she asked.

Mamma gave her some bread and butter, and Mary ate it with relish.

"It tastes as good in between-times as if it were meal-time," she said, "because I am so hungry."

Not long after this, Mary came to mamma with a sad story of wrongdoing at school.

"I tried hard to be good, but I wasn't," she confessed. "When I



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began in the morning, everything was all right; but when the girls teased me and acted mean, I got angry and talked back, and we had a regular quarrel."

"Do you remember how hungry you were between-times, the other day?" asked mamma. "You had used up your strength, and needed food before the regular time. I gave it to you and you were better for it. There was no need to wait till supper was ready, for I was there to give you something to eat. Now, my dear, you prayed in the morning that God would help you, but you needed special help in time of need, when the girls teased you. If only you could think to lift up your heart to Him and ask for help in between-times as well as at the

time of your morning and evening prayer, you would surely get it, for Jesus is always ready to give it."

"I'll try to remember," said Mary.

RALPH AND HIS MOTHER.

Ralph and George were little children; but they were both very hasty and hot-tempered, especially Ralph, and often quarrelled about their play-things. When Ralph was angry, he would strike his little brother, and sometimes throw him down.

One day they were running about outside the cottage; their mother was nursing a sick baby, so the two little boys kept getting farther and farther from their home. Presently they began to dispute about a ball: it belonged to George, and he wanted it; but Ralph would not give it up. They got very angry about it. George struck his brother. Ralph struck back again. Then George tried to snatch it away, and there was quite a scuffle between them; and, in the scuffle, Ralph, with all his strength, gave his brother a violent push, and pushed him into a pond. Oh, how terrified and frightened he was when he saw poor George struggling in the water. He ran screaming away; but he took the wrong path, and could not find his home for some time; and when he did find it, and his distracted mother rushed after her child, alas! poor George was quite dead.

A sad story. It should teach us that if we once yield to our tempers we never know where they may hurry us. When we are inclined to be angry and revengeful, we must think of Jesus, how gentle and forbearing He was; and we must ask Him to make us meek and loving like Himself.

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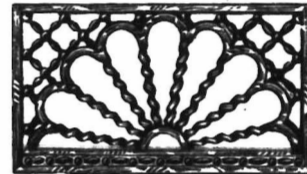
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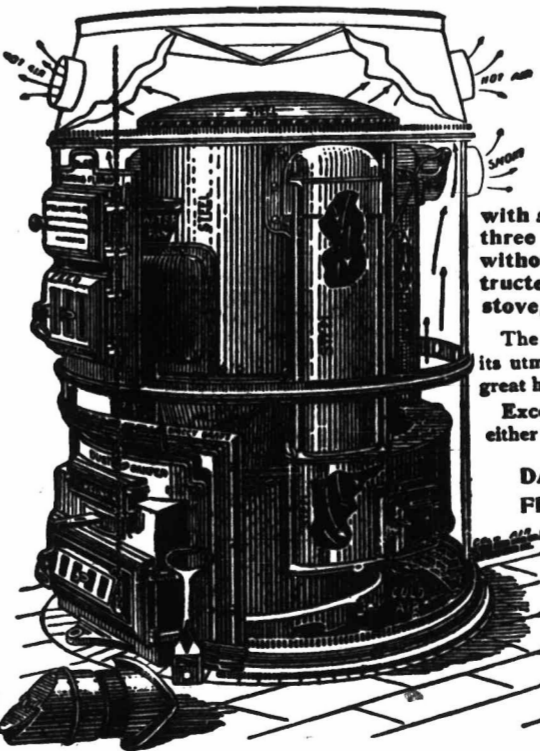
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