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## NOT TO BE CAUGHT WITH CHAFF.

Not to be caught with chaff! No, indeed. Our friend, the horse, knows better, for this is not the first time he las been caught for a long day's work by a few handsful of oats. He knows well snough that the boy, with his coaxing voice and manner, is only saying, "Come along, now, I have to drive Daddy to the town, and you raust draw the carriage;" and he thinks to himself as he keeps at a safe distance, "Ah! you'll have to catch ne first.

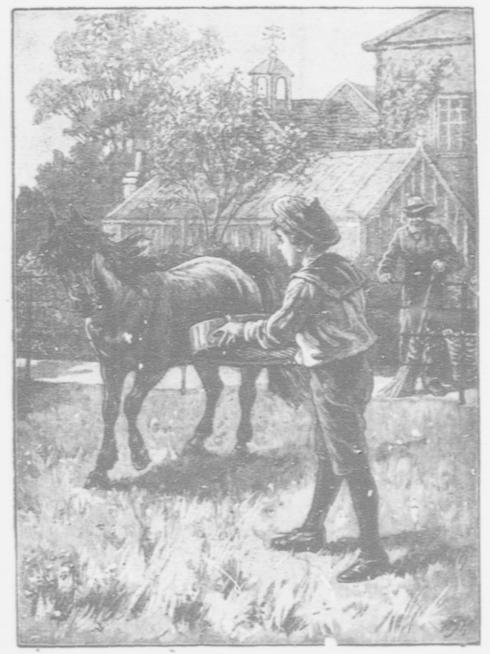
## A LITTLE WOMAN. BY

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"I shall have to leave you alone to-day, Elsie, dear. Mother has to take Emily into town to have her eyes treated, and only old Ellen will be here, and she will be very busy. Will you be mother's brave ittle woman and take care of yourself?"

Elsie looked up brightly. "Don't you worry, mother dear. I'm doin' to be as busy as Ellen. My family are a drate trouble. I have lots to do for fnem all day."

threaded, and a spool of thread, and round-pointed scissors. Bess, her very dearest doll, . When she wakened, Ellen had lunch ay on the floor waiting for her new dress ready. Then, after lunch, Elsie played in came to beg forgiveness.



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As soon as mother and Emily were to be made. Elsie was out on the portico, when it is dry. round her neck. Then she took a piece of off with her spool. Then Elsie pulled off quarrel." awn, and the needle which mother had her big hat and lay down beside her It is pleasant to be able to add that the

the yard until mother and Emily came home. Such a clean, bright little face it was that was raised to mother's to be kissed!

"Well," said Ellen, "that child hasn't been a bit of trouble. She just amused herself all day long, and was as happy as a queen!"

She might have whined and cried when mother left, and worried Ellen, and kept her from her work, and been a very miserable child all that long day.

## WAIT FOR THE MUD TO DRY.

Father Graham was an old-fashioned gentleman, beloved by every one, and his influence in the little town was great, so good and active was

A young man of the village had been badly insulted and came to Father Graham full of angry indignation, declaring that he was going at once to demand an apol-

ogy. My dear boy," Father Graham said to 'him "take a word of advice from an old man who loves peace. An insult is like mud; it will brush off much better

Wait a little, till he and gone, Elsie went to work. She had a new She worked very hard, and then the you are both cool and the thing is easily ribbon for Kitty which must be put thread knotted and broke, and Kitty ran mended. If you go now, it will be only to