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THE YOUNG ARTIST.

THAT boy's face pleases me. It is quiet, but earnest. There is neither sadness nor nonsense in it. His dress is somewhat out of fashion, but his expression belongs to a boy of the right style. Who is he?

His name is William Mulready. He is an Irish boy. He was born eighty-five years ago. In the picture he is taking the first step of a great and honourable career. He afterwards became a great artist. He was a poor boy, but he had a great gift for drawing faces, animals, houses, and the like. One day a great painter heard of his skill and saw some of his pictures, and asked him to bring his drawings that he might look at them. In the engraving we see the lad with his pictures under his arm and a roll of them in his hand going to the artist's house. The artist was so pleased with the boy's efforts that he took him under his care and made a great painter of him. I hope the readers of HAPPY DAYS will all learn to draw they will find it a great pleasure, and it is often very useful.



THE PENGUIN.

IN the southern Pacific Ocean, along the rocky coasts, islands, and ice fields, is found a strange-looking bird. It is also found in the extreme portions of South Africa and South America. It seems to be some relation of the auks of the Arctic seas. It is web-footed and imperfectly winged, and is called "penguin." The upper jaw is clothed with short feathers as far as the nostrils, the lower one has only a smooth, naked skin. Although the wings of the penguin are not fit for flying, they are used as fins or oars in swimming. They contain no quill feathers, but short plumes overlying each other. The legs are very short, and when the bird stands it looks as if it were sitting. The feet are like those of other water fowls, the toes being broad and held together by webs of skin. This is a kind provision of the Creator as it is the means by which birds living in the water a great part of their time can travel or sail along in search of food and pleasure.

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EVEN a child may live to please God, if its heart be pure.