

Happy Days

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BED-TIME.

ONE night Rose said, "Oh, mamma! mayn't I stay up just a little longer, this once?"

Mamma looked up, and saw two blue eyes pleading so earnestly that she smiled and said, "Yes, just this once."

But that made bed-time later for Maude and Ruth, too, for the three little ones always wanted a story at that time.

The next night Rose begged once more, and this time, when mamma said "no," the blue eyes filled with tears. But she went along without complaint.

Now you would not think a little girl would keep on asking, would you? But Rose did. At last, one night, to her surprise and delight, mamma said "yes." But she rose immediately and led Maude and Ruth away.

Rose thought it was very lonely in the parlour. Papa was

reading the evening paper, and Kitty was asleep on the rug before the fire, birdie had tucked his head under his wing and chirped a sleepy good-night an hour before.



MOONLIGHT ON THE SEA.

just closing the story-book, and little Ruth was saying, "What a lovely 'tory!'"

That was the last time Rose asked to stay up after eight o'clock.

CHILDREN IN PERSIA.

IN Persia boys and girls never play together; even at home the inferiority of the girls is insisted on just as much by the mother as by the father. The little girls have to invite play-mates of their own sex, but their games are never lively ones. They generally prefer to sit by themselves under the shade of a mulberry or pomegranate tree in the garden, which is usually laid out in the court-yard, surrounded on all sides by houses or high walls, and listen to fairy tales, which their mothers or nurses can tell very interestingly. While there is very little companionship

or love between brothers and sisters, there is no quarrelling or fighting, either between them, and the boys while thinking themselves above the girls show them many little kindnesses.