

at every step. His face looked white and scared. His mouth felt dry and parched. He scarcely heard the surprised "good morning" extended toward him, so much in a hurry was he to get his tale told, and have the wretched business done.

He never knew quite what it was he said. He was only conscious of jerking out sentence after sentence as if by main force, while the hard, cold face before him seemed growing icier and sterner at every word. At last Mrs. Walkinshaw threw up her hands with a gesture of despair. "Oh, don't tell me you have broken that!"

Harry felt the hot tears very near the surface, but he would have died before he let one fall. Summoning all his courage, he said firmly:

I don't know whether it was Venetian, ma'am. It was the one with the Johnny-jump ups in it. I am very sorry—but I've got three dollars of my own, and if that won't be enough, I can send you all my savings for a year. Would that buy another, do you think?"

Harry stood looking eagerly up into the marble face. A sudden glow seemed to overspread it. Mrs. Walkinshaw rose from her chair, deliberately walked around the table to Harry's side and put her delicate hand on the boy's broad shoulder.

"The vase was a valuable one," she said. "There would be no use in pretending otherwise—it was one of old Venetian glass. It was given me besides by a near and dear friend who has long been dead. I am sorry it has gone, but—" she hesitated a little, and Harry hardly dared think what might be coming next. "I believe I admire bravery even better than Venetian glass. You are a good, brave, noble, little boy, Harry Alden. We are going to be friends."

Harry got away after that. He flew up the stairs to his mother's room where he fell straight down at her feet and sobbed out the whole dreadful story from beginning to end.

"Oh! nana, nana!" he said, using the name by which he had first learned to call his mother. "I am tired of this hateful place. Let us go home—home, home?"

The tears fell like summer rain now. The poor boy really was worn out with sleeplessness and with the excitement of the last hour, but at last he could look up with a smile.

"Well, nana," he said, "the old thing isn't as much of a dragon as I thought she was, but I know what I wish. I wish either Belzebub Alden and Lion, or else I had never stirred a foot out of Apple dore."

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BIRTH.
CHOWNE.—At the Parsonage, Rosseau, on July 21st, 1887, the wife of the Rev. Alfred Chowne of a son,
SMITHMAN.—At Stafford Rectory, the wife of the Rev. J. P. Smithman, of a daughter, on July 20th.

BAPTISMS.
At Thorborn, N.S., by Rev. R. D. Moore, on July 10th, (5th Sunday after Trinity), Ada Warren.

MARRIED.
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In Christ Church, Albion Mines, N.S., on July 4th, by Rev. R. D. Moore, Rector, John McGlone to Ellen Cloney.

DIED.
SMITHMAN.—Margaret Emma, daughter of the Rev. J. P. Smithman, died July 24th, aged 4 days.
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MORTON.—At the residence of her son Dr. Morton, on Saturday, July 16th, 1887, in the 77th year of her age, Margaret Carson, relict of the late William Morton, and mother of the Rev. J. J. Morton.

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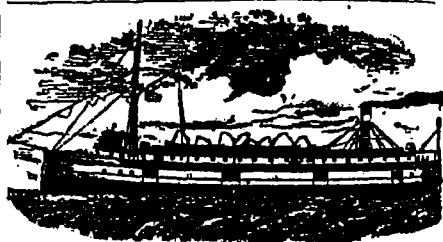
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