

HOUSEHOLD.

Trust in God.

(Written by Madame Guyon while imprisoned in France, (1638) for conscience's sake.)

A little bird I am,
Shut out from fields of air,
And in my cage I sit and sing
To Him who placed me there;
Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleaseth Thee.

Naught have I else to do:
I sing the whole day long;
And He whom most I love to please,
Doth listen to my song:
He caught and bound my wandering wing,
But still He bends to hear me sing.

Thou hast an ear to hear,
A heart to love and bless;
And though my notes were e'er so rude,
Thou wouldst not hear the less;
Because Thou knowest, as they fall,
That love, sweet love, inspires them all.

My cage confines me round:
Abroad I cannot fly;
But though my wing is closely bound,
My heart's at liberty.
My prison walls cannot control
The flight, the freedom of the soul.

Oh! it is good to soar,
These bolts and bars above,
To Him whose purpose I adore,
Whose providence I love;
And in Thy mighty will to find
The joy, the freedom of the mind.

A Cure for Lies.

I had been away for the day, and when I got home at night I was troubled to learn that my little boy (aged five) had played 'hookey' and then told a lie about it—a real lie, told with the intention to deceive. What should be done about it?

It was not the first time he had told a wrong story. Evidently neither quiet talk nor ordinary punishment had been enough to cure him entirely. A call for help from the Helper above and a long think before I went to sleep, and I decided.

In the morning I said, 'Dear, mamma hears you took your playtime yesterday afternoon, so you may stay in your room this morning while the other children have their play.' (It was Saturday.)

Then I talked with him about the wrong story and said there must be something the matter with him to make him tell wrong stories, and when there is something the matter with people they have to take medicine to cure them. So I told him I should send to the drug store for medicine for him. Papa bought there a small package of dried wormwood, from a pinch of which I made a tea, cooled it, and with a teaspoon carried it soberly to my young patient. The first dose (a teaspoonful) he regarded as rather a joke, but when I carried a second

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dose at the end of an hour the joke faded, and he broke down, declaring he needed no more.

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