

care of little children, as shown in Emma's perfect restoration to health.

And now the day's labour commences. While the home work is being examined a reading lesson had been given to the scholars, and after a time they are called up to repeat it. Several have done so without a mistake, and now it is Emma's turn. Timidly advancing to the centre of the room, her little heart beating with hope and fear, and looking up anxiously though steadfastly, she commenced. Some of the scholars were listening with anxious faces to hear how Emma would get through with her first lesson since her illness. A little nervous at first, as she read on she gained courage and confidence, and successfully accomplished her task, to the great delight of all the school.

When, three weeks afterwards, the examination took place, Emma was awarded the prize all children should covet, the prize for "diligence and good conduct," which the minister, in presenting it, said was "the prize above all others to strive for, since nothing good can be achieved without those qualities."

The True Story of Jennie Wren.

It was a long time ago, as you will know, when I tell you, that William the Third was then King of England.

There was war during that summer of 1690, and the poor soldiers suffered very much. Upon the eve of one great battle, they were so tired after one of their marches that they lay down for a short sleep, when it would have been much better and wiser had they remained on the watch for the enemy.

Among the men was a little drummer-boy, whose eyes, like those of his elders, were fast shut; who knows that he might not have been dreaming of his mother, his home, his brothers, his sisters?

Just before he fell asleep, he had been eating his rations, and some crumbs of bread had dropped on the head of his drum. A little wren, perching in one of the trees beneath which the soldiers were reposing, espied these crumbs, and flew down to secure them.

As she hopped about on the parchment of the drum, the tapping of her beak awakened the lad. He opened his eyes, and was startled by the sight of the enemy advancing. He had just time to beat the signal of alarm, which woke his comrades and put them on their defence.

The skill of King William won him that Battle of the Boyne on the 1st of July, 1690; but if the "Jenny Wren" had not chanced to rouse the little drummer-boy, the fortunes of that day would have been quite altered.

Useful Monkeys.

The newest service rendered by monkeys to mankind was recently illustrated in London. In one of the school districts there were a great many parents who reported no children in their families; and in order to ascertain the real number of children in the district, the school officers resorted to an ingenious measure. Two monkeys were gaily dressed, put in a wagon, and, accompanied by a brass band, were carried through the streets of the district. At once crowds of children made their appearance. The procession was stopped in a park, and the school-officers began their work, distributing

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—As there can always be found in this world plenty of things to find fault with; so there can always be found an untold number of blessings. Never stop to worry because some people are better off than you are; rather keep your hearts full of thankfulness because you are so much better off than are thousands of other human beings.

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