

Happy Days

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ON THE BRINK OF DANGER.

This young lady, while trying to pluck a flower from the brink of Niagara, fell over the cliff and was killed. So many persons while trying to pluck the pleasures of sin fall into peril and be destroyed.

THE TOOLS OF ANIMALS.

ANIMALS do not know enough to make their own tools, as man can, and God has given them ready-made ones. The tail of the fish is his sculling-oar. He moves it first on one side and then on the other using his fins as balances to guide his motion. If the fish moves fast and wants to stop, he straightens out his fins just as the rower of a boat does his oars.

A man makes a tool for drilling wood, but the woodpecker has a drill in his own bill, and when he drills holes in trees in search of food you can hear the click of his tool just as you would the man's. This drill of the woodpecker's has another tool inside, a sort of

insect-catcher. On the end is a bony thorn with sharp teeth like barbs, or a fish-hook. As he works and finds an insect, he opens the drill and sends out his barbed tongue, and draws it into his mouth.

Some animals have tools to dig with. The hen digs for herself and her chickens.

The pig uses his snout and roots away under the mud. The elephant uses his strong tusks, and the queer underground galleries of the mole are made with the heavy claws with which he plows and digs. The woodchuck, too, is a great digger—his hind feet are shovels to dig the hole where

he lives; and the beaver uses his broad, flat tail as the mason does his trowel, spattering and smoothing the mud with it as he builds the walls of his cabin, while his sharp, powerful teeth are his saws, with which he gnaws off large branches of trees to build his dams. There is no limit to God's power in supplying the needs of the creatures he has made—*Christian at Work.*

"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN."

A LITTLE girl had learned the verse, "Suffer little children to come unto me" to repeat at a meeting. She stepped on the platform and began

"Suffer—"

It was her first attempt at public recitation. She was frightened, and stopped for a moment, then courageously began again

"Suffer little—"

Again her fear overcame her, but being a resolute little one, she made a third attempt, and said

"Suffer little children."

The third time she looked

with dismay at the upturned faces and stopped. With a last grand effort she repeated, not exactly the verse, but these words—

"Jesus wants us all to come to him, and don't anybody try to stop us."

Have courage to be ignorant of evil.



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