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## HILDREN'S CORNER.

ONE LITTLE EMPTY STOCKING, BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD.

One little empty stocking Left of the pretty pair We hung by the chimney corner With tenderest love and care.

The year has brought us sorrow, Bitterest tears and pain: And we have no smiles of greeting When Christmas comes again.

One little empty stocking To mind us of all our joys, The shoutings of happy voices, At finding the pretty toys.

But now we have lost our darling; The dear little feet are still; And there's only an empty stocking That Santa Claus cannot fill!

Some little empty stocking

There's time enough now to fill With many a loving token Pressed down with a right good will. For selfish it is, and sinful,

Thus over my loss to repine, When I know there are other darlings Not as safe nor as rich as mine. And ever what God has taken

Some recompense surely brings; For out of the gloomy shadows We're lifted on angels wings.

When we open our hearts to the sunshine Of infinite love and grace, And feel that a Christ-like presence Has taken the dead child's place. ---

# TO MY PETS.

BY E. D. BABBITT.

When you play, frolic away With flying feet. When you work, never shirk, But busy keep. When in bed you lay your head, Go right to sleep. When you wake, a bath will make You fresh and neat. Chew your food fine and good, And slowly eat.

When at school obey the rule, And knowledge seek. Father, mother, sister, brother, Tenderly treat. Cheerful ever, whining never, Lovingly greet Every one, and thus become

As angels sweet. Now I'll kiss you, then dismiss you Till next we meet. Good-night! Sleep tight! Wake bright! Do right! -Young Folks' Monthly.

## GRANDMOTHER.

BY W. C. CARTER.

Her threescore years oppress her so, Restrain her cheerful evening song; God's Holy Book before her spread. She reads the word she oft has read. And deems his promise steadfast strong.

The volume that she ponders o'er Acquaints her with a distant shore; Now, waked by harp and joyous song, To cheering promises she turns, And hope, revived, more brightly burns. As if were heard angelic throng.

To Him she adoration pays, Who right and wrong in balance weighs, Who is her fortress, sure and strong. Great falling tears bedew her cheek, And volumes tell tongue may not speak-Grandmother knows the time's not long.

Bright children sport around the door, As children did in days of vore. And shorten many a weary day; And now as sinks to rest the sun, The children tired of sport and fun, Grandmother teaches how to pray,

Bland fortune ne'er did on her smile, Nor earth with all its charms beguile, She boasts, at most, depleted store, Yet needful things she does not deem Of disrepute, or high esteem, But wealth eternal prizes more.

Twould volumes take her worth to tell, Grandmother does so much excel, And helps to chase the clouds away. Another word we need not write; But, bidding her a sweet good-night, Ask blessings on her head for aye.

#### THE BUNCH IN NANNIE'S THROAT.

All day long little Nannie had looked very woe-begone. At dinner the food on her plate remained almost untasted. Instead of playing at "housekeeping" with her dolls she sat by the window, looking out at nothing, for she did not, seem to see the trees, and grass, and flowers in the yard. The truth was Nannie was in trouble. She had disobeyed her mother—a thing she had not done before since she could remember; at least, not such a large disobey as this was. \*It came about in this way: Her mother had said she must never get in a skiff on the river unless with her father, and she had been rowing every evening that week with Sol Simpson and his sister Mary. Sol was sixteen, and could row like a man; but that was not the thing. Her mother had said she was not to go on the river without father took her.

"There's an awful big lump in my trized.

throat," she said to herself. "I feel sure mother will find out all about the rowing. I do wish I had n't gone! I wonder if everybody who does wrong has a bunch in the throat as I have? O, me!"

She tried practicing at the piano, but she could do nothing but blunder. She thought of her new Sunday-school book; she would read in it. So she seated herself and began. In about ten minutes she threw it aside. It was a story of a disobedient girl. What did she want to know about a disobedient girl? She already knew more about such girls than was wholesome!

"Why don't you eat your supper, Nannie?" said her mother, that evening, at the tea-table.

The little girl burst into tears.

mother, tenderly. Still Nannie continued to cry, and it was not until she was about to retire 4 Mary McNeil

that she told her mother what had happined. The gentle mother took her on her lap, and told her how wrong it was for

her to do as she had done, and how unhappy she was sure to be if she continued to do so. "But I will not disobey you again. No, never, as long as I live. I would not have that great bunch in my throat

world. But, mother, it's clear gone now. What made it?" "It was only a little bunch that conscience sent to stay there to make you feel bad for doing wrong, and, now that you have confessed your sin, conscience

again, not for all the rowing in the

has taken it away." "Would it have stayed all the time if I had not told you?"

"I think it would have gone after awhile, but then it would have left you a bad feeling in your heart, and you would have continued to do wrong." "What is conscience?"

"It's a tender little guest sent to stay in our bosoms, and warn us from doing evil deeds. It will warn us again and again; but, if we will not heed it, after a time it ceases to trouble us, and we are left to go on doing wrong."

"I hope it will make a bunch in my

throat every time I do wrong." "It will, but if you don't heed it, and try to get back on the right track again, it will do no good, and very soon it will cease to remind you that you are committing sin."

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