

Happy Days

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IN THE CORNER.

I WONDER what this little girl has been doing to be put in the corner in this way. I am sure she looks sorry, and her eyes are brimming with tears. I hope she will be forgiven, and let join her little companions in play.

THE TINY CHIPS.

"WELL, John, you go ahead of any boy I ever saw; why do you stop to gather up those pieces of wood? Come, let us leave them here and play."

"No, sir; I will not go until every piece of wood is safe within this bag. I am making lots of pennies by gathering up these pieces."

"Why, how?"

"Well, I cut them down in the evenings into those little wooden toothpicks you see on the hotel tables, and I get so much a thousand. And then I have a customer who takes all I can get, for I hunt up pieces of wire and have them ready for his use."

"What kind of a customer is this?"

"Don't you remember seeing that handsome piece of work all made of flowers, and you said you wished you could put flowers together that way?"

"Yes, I remember that; but what has that to do with toothpicks?"



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"Just this; every flower has to be wired on one of these little toothpicks or sticks, and the florists are all glad to get them ready wired. So I wire about a thousand and then take them to one I know, and he pays me for them, for it saves him a great deal of time. That is the reason I am always looking out for stray chips, for many of these tiny chips help to make money for me, and from that money I buy my books, and in this way help my father."

"Well, John, you have taught me a lesson. While I am playing and having a good time, you are learning lots of business. I think I will commence and pick up chips, and perhaps I will grow more like the man my mother wants me to be."—Selected

I WANT to give three or four rules. One is, always look at the person you speak to. When you are addressed, look straight at the person who speaks to you. Do not forget this. Another is, speak your words plainly. Do not mutter or mumble. If words are worth saying they are worth pronouncing distinctly and clearly. Another and a very important rule is, do not say disagreeable things. If you have nothing pleasant to say, keep quiet.