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next a trunk and plump body, when the door of the ark opened and out rushed the animals. Laura and Mary Anna were in their gcart when the accident happened; and when they saw the animals tumbling out on the cement sidewalk, they began to cry. Auntie, who was pushing the gcart, felt sorry because the dear babies had lost their animals. This is what she

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said:—"There, there, don't cry. We'll buy some more to-morrow." But the babies cried harder than ever until auntie asked, "Do you want me to tell you a story?" Laura always cheered up when auntie offered to tell a story, which is the reason she wiped her eyes and smiled. And to this day that baby likes to be told about who ate the elephants. Auntie said that before long a dog came trotting down the street, and when he saw the elephants he said, "Bow-wow, bow-wow-wow!" Straightway he tasted of one, and it was sweet, so doggie ate three. After that Mr. Simon Strong came walking along with his head in the air, and he didn't even know that he stepped on seven elephants and ground them to powder. As soon as he was gone, down from the trees came a flock of sparrows, twittering and happy—mother sparrows, father sparrows, and baby sparrows. They not only ate all the crumbs, but were pecking at whole elephants when a ragged little boy jumped off a pedlar's wagon and scared them away. The little boy snatched five elephants. A wee brown mouse with beady black eyes came creeping along from under a porch and ate three elephants legs before he had to run away and hide.

Let all who do not believe that this story is almost every word true go to a grocery store, buy a box of animal crackers, offer a few elephants to babies and boys, to English sparrows, and a wee brown mousey, and then see what will happen.—Frances Margaret Fox.

EVELYN AND A FORTUNE

Tony had big eyes and was always looking for the marvellous. He was continually picking up some wonderful tale from the newspapers and telling it very impressively for a ten-year-old. He looked up from his bread and butter and peach-sauce now to say:—

"There was a man died the other day who had thrown away five million dollars."

"Why, how had he done that?"

Even father was interested.

"It was in Australia, and he owned a mining lease, whatever that is, on a big mine. Only it wasn't working yet. And the man got discouraged and thought nothing would come of it, so he sold it for a hundred and fifty dollars. But the other people who bought it worked it, and they found out that it was most the richest mine in the country. They got five

million dollars out of it, and if he had hung on to it the five million would have been his."

"Oh, I wish I had such a chance," said Evelyn, her eyes shining.

She didn't know, nor did anybody else, that she was to have a chance that very evening of losing or holding on to something so very valuable that it was priceless. She doesn't know yet that it was anything but an ordinary occasion. It happened in this way:—

Just after she had opened her arithmetic and begun to figure, a rattle and a clatter was heard outside and gay voices began to call to her.

"Evelyn!"

"Evie!"

"Evie, Evie! Ev! Ev! Come out!"

Evelyn knew what it meant. The girls had come for her to go roller-skating. And it was such a beautiful night to skate. The moon was so bright, that even looking out of a lighted room, Evelyn could see the trees and walks and houses all silvery. She stepped to the window and threw it up.

"I can't go, girls, I haven't worked my examples."

"Oh, do them in the morning!"

"I can't. I have to help about the work. Mother is gone, you know."

"I should think that when your mother is gone would be just the time when you could do as you want to."

"Oh, come out for just a little while, Ev. You can study when you get in."

It was hard to resist. Only one who has been through a like temptation can understand how hard. For it was the voice of her dearest friend, Dora Hallock, that was coaxing, and to go anywhere with Dora was a delight. But Evelyn answered bravely:—

"No; I know I wouldn't do them when I come in. I must work these examples before I do anything else."

The joyous crowd rattled away a little more slowly and less noisily.

"Ev's good," said Dora. "I haven't worked my examples either. I believe I'll go in and study, too, girls."

"Let's all go in," said Hattie Kelly. "Miss Taylor is getting so fierce I don't know what will happen if we miss any more. We can skate to-morrow night, when there isn't any school to go to the next day."

And so every one of them went in. Miss Taylor was astonished and delighted at the good arithmetic lesson the next day, and decided that, after all, she would not put back the class, as she had thought of doing.

Some way, there was a new spirit in it. There is apt to be after a tussle

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and victory. Evelyn didn't know that she deserved any of the credit of it. But the recording angel who puts down earthly struggles and victories and defeats knew, I think, that a very great good was accomplished by that seemingly small act of Evelyn's. Knowledge is more valuable than a gold mine, and to throw away the chance of getting it is more foolish than to sell a five-million-dollar gold mine for one hundred and fifty dollars.—Journal and Messenger.

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