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MARY AND PUSSY.

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MAN.

MARY was stroking
Pussy's fur,
And Pussy soon began
to purr,
And showed the bliss
she seemed to feel,
By humming like a
spinning-wheel,
"Thre-e-e thrum-m-m,
thre-e-ethrum-m-m!"
Such a low and mellow
hum!

But Mary's kind ways
sometimes fail,
One day she pulled poor
Pussy's tail,
Then Pussy growled
and bared her claws;
Mary felt "sarp tings"
in those paws.
"Gr-r-rr! pfluff! me-
ow!"
Scratch. Ah! there,
now!

That is the way things
go in life;
Kindness wins songs,
roughness meets
strife.
Better be good to every
one,
And miss the "sharp
things" said or done.
Purring is better than
growling,
Smiling is better than scowling.

KIND looks, and smiles so loving,
And duties promptly done;
Oh, these will make the home-nest
As cheerful as the sun!



PUSSY AT HOME.

do it when her mother could not see her. The temptation was strong. She took it, but it only made her unhappy, so unhappy that she dare not eat it.

When her conscience reproved her, she strove to silence it by giving the sugar to her sick brother.

"Who gave you this?" asked Eddie; "did mother?"

"No," faltered Jennie; "I got it for you because you are sick."

"Without leave? If you took it without leave, I dare not eat it. It is the same as stealing. Ask mother first if you may eat it, and then it will taste good."

"Oh, I don't want to eat it; but you can, because you did not take it."

"If I ate it, I should be just as bad as you, though," answered Eddie.

Jennie pondered. It was good advice, but it was hard for her to follow. That little lump of sugar became a very heavy weight. She was

afraid to eat it—afraid to restore it. Even her slumbers were disturbed by it, for early in the morning she brought it again to Eddie.

EDDIE AND HIS LITTLE SISTER. WHILE aiding her mother in removing the plates from the tea-table, Jennie Brown espied a large tempting lump of sugar in the bowl which she was carrying to the cupboard. She felt that it was wrong to take it without permission, and was careful to

"Do eat it, Eddie," she pleaded.

"No," answered Eddie, "once I did just so. I took such a lump of sugar and ate