

# HAPPY DAYS

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## DISAPPOINTMENT.

Mary and Katie are in great grief. Their little pet chick, that they have been feeding and taking such great care of, lies stretched out on the ground and seems cold and stiff. Little Kate bending over it said, "Little chookie, wake up and eat your dinner," when Mary quickly said, "O Kate, our chicken is dead and cannot eat the nice food we have brought." This sounded to the little sister very strange. It also seemed to her very sad that the poor little chick would not eat any dinner, and when she asked, "Won't it ever eat any more?" and Mary said gravely, "No," she rose up and stood as we see her, crying bitterly. Mary sits gazing at their dead pet with a most abstracted air. Early this morning she came and gave the chicken its breakfast and it seemed quite well, and they had taken such pains to scrape up all the nicest crumbs for its dinner—and it is dead.



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Children have their sorrows as well as grown-up folks, and they are very real sorrows too. These two little girls feel that their hearts are well-nigh broken, but childish sorrows are soon healed; and when chickie is buried and a new pet takes its place, Mary and Katie will be quite merry and light-hearted again, though it would not do to tell them that just now, for they feel that all the to

morrows will be most dreadfully lonely without that dear little chick.

## GOD'S HEARING.

"How do you think God can hear so far off?" asked a child of his mother.

"O my darling, God can hear not only the words that rise from your lips, but the thoughts that rise in your heart. He has not ears such as we have, but the ears of feeling and sympathy. He is not far away from any of us. He is everywhere, and fills all space; and he wants to fill your heart. If you only let him in, don't you think he will be near enough to know all that goes on there, and to guide you, and to hear all your prayers before they are spoken?"

"But, mamma, he does not always do what I ask him."

"Perhaps not. I do not always do what you ask me. But it is because I know better than you do what is good for you that I sometimes say no. When God does not do what

you ask him, never think he does not hear. He says, 'No, you do not ask the thing that is good for you, or go the right way to attain it. What I will do for you is to open the right way to reach the right thing.'