

A BOY WHO USED HIS EYES.

He lived in Brooklyn, and when he was on the street he kept his eyes open, and he knew what was going on about. More than that he was a kindly boy, for when he saw people in distress he tried to help them. Week before last, while he was playing near his home, a young woman came out of a neighboring house, where she had been calling with her young child, and looked about for her baby carriage, which she had left by the front door. It had disappeared while she was in the house. Calling the boy, she asked him if he had seen it, and upon receiving a reply in the negative, she looked troubled.

"Never mind, ma'am," said the boy: "I'll find it for you," and he started down the avenue, asking each person he met if he had seen anybody with an empty baby carriage. At length he obtained a clew from a fireman, and following it rapidly, reached a second-hand store just as a rough-looking man was trying to sell the carriage.

"Hold on there!" cried the boy to the dealer. "That carriage has been stolen."

"It's a lie!" said the thief. "It belongs to my wife, and she sent me out to sell it."

"All right," answered the boy. "Just come round to the police station and explain it: you'd better. I'll follow you and have you arrested unless you do. I can run faster than you can."

The little fellow stood firm, until a gentleman who was passing inquired into the affair and volunteered to find a mounted policeman.

When the officer arrived, the thief, the boy, and the baby carriage accompanied him to the police station, where the man acknowledged his guilt, after being recognized as a well known thief of a petty sort.

"Well my little man," said the police captain, after the boy had told his story, "I shall apply to have you appointed on the detective force," and the boy started off to restore the carriage to its owner, feeling that now indeed he had achieved greatness.

THE MAGIC OF SILENCE.

You have often heard, "It takes two to make a quarrel." Do you believe it? I'll tell you how one of my little friends managed. Dolly never came to see Marjorie without a quarrel. Marjorie tried to speak gently; but no matter how hard she tried, Dolly finally made her so angry that she would soon speak sharp words too. "Oh what shall I do?" cried poor little Marjorie. "Suppose you try this plan," said her mamma. "The next time Dolly comes in seat yourself in front of the fire and take the tongs in your hand, whenever a sharp word comes

from Dolly gently snap the tongs without speaking a word." Soon afterward in marched Dolly to see her little friend. It was not a quarter of an hour before Dolly's temper was ruffled, and her voice was raised, and as usual she began to find fault and scold. Marjorie flew to the hearth and seized the tongs, snapping them gently. More angry words from Dolly. Snap went the tongs. More still. Snap. "Why don't you speak?" screamed Dolly in a fury. Snap went the tongs. "Speak she said. Snap was the only answer. "I'll never come again, never," cried Dolly. Away she went. Did she keep her promise? No indeed! She came the next day, but seeing Marjorie run for the tongs, she solemnly said, if she let them alone, they would quarrel no more forever and ever.—*Christian Age.*

PATIENCE.

When I was a little child, I learned very early that I never got anything I wanted by crying for it; if I had asked for a toy or cake, and grew impatient because it was not given at once, my mother never gave it to me as soon as she would otherwise have done, and sometimes I did not get it at all. I now think she was very wise, though I did not think so then by any means.

Well, as we grow up and pass from the mother's teaching to that of God's we soon learn exactly the same lesson; we will never obtain what we wish by worrying and fretting about it. We may ask God for whatever we wish for He is our Father, and has bidden us make our wants known to Him, and if the desire is good and proper, for us, we shall receive it; but we must wait His time for it, and if withheld longer than we thought when asking, we must remember that it will only be making ourselves and others unhappy, if we worry or fret over it, bringing it to us none the sooner, but possibly causing it to be refused us altogether.

DO NOT RIDICULE CHILDREN.

Children often seem to say very absurd things, for which they are ridiculed or abashed. Nothing, however, can be more cruel than this, for the child has merely done what many a philosopher has done before him—jumped to a wrong conclusion; and if, instead of being ridiculed and made to distrust himself, and avoid the venturing his little speculations before us in future, had we been at the trouble of examining his notions, we should have discovered how naturally, perhaps, the idea had arisen or how ingeniously, through a lack of knowledge, the little mind had put together incongruous things.

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