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WINTER IN SWITZERLAND.

SWITZERLAND is a most delightful country to visit in summer time—the valleys are so green, the mountains are so sublime, and the sky, as seen

against the snow-crowned peaks, is so intensely blue. Then the sunrise and sunset light on the mountains produces an effect of unearthly loveliness. But in the winter it must be rather dreary. The snow falls to a great depth, and the paths from village to village are often completely blocked up.

But Swiss boys and girls are, I suppose, like boys and girls the world over, and get great fun out of snowballing and other winter sports. The picture shows us a characteristic Swiss scene. The suspicious-looking boy standing by the steps is trying to hide the snow-balls in his hands till the young "madchen," or school-girl, and her brother get past, when he and the urchin behind them intend to give them the benefit of a snow-ball salute.

The queer overhanging roofs of the houses will be noticed, and outside stairways and galleries. Sometimes the houses are covered all over with shingles, nicely rounded at the end, which look like the scales of huge fish, and frequently the timber fronts are carved and painted with texts of Scripture. Very often the lower story of the house is used as a stable for cows or goats, and the people live in the second story.

The Swiss are a very kind-hearted and hospitable people, and in the Protestant cantons, notwithstanding the general poverty of the country, they are very thrifty and comfortable.

mother to leave her kitchen-work and come up and find his shoes and hat, which he has not looked for himself. He never does look for a thing (you never knew a whinner who did try

down to his breakfast, which she has kept warm for him, he whines because it is too hot. If she ever asks him to do anything, he twists the corners of his mouth and whines. If he cannot

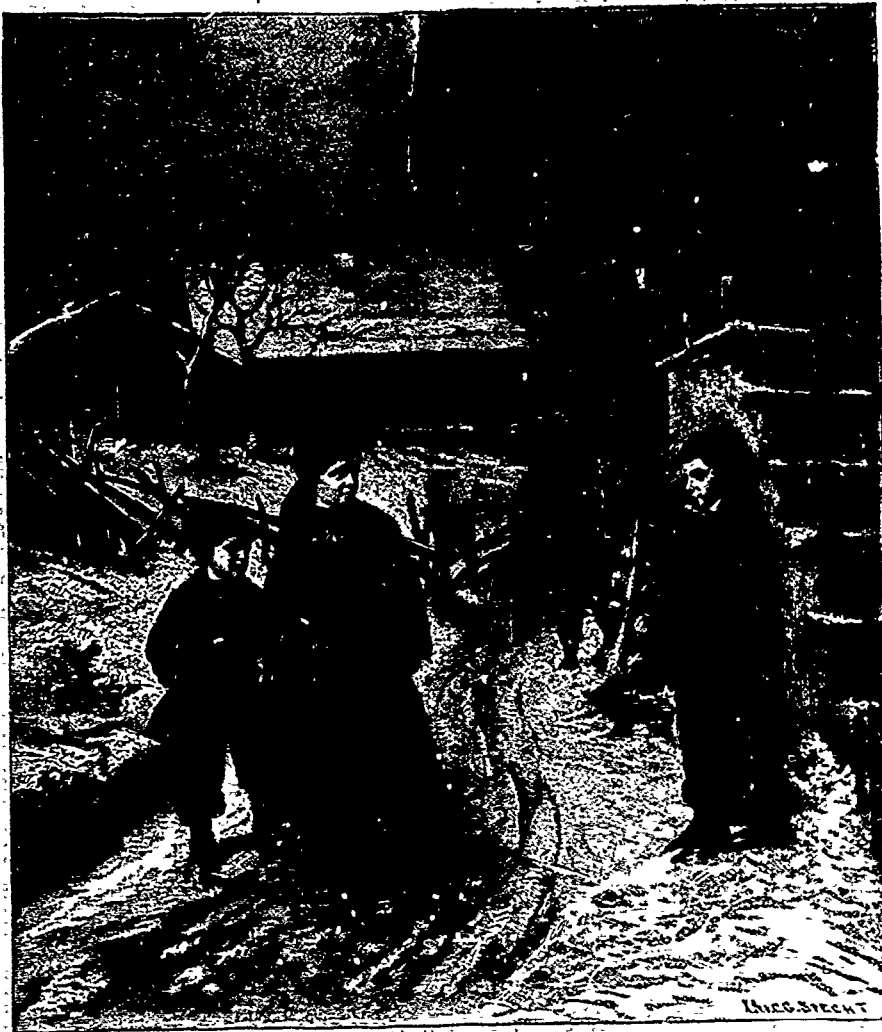
have just what he wants in play, he whines. Do you know anything that calls "Ma-a!" when it wants its mother? Yes—a calf, and that is just what Will is—a great calf. We hear that Sammy Shiftless has promised to try and keep his *Quarterly*, and Tommy Teaser is going to let his sister and the girls alone. Suppose Will Whinner agrees to try a week without whining!

RUN AWAY FROM SIN.

A LITTLE girl had a great desire to join the Church, consequently she went to the minister, asking to be received into the Church, at which he inquired if she had experienced a change of heart, and she answered affirmatively. The minister inquired further: "Were you a sinner before?" "Yes." "Are you a sinner, now?" Again she answered, "Yes." "Where, then, is the difference between your former and your present condition?" After some moments' meditation she said, "Before I was converted to Christ I was a sinner that runs away

sin; now I am a sinner that runs away from sin."—*Mission Friend*.

Never exhibit anger, impatience, or excitement when an accident happens.



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WILL WHINNER.

WILL WHINNER stands at the top of the stairs and calls, "Ma-a! ma-a!" at the top of his voice. Is he sick or afraid? No; he only wants his

to help himself), and of course it is not much trouble for his tired mother to leave her work and the baby and run around after him to hunt up his jacket and books. When he sits

down I am a sinner that runs away from sin."—*Mission Friend*.