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FAR OUT AT SEA.

There was once a little swallow that had her nest in a hole in a rock near the sea. In the nest she had four young swallows that looked to her for care and food.

But one windy day, as she was in chase of a fly, a gust of wind blew her far from the shore. She struck against the mast of a ship, and fell stunned into the fold of the mainsail.

Here she lay for a long while. At length the sailors began to hoist the sail, and she flew off. On and on she flew; but there was no land in sight, and she grew very tired. She saw a fine large ship, and a little boy—his name was William—looking out from the side. "Come here to me, little swallow!" cried William.

On flew the swallow, over the ship's side, and fell on a coil of rope, close to where William was standing. He picked her up, and fed her; but the poor bird thought of her little ones in her nest by the sea-shore.

On and on sailed the ship, and soon land came in sight, and soon the little swallow saw her own home beside the rocks.

When they were within half a mile of the shore, William let her go, and she flew straight to her nest. There she found her

little ones all well, but hungry. Like a good mother she went to work, and before sundown all the little swallows had been fed, and were ready to go to sleep.

DON'T BE LAZY.

A little boy was once walking along a dusty road. The sun was very warm and oppressive, but, as was his usual way, he stepped along quickly, thinking that the faster he walked the sooner he would reach the end of his journey. He soon heard a carriage coming, and when it had caught up with him, the driver reined in his horse, and kindly asked the lad to ride, which invitation he gladly accepted. When he was seated in the waggon, the gentleman, a good Quaker, said: "I noticed thee walking along briskly, and so asked thee to ride; but if I had seen thee walking lazily, I would not have done so by any means." Boys, think of this; and wherever you are, whatever you may

be doing, never be lazy, and you will always be repaid for your trouble in some way.



THE LITTLE GLEANER.