

Happy Days

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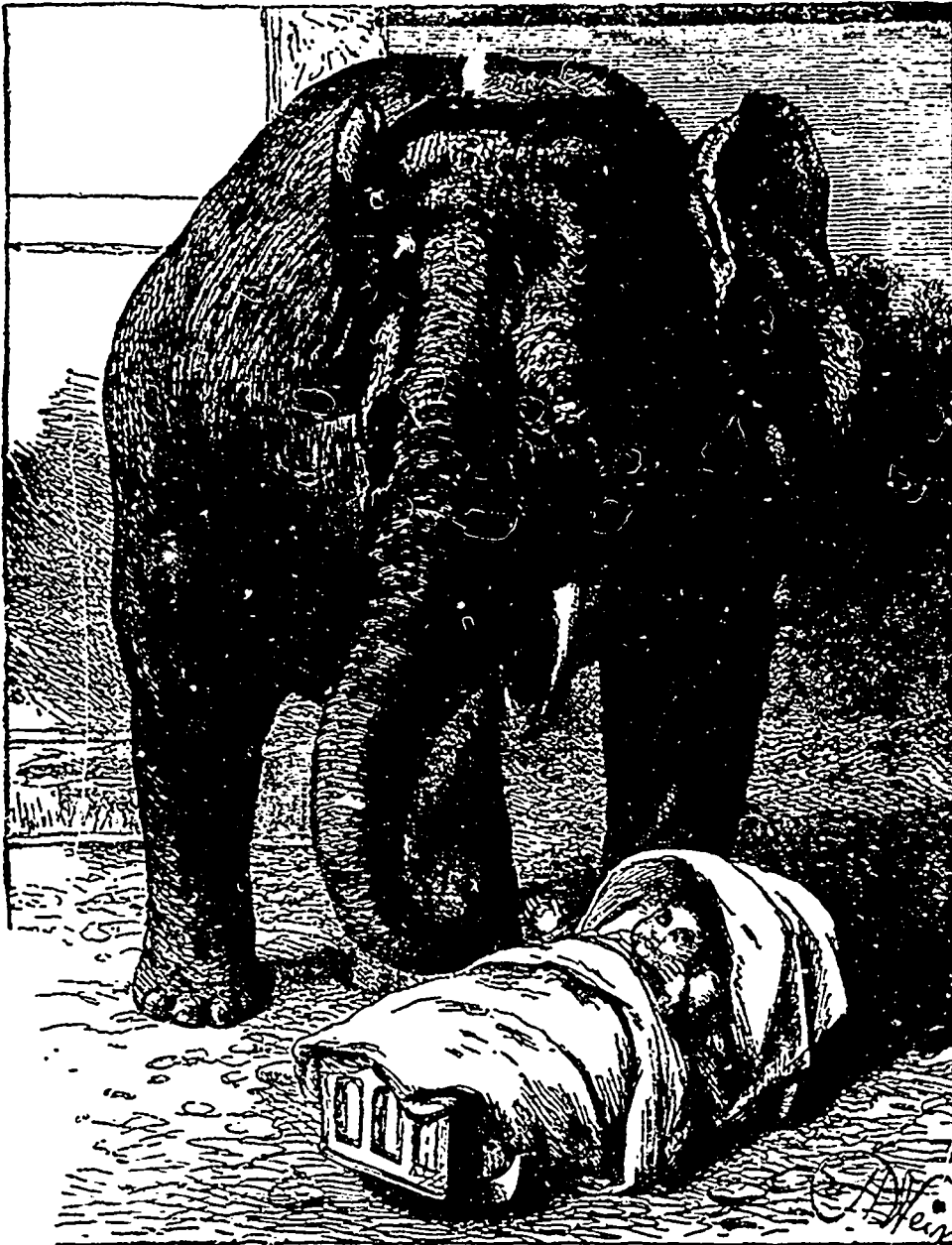
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THE ELEPHANT.

The elephant is the largest of the land animals that now live on our earth. He is very strong and very sensible. The Indian elephant does some very wise things. He is taught to carry people on his back, and in time of war he draws the heavy guns and carries the wounded. He will put his large head against a cannon and push it through a bog, when men and horses would be unable to move it at all. He can pile timber and draw a plough, and do many other useful things. Elephants are very kind to little children, and when they are left in charge of them will guard them from all harm and treat them with the greatest gentleness, and even rock the cradle, as in the picture. But although elephants can be very kind and gentle when well treated, they are dangerous when angry.

Wild elephants are hunted for the sake of their tusks, which are ivory, and are very valuable.

To do good to men is the great work of life; to make them true Christians is the greatest good we can do them.



THE ELEPHANT.

A QUICK TEMPER.

WHAT did I hear you say, Theodore? That you had a quick temper, but were soon over it; and that it was only a word and a blow with you sometimes, but you were always

sorry as soon as it was over?

Ah, my boy, I'm afraid that was the way with Cain. People almost seem to pride themselves on having quick tempers, as though they were not things to be ashamed of, and fought against, and prayed over with tears. God's Word does not take your view of it, for it says expressly that "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty;" that "Better is he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city;" and "Anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

A man who carries a quick temper about with him is much like a man who rides a horse which has the trick of running away. You wouldn't care to own a runaway horse, would you?

When you feel the fierce spirit rising, do not speak until you can speak calmly whatever may be the provocation. Words do lots of mischief. Resolve, as God helps

you, that you will imitate our Saviour, who was always gentle, and when he was reviled, reviled not again.

BUT thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.