

JACK'S REVENGE.

Jack Rogers was an orphan. His mother died when he was a little fellow about 6 years old; and when, a few years later, his father was lost at sea one fearful night, the friends and neighbors who looked after Jack thought they could not do better than send him to sea.

The poor lad had rather a hard time of it in the little seaport town, where he was taken care of by an old friend of his mother, a well-meaning woman, but burdened with a large family, a hasty temper, and small means. She had provided for Jack's wants as well as she could, but the boy was not very comfortable there; and when it was proposed that he should go to sea, he was delighted with the idea of change, although he knew very well that life on board of ship was not so very pleasant as some boys imagine who live miles away from the sea, and have never seen a ship except in harbor.

Jack hoped at first that he might be cabinboy on a large vessel, perhaps a man-of-war, but that could not be imagined, and he was obliged to be content with a berth on a small trading vessel, where he was to help the cook, and be at everybody's beck and call; but as Jack was a good-tempered, merry fellow, he soon grew happy in his new circumstances. Of course he had a good many rough and unkind words, and sometimes blows given him; but the person who treated him worst of all was the cook, with whom he unfortunately had a great deal to do. The man had a very hasty temper, and continually complained and scolded the boy for everything that went wrong. Yet Jack's merry face, though sometimes overcast, never really lost its good-humored look. He tried hard to do as he was told, and to learn how to make himself useful.

One day, when they were out on a voyage, the cook was taken ill, and the next day was so much worse that he was unable to attend to his duties, and the captain was rather perplexed to know who was to take his place. Jack begged to be allowed to do so; and although at first the captain laughed, he consented, and the boy began his preparations for making the soup. He worked away with a will, and very soon the sailors knew, by the cloud of steam and the pleasant odor which found its way to the deck, that the soup bid fair to be as good as usual; and when the men sat down to their well-cooked meal, they declared that the boy knew how to cook better than his teacher.

The sick man was surprised to find how well Jack had learned his duties, but he felt more inclined to scold than ever; and when he saw the lad coming to him with a basin of something steaming hot, he thought that it was merely an unkind joke, and that Jack was taking some soup to him just because he knew that he was too ill to drink it.

But Jack was not so mean as that. He had learnt something better than revenge. He knew that the cook was unkind to him, and was in fact his enemy; but he had read in his Bible, "Love your enemies," and he

thought the best way to show love was by kind actions. So he made a basinful of nice hot gruel for the sick man, and carried it to him. But the cook had turned away and pretended to be asleep, and Jack left the gruel close beside him, and crept away softly that he might not wake him.

As soon as he had gone, the man opened his eyes and saw the gruel. It was just what he wanted, and he was surprised to think that the boy whom he had treated so badly should act so kindly to him. He could not understand it, but he ate the gruel; and when the boy went in to see if he was awake, he handed him the empty basin and asked, "Why did you bring me that?"

"I thought it would do you more good than soup."

"Well, you're a queer fellow," was the only reply. And although the cook could not quite understand the reason of Jack's thoughtful conduct, that kind act was engraven on his memory, and he thought a good deal more about it than Jack did, and from that day he was less unkind to the boy.

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