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MOTHERLESS.

Poor little Laura sits on the floor with folded hands and a whole world of sorrow looking out of her eyes from her sad little heart. No mother! Perhaps some of you, little readers, have lost that best of all earthly friends, mother, and can feel for the lonely little girl in the picture. Perhaps she is thinking now, as she sits there, that if she had her mother back again she would have been a better little daughter sometimes. Is there not a lesson there for all of us?

ONE BOY'S SUCCESS.

One day, not many years ago, a bright boy found employment in a photograph gallery in Nashville, Tenn. His wages were small, but he took good care of them, and in 'course of time he had saved up a snug little sum of money. One day a friend, less thrifty than he, came to him with a long face and asked for a loan of money, offering a book as security. Although the other knew there was little probability of his ever being repaid he could not refuse the request.

"Here is the money; keep your book,

and repay me when you can."

The grateful lad went away in such haste, the story goes, that he left the book behind. The kind youth examined the

to go thither and see what he could do with their six-inch telescope. In the following four years he discovered six comets.



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volume with curiosity. It was a work on astronomy, by Dick, and it so fascinated him that he sat up all night studying it. He had never seen anything which so filled him with delight. He determined to learn all that he could about the wonders of the heavens. He began thenceforth to read everything he could obtain relating to astronomy.

The next step was to buy a small spy-glass, and night after night he spent most of the hours on the roof of his house, studying the stars. He secured, second-hand, the tube of a larger spy-glass, into which he fitted an eye-piece, and sent to Philadelphia for an object glass. Later he obtained a five-inch glass, which, as you know, is an instrument of considerable size.

With the aid of his large spy-glass he discovered two comets before they were seen by any of the professional astronomers. This exploit made the boy famous. He was invited by the professors in Vanderbilt University