

Appreciated the Letters

When Willie Blank was at the seashore last summer, his father wrote to him frequently, and in each letter enclosed ten cents or a quarter to add to the little lad's pleasure. Willie was no letter writer; but one day he managed to compose the following comprehensive epistle, which was sent to his father: "Dear Papa: I got all your letters, and you have sent some munny in each one of them. Please write oftener. Your loving son, William."

A Brave Girl

A minister's little daughter, who had been to Church for the first time and heard her father preach, was questioned by him on reaching home as to how she liked his sermon. There was an embarrassed silence; then the little maid, tired out with the long strain of "being good," and yet anxious not to offend in any wise, made answer with a long-drawn breath of patient resignation: "You preached awful long, papa; but I heard it."

Disconcerting

What is a preacher to do when nature spoils the greatest illustration in his sermon? A certain man one Sunday in winter, was calling attention to the ease and noiselessness with which the snowflakes fulfil their function, falling one by one so quietly and modestly upon the hill and valley. "No one," this impassioned orator went on to say, "ever heard the snow fall." Just then a great body of melting snow fell with a heavy thud from the roof.

Over-Obedient

Admiral Sigsbee, in a recent after-dinner speech, said of the naval virtue of obedience: "Yet even obedience may be carried too far. "A lawyer, about to go to court, said to his office boy, "If any one calls, say I'll be back at twelve." Then he went to court. On his return he asked the boy, "Any one called?" "Yes, sir," the lad answered. "Five beggars. They'll look in again at twelve, sir."

He Wanted Justice

The family were at their devotions the other morning in the home of a West End clergyman, says the Classmate. Master six-year-old had been at his mischievous pranks that morning, and the father prayed for the naughty boy.

A short time later the lad's mother found him in a closet upstairs. He was sobbing bitterly. "O mother!" he exclaimed indignantly, "father tells God of all the bad things I do, but never tells him a word about the good that's in me."

An Alarming Prospect

A six-year-old lass who has been dwelling in a Chicago flat, was housed up most of the winter with diphtheria. The ugly card in the front window represented to her imprisoning authority.

As soon as she was well, her parents had to carry into effect a delayed plan to move to another location. So the afternoon of the day that she was first able to return to school, she came home to find another great sign—"for rent"—staring her in the face from that front window.

The child ran breathlessly to her mother and wailed, with visions of another "durance vile" before her—"O mother, what have I got now?"

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