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## A Home Poet

The skies of springtime made my heart  
Grow faster, gladder, in its beat.  
I tried in vain to pen my joy ;  
But, oh, my house was clean and sweet !

The summer days brought plots galore  
Of rosy garden—lover's sigh.  
I sought to prison them in words.  
I only made a better pie !

The autumn colors flaunting gay  
Made love-songs float and falter down.  
In vain I wooed elusive rime.  
(The turkey was a tender brown.)

A thousand sparkling fancies came,  
With winter, at my heart to knock.  
Oh, lure of frost and fairy flake !  
I wove them into baby's frock.  
—The Mother's Magazine

## Our Lessons this Quarter

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

When a person keeps on doing right in the midst of wicked people, some of these are sure to hate him.

That brave, good man, Paul, about whom we have been studying, found this. While he was a prisoner in the castle at Jerusalem, forty wicked men promised one another that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed him.

The first lesson of this Quarter tells how Paul's nephew succeeded in saving him from this wicked plot and how he was taken to a distant city under the protection of a great company of soldiers.

Then the story goes on, of his being tried three times, first before Governor Felix, then before Governor Festus, and then before King Agrippa ; and of how brave he showed himself to be, and how true to Jesus, whom he loved to obey as his Lord and Master.

None of these men could find anything wrong in what Paul had said or done ; and at last he was sent on to be tried by the great emperor at Rome. Rome was the greatest city in the world at that time.

It was a very stormy voyage he had across the big Mediterranean Sea, and the ship was wrecked. We are to hear how Paul, because God heard him and helped, saved the lives of all on board the ship ; and also how the few Christians who were at Rome bravely went out to meet Paul when he arrived, and how he stayed for two years in that great city, still a prisoner, but living in his own rented house, and preached about Jesus to all who came to him.

The closing lessons of the Quarter tell of how those who suffer bravely here, like Paul, as the servant of Jesus Christ, shall meet Jesus in the glory and the joy of heaven, where he will meet and greet all who have been faithful to him here.

## The Imaginative Age

By Mrs. C. M. Hincks

"In an all-day's observation of a boy two and a half years old I have counted fifty-four imaginative games." So writes a student of child nature. Think of it ! How easily the child transforms a stick into a horse, a few chairs into a street car, or a rough, unintelligible scribble into a man, a dog or a house.