

A LOVING SON.

Arthur was the son of a poor widow who could hardly earn enough to buy food for herself and son. She had no warm shawl, and could not go to church in cold weather. Arthur felt sorry to see his mother kept at home for such a cause. His sorrow was real too, for it made him set his wits to work to earn money. He became bellows-blower to the organist, and ran errands for the neighbors until he had earned enough to buy a cheap warm shawl.

He kept his plan secret, bought the shawl, took it home, and stealing up behind his mother, spread it out and laid it over her shoulders.

"What is my boy about?" cried the widow, starting from her chair. Then feeling the shawl, she grasped it and said, "What's this?"

"A nice warm shawl for my dear mother to wear to church!" cried Arthur, clapping his hands and dancing around the room for joy: "isn't it a beauty mother?"

When his mother learned how the shawl had been procured, her heart was glad. Tears filled her eyes, and pressing Arthur to her breast, she said "My dear, dear boy!"

Was not Arthur well paid, think you, for all his work and pains in earning that shawl? I doubt if there was a happier boy in the nation that night than Arthur. What made him so happy? Love and duty! He had loved his mother, and had shown it by working very hard to buy a shawl. The gift had become a joy to her lonely heart, because it made her feel that her boy loved her, that he returned love for love.

If boys knew how much value their mothers set on their love, they would love them more.

GOLDEN RULES FOR THE YOUNG.

The person who first sent these rules to be printed says truly if any boy or girl thinks "it would be hard work to keep so many of them in mind all the time, just think also what a happy place it would make of home if you only could:"—

1. Shut every door after you, and without slamming it.
2. Never shout, jump, or run in the house.
3. Never call to persons up stairs or in the next room; if you wish to speak to them, go quietly where they are.
4. Always speak kindly and politely to servants, if you would have them do the same to you.