

BEING A BOY.

One of the best things in the world is to be a boy; it requires no experience, though it needs some practice to be a good one. The disadvantage of the position is it does not last long enough. It is soon over. Just as you get used to being a boy, you have to be something else, with a good deal of work to do and not half so much fun. And yet every boy is anxious to be a man, and is very uneasy with the restriction put upon him as a boy.

There are so many bright spots in the life of a boy, that I sometimes think I should like to live my life over again. There is great comfort to a boy in the amount of work he can get rid of doing. It is sometimes astonishing how slow he can go on an errand. Perhaps he could not explain why, when he is sent to a neighbour's after yeast, he stops to stone the frogs. It is a curious fact about boys, that two will be a great deal slower than one. Boys have a great power of helping each other to do wrong.

But say what you will about the general usefulness of boys, a farm without a boy would very soon come to grief. He is always in demand.—In the first place, he is to do all the errands, go to the store, the post office, and carry all sorts of messages. He would like to have as many legs as a wheel has spokes, and rotate in the same way. Leap-frog is one of his methods of getting over the ground quickly. He has a natural genius for combining pleasure with business.

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Youthful hearts may be the temples
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Childhood's lips declare the riches
Of God's all-abounding grace.

"Little ones," though frail and earth-born,
Heirs of blessedness may be;
For the Saviour whispers gently,
"Suffer such to come to me."

And in that eternal kingdom,
'Mid the grand triumphal throng,
Children's voices sweet may mingle
In the glorious choral song.

—"Mother," said a little boy, what made father such a great and good man?" "God's grace and try," replied the mother. "Is that all?" exclaimed the boy.

MARK'S LENT.

Mark did not love to read. So, when Lent came, and all the boys and girls were learning self-denial by doing good works, he said—"I will read, every evening when there is no church service." His mother was pleased; and she asked him to read aloud to her.

"Oh, you'll get tired of it!" said some of the boys.

"Maybe I shall: but I'm going to keep at it, just the same. That is what Lent is for!" answered Mark.

It was a pretty sight, when tea was over, to see Mark sitting by the fire, with his book or magazine, while mother put away the tea dishes, and then sat by him with her sewing.

And I think, by the time Lent is over, Mark will really love to read. And that will help him to grow up a useful and honorable man. All boys should learn to love reading; because in that way, they learn so many pleasant and useful things.

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