

take down his rattan. On the contrary, he put on a pleasant smile, and said,

"Duncan, you are a brave boy ! I saw and heard all that passed from my window above. I would rather lose a hundred cats, than miss such an example of truth and honor in my school. Your best reward is what you now feel in your own conscience ; but I beg you to accept this handsome penknife, as a token of my approbation."

Duncan took out his little handkerchief and wiped his eyes. The boys could no longer restrain themselves ; and when Tom Pooley cried, "Three cheers for True Duncan !" all joined in a hearty hoora. The teacher seemed willing to allow this, and then said,

"My boys, I am glad you know what is right, and that you approve it ; though I am afraid some of you could not have done it. Learn from this time, that nothing can make a falsehood necessary. Suppose Duncan had taken your evil advice, and had come to me with a lie ; it would have been instantly detected, for I was witness of what passed. I trust he has been governed in this by a sense of God's presence, and I exhort you all to follow his example."—*Penny Gazette*.

PLAY FAIR.

Play is the work of children. It is their regular business. Any little labor or study that they do is just so much taken from their play. They play in the sweat of their brow, and often fatigue themselves as much in building a snow house or damming up a ditch, as their parents would do in a ship-yard or a factory.

Children form very important habits at their plays. Their character comes out.

People see what kind of children

they are. If they are passionate, you will be sure to see it in the holidays. If they are greedy, they show it in their sports. Liars will always lie on the play-ground.

It is therefore important that boys and girls should play in the right manner.

THE BLIND AND THE MUTE.

A deaf and dumb man, and a blind man, were once left in a forest by their friends, that they might be destroyed by wild beasts. The deaf and dumb man made signs which the blind man could not see, and the blind man asked questions which the other could not hear. The dumb man at last determined to follow the sun till he got out of the forest. But when the sun set, he lost his way. Then the blind man undertook to guide him, for he had felt how the wind blew while the sun was up, and he kept on in the same direction, till they got out of the forest and were saved.

THE MISER'S DAUGHTER.

One cold winter, when the ground was so covered with snow that the little birds could not find anything to eat, the little daughter of a miserly rich man gathered up all the crumbs she could find, and was going to carry them out and scatter them on the snow. Her father saw her, and asked her what she was going to do. She told him, and he said, "What good will it do? the crumbs will not be enough to feed one in a hundred of the birds." "I know it, dear father," said she, but I shall be glad to save even one in a hundred of them, if I cannot save them all." The father thought a moment ; he knew that many poor persons were suffering in his village, and he had refused to help any, because he could not help them all