

THE ROCK-A-BY LADY.

The Rock a By Lady from Hushaby street Comes stealing comes creeping

There is one little dream of a beautiful dream With a dolly peep out of those wee little dreams

And dolly peep out of those wee little dreams With laughter and singing

Would you dream all these dreams that are lay and fleet? They'll come to you sleeping

FLORNE FIELD in Chicago Heron

Kiss Me, Mamma--Do Kiss Me --I Can't Go to Sleep.

The child was so sensitive, so like that little shrinking plant that curls at a breath, and shuts its heart from the light.

The only beauties she possessed were an exceedingly transparent skin, and the most mournful, large blue eyes.

I had been trained by a very stern strict, conscientious mother, but I was a hardy plant, rebounding after every shock; misfortune could not daunt, though discipline tamed me.

She stood looking at me, astonishment personified, with her great mournful eyes wide open--I suppose she had forgotten her misconduct till then; and I left her with big tears dropping down her cheeks, and her little red lips quivering.

Presently I was sent for. "Oh, mamma; you will kiss me; I can't go to sleep if you don't!" she sobbed, every tone of her voice trembling; and she held out her little hands.

Now came the struggle between love and what I falsely termed duty. My heart said, give her the kiss of peace; my stern nature urged me to persist in my correction, that I might impress the fault upon her mind.

I knelt by the bedside. "Mother can't kiss you, Ellen." I whispered, though every word choked me. Her hand touched mine; it was very hot, but I attributed it to her excitement.

It might have been about twelve when I was awakened by my nurse. Apprehensive, I ran eagerly to the child's chamber; I had had a fearful dream.

Ellen did not know me. She was sitting up, crimsoned from the forehead to the throat; her eyes so bright that I almost drew back aghast at their glances.

From that night a raging fever drank up her life; and what think you was the incessant plaint poured into my anguished heart? "Oh, kiss me, mother, do kiss me; I can't go to sleep! You'll kiss your little Ellen, mother, won't you? I can't go to sleep. I won't be naughty if you'll only kiss me! Oh, kiss me, dear mamma, I can't go to sleep."

Holy little angel! she did go to sleep one gray morning, and she never woke again--never. Her hand was locked in mine, and all my veins grow icy with its gradual chill. Faintly the light faded out of the beautiful eyes; whiter and whiter grow the tremulous lips. She never knew me; but with her last breath she whispered: "I will be good, mother, if only you'll kiss me."

Kiss her! God knows how passionate, but unavailing, were my kisses upon her cheek and lips after that fatal night. God knows how wild were my prayers that she might know, if but only once, that I kissed her. God knows how I

would have yielded up my life could I have asked forgiveness of that sweet child

Well, grief is all unavailing now! She lies in her little tomb, there is a marble urn at her head and a rose bush at her feet. There grow sweet summer flowers, there waves the gentle grass; there birds sing their matins and vespers there the blue sky smiles down to day, and there lies buried the freshness of my heart.

Parents, you should have heard the pathos in the voice of that stricken mother as she said: "There are plants that spring into greater vigor if the heavy pressure of a footstep crush them; but, oh! there are others that even the pearls of the light dew bend to the earth"

A Boy's Letter.

WRITTEN FROM BOARDING SCHOOL TO HIS DEAR MOTHER.

The London Spectator prints the following genuine letter from a schoolboy to his mother:

"My Dear Ma I wright to tell you I am very retched and my chillblains is worse again. I have not made any progress and do not think I shall. I am very sorry to be such an expense, but I do not think this schule is any good. One of the fellows has taken the crown of my best hat for a target. He has now borrowed my watch to make a water wheel with the works, but it went wet. Mo and him have tried to put the works back, but we think some wheels are missing as they wont fit. I hope Matilda's cold is better. I am glad she is not at schule. I think I have got consumption. the boys at this place are not gentlemanly, but of course you did not know this when you sent me here. I will try not to get bad habits. The trousers have worn out at the knees. I think the tailor must have cheated you, the buttons have come off and they are loose behind. I think the food is good, but I should not mind if I was stronger. The piece of meat I send you is off the beef we had on Sunday, but on other days it is more stringy. There are black beads in the kitchen and sometimes they cook them in the dinner, which cant be holesom when you are not strong. Dear Ma, I hope you and Pa are well, and do not mind my being so uncomfortable because I do not think I shall last long. Please send me more money as I o 8d. If you cannot spare it I think I can borrow it of a boy who is going to leave at the half quarter and then he won't ask for it back again, but perhaps you wd. not like to be under an obligation to his parents as they are tradespeople. I did not mention it or I dare say they wd. have put it down in the bill.--Yr. loving but retched son."

A Story of a Cat.

That a cat is capable of being generous is shown in a story told by a member of the London Zoological Society. His story is this:--"I once had a cat which always sat up to the dinner table with me, and had his napkin round his neck, and his plate, and some fish. He used his paw, of course, but he was very particular and behaved with extraordinary decorum. When he had finished his fish I sometimes gave him a piece of mine. One day he was not to be found when the dinner bell rang, so we began without him. Just as the plates were put around puss came rushing up stairs and sprang into his chair, with two mice in his mouth. Before he could be stopped he dropped a mouse on his own plate, and then one on mine. He had divided his dinner with me, as I had often divided mine with him."

Rather Mature.

Application was made last summer at the West Virginia Institution for the admission of two deaf and dumb women, one fifty and the other fifty-three years of age. The object was to get a home for these two ignorant women. Their father had refused to send them to school at the proper time, saying he was able to take care of them. Now, since his death they are thrown upon the State, as they have not the necessary education to fit them for any useful calling by which they could earn a living. The Tablet favors a law that would compel parents to send their children to school, or provide suitable educational advantages at their homes.

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R. MATHISON, Superintendent.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Classes

School Hours--From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. DRAWING CLASSES from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday and Thursday afternoons, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. FANCY WORK CLASSES--Monday, Wednesday afternoons, 2:30 to 5 p.m. SIGN CLASSES for Junior and Senior pupils, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday, week from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. EVENING STUDY from 7 to 9 p.m. for Junior pupils and from 7 to 8 for Junior pupils.

Articulation Classes

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Religious Exercises

EVERY SUNDAY Primary pupils at 10 a.m. senior pupils at 11 a.m. General Lecture at 2:30 p.m. immediately after which the classes will assemble. Each Sabbath Day the pupils are to assemble in the Chapel at 8:45 a.m. and the time in charge for the week will open by prayer and afterwards dinner. Those who may reach their respective school rooms later than 9 o'clock on the afternoon after prayer will be dismissed in an orderly manner. REGULAR VISITING CLERGYMEN--Rev. Mr. Burke, Right Rev. Monsignor Farrow, V. G., Rev. J. L. George (Presbyterian), Rev. E. N. Baker, (Methodist), Rev. J. M. Hall, (Baptist), Rev. M. W. Maclean, (Catholic), Rev. Father O'Brien.

Clergymen of all Denominations are cordially invited to visit us at any time.

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PRINTING OFFICE, SHOPS and CARPENTRY ROOMS from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. for pupils who attend school, and those who do not from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. each working day except Saturday, when the office and shops will be closed at noon. THE SEWING CLASSES Hours are from 9 a.m. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 5 p.m. for those who do not attend school, and from 2:30 to 5 p.m. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons. The Printing Office, Shops and Sewing Room to be left each day when work ceases in a clean and tidy condition. Pupils are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness without permission of the Superintendent. Teachers, Officers and others are not to allow visitors foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

Visitors

Persons who are interested desirous of visiting the Institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular chapel exercises at 2:30 on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 1:30 in the afternoon as possible as the classes are dismissed at 3:00 o'clock.

Admission of Children

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong the taking with their children. It only makes discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few days in some cases in a few hours.

Visitation

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents come, however, they will be made welcome to the class-rooms and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodging or meals or entertain guests at the institution. An accommodation may be had in the city at the Hoffman House, Queen's Hotel, American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

Clothing and Management

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. Correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission at each occasion.

Sickness and Correspondence

In case of the serious illness of pupils letters or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF LETTERS FRIENDS OF PUPILS MAY INQUIRE AT THE ASK WALK.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write stating as near as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have been used at home, or prescribed by family physicians will be allowed to be taken in hospital except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the Institution.

Parents and friends of deaf children are warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 99 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they do not return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of deafness and they will be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATHISON, Superintendent.