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Childrens' Department.

NEW VERSIONS OF OLD RHYMES

MISS MUFFET.

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a buffet,
Eating some curds and whey,
There came a small spider,
And sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

O, why was Miss Muffet,
That sat on the buffet,
Eating some curds and whey,
Afraid of the spider,
That sat down beside her?
And why was she frightened away?

So small was the spider,
That sat down beside her,
They need not have felt any fear,
But some that are older
And not a bit bolder,
When very small perils appear.

They censure Miss Muffet,
That sat on the buffet,
Albeit so little was she,
Yet they are no braver,
But quiver and quaver,
Or else from the enemy flee.

O, all ye Miss Muffets,
That sit on your buffets,
Or walk o'er the highways of life,
Molehills are not mountains,
And drops are not fountains,
And spiders need cause you no strife.

If real foes should meet you,
And try to defeat you,
Then lift up your banner on high,
Be bright as Orion,
And bold as a lion,
And fight till you conquer or die.

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TWO GOOD HANDS.

When I was a boy I became
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inheritance was; so one day, after
thinking about the matter a good
while, very seriously, I ventured to
ask him. And this was his reply;
My inheritance? I will tell you
what it was—two good hands, and an
honest purpose to make the best use
in my power of my hands and of the
time God gave me."

Though it is now many years since,
I can remember distinctly the tones
of my father's voice as he spoke, and
both his hands uplifted to give
emphasis to his words.

Many a boy does not receive a
large inheritance of money or lands;
but every one has a pair of good
hands, which are better than thousands
of money. And the good purpose to
make the best use of them is every
boy's power. Remember this wise
injunction, "Whatsoever thy hand
findeth to do, do it with thy might."

OFF WORK.—For two years I was
not able to work, being troubled with
dyspepsia. One bottle of Burdock
Blood Bitters relieved me, three bottles
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PIXY.

BY LUCIAN HALLAM.

Pixy had just awakened from a long
nap and felt cross. To be sure, she
was glad to see the bright sunshine
and hear the twitter of the birds in
the trees, but then, it was so very
provoking and humiliating. When
she had closed her eyes the snow was
falling, and it was "Oh! so cold."
The very thought made her shiver.
Pixy had not intended to go to sleep.
She had determined to stay awake the
whole winter and thus gain for herself
a knowledge of what happened during
that inclement season, but here was
spring come again. Winter had
passed leaving her no wiser than be-
fore. During all her life Pixy had
longed to know more of the great
world around her. She craved for an
opportunity to distinguish herself
in some way that would be a benefit
and a blessing to herself and others.

Why was she not like the tall
cedars near by, whose very branches
uplifted to the sky, proclaimed their
usefulness, or like the wild roses on
the hillside that shed their perfume
for the enjoyment of all.

One day while thus repining and
almost before she was aware, so
absorbed was she in her woe, a ruth-
less hand tore Pixy from her home.

She was borne away to a farm-
house that she had often seen
in the distance when her slender
branches were uplifted by the
wind. Then Pixy was carried into
the sick-chamber of a young girl, so
wan, so pale and motionless. For
days she had been lying in just this
condition with scarcely strength
enough to move. The doctor had said
"unless we can arouse and interest
her in some way she will surely die."
Now the change has come; for as soon
as her languid eyes caught sight of
Pixy they lightened perceptibly, and
just then, as if in encouragement,
the setting sun cast his brightest
rays across the bed on which she lay,
illuminating the whole room.

Feebly raising her little hand the
young girl beckoned to Pixy to be
brought nearer. "How lovely!"
she said, "it is just what I have
longed for." Afterwards she kept
Pixy always by her bedside, and from
that day began slowly to get well
again, and now, when wandering
along by the edge of the cedar swamp
in the early springtime, she never
fails to stop and bless the modest
little Pixy whose cheerful presence
was the means of saving her life.

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A class of boys in a London
Board School were asked what sort of
a man was Moses. In reply they said
he was "meek," "brave," "learned,"
and at last one little fellow piped up,
"He was a gentleman." The sur-
prised official asked, "What do you
mean?" "Please sir," was the reply,
"when the daughters of Jethro went
to the well to draw water the shepherds
came and drove them away, and Moses
helped the daughters of Jethro, and
said to the shepherds, 'Ladies first,
please, gentlemen.'"

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