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## THE PET CAT.

THESE little German children are a good deal like children the world over—fond of a bit of fun. The sedate old cat does not seem a bit proud of its velvet ribbon. It shuts its eyes, and won't even look at itself in the glass.

## THE "MOUNTAINS ROUND ABOUT."

LITTLE Gretchen's home is away over the ocean in a beautiful country called Switzerland. The little village is in the midst of grand mountains whose tops are always covered with snow. Travellers come from all over the world to see them, but Gretchen often cares more for her little wooden doll which her papa has made for her than for the grand mountains. But this morning she is not thinking of her dollie. She is saying over to herself the text that the old pastor preached from yesterday. She had to remember the words to tell her grandma, who is too old to go to church: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round his people



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from henceforth, even for ever." She does not know just where Jerusalem is, nor how the mountains are "round about" it, but she thinks it is a very sweet text: if it means that just as those great snowy mountains shut in her beautiful little green valley, keeping away the cold rough wind, so the dear Father in heaven is ever and about all his people, taking even kinder care of the little ones. Do you wonder that Gretchen's heart is so happy that she forgets even her darling dollie?

## LITTLE AND BIG.

A TINY little acorn planted in the ground grows to be a great big oak tree.

A tiny baby grows up to be a big man or woman.

A little love for God in the heart leads to more, until after a while we find a good man or woman.

A little leak becomes large, and the whole vessel is lost.

A little sin leads the way to others, and after awhile we find a very bad man or woman.