

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

GOING TO SCHOOL.

BY ANNA HOLYOKE.

Eddie is leading his little sister Anna to school. Anna has never been to school before, and wonders what school is like.

By and by they come to a brook, which gurgles merrily along over the stones. Anna sees something bright and pretty at the bottom of the brook.

"Take care! take care, Anna," says Eddie, running after her quickly and taking her hand again.

"I want some pretty stones," said Anna, pointing to the brook.

"No," said Eddie, "We must go to school. See these flowers!" And Eddie gives her a pretty blue flower, and they walk on to school together, hand in hand.

Now they come to three very large elm-trees that stretch their beautiful green arms quite over the road, so that the children are passing under a beautiful arch of leaves and branches.

Children, are you afraid of the dark? We are just as safe in the dark as in the light; for God is with us to take care of us all the time.

Some naughty little girls had frightened poor little Anna, when she was a very little child, by telling her frightened stories. Now when she looked up the staircase it seemed to her dark and gloomy; and when her kind teacher takes her hand to try to lead her up stairs she tries to pull away from her and says: "I don't want to go up stairs. I don't want to go to school. I want to go home and see my mother."

Anna was very happy as they walked home from school an hour or two later, stopping to gather and eat a few berries by the way; and she told her mother that she liked to go to school. She did not cry the next day nor the next, nor ever after, when she went up the dark stairs to the school.

And mothers, be very patient and sympathetic, though firm with your little ones. Are not you, too, some-

times inclined to fret, and to wish for what you have not, instead of rejoicing in the blessings within your reach? and as you go through life, you, too, will come to some dark places where your timid heart will shrink back, and cry for some other path.

"Christ leads us through no darker rooms Than he went through before; And he that to his Kingdom comes Must enter by that door."

It will be light enough by and bye, if we follow Christ; for he will make plain to us the hidden things, and cause light to shine upon things which now appear dark and mysterious.

DOWN CELLAR.

BY HELEN C. THORNE.

Jamie had been a naughty boy. He wouldn't study the pretty story, in his nice, new reader, and he would set traps for the flies and throw paper balls at the girls.

"Why Jamie!" said his teacher sadly, "you know I never speak more than twice about idleness. Come here."

Jamie stuck a knuckle in each eye, screwed down the corners of his mouth, and edged his way down the aisle.

"Boys, what shall I do with him? Think soberly and tell me. He has been a naughty boy and must be punished."

Jamie from behind his knuckles, looked anxiously from one to another. He began to wish the flies had kept away; they needn't have come on his desk at all; at any rate Bob Mills needn't have let him take his slate, and then he wouldn't have had to be punished.

"Well?" said Miss Elden. "Put him down cellar!"

"O-ho-ho!" cried Jamie. "I don't want to. I ain't a-going!" but he went and sat down on a stair alone, because he couldn't help it. And there he stayed while the other boys went out at recess time.

"O mamma, I've been naughty again!" he sobbed right out, while the tears began to flow again; but this time they were sorry tears. And so, when he felt a soft hand on his forehead, and heard his teacher speak to him, he just hid his face in his poor, little mud stained pocket-handkerchief and burst out, "Please—I guess—I'm better—now."

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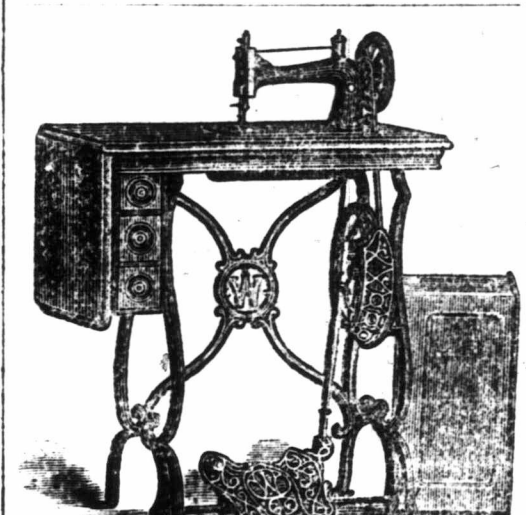
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