



SCENE AT THE RUINS OF LUXOR, EGYPT.

ONLY ONE MOTHER.

You have only one mother, my boy,
Whose heart you can gladden with joy,
Or cause it to ache
Till read to break—
So cherish that mother, my boy.

You have only one mother who will
Stick to you through good and through ill,
And love you, although
The world is your foe—
So care for that love ever still.

You have only one mother to pray
That in the good path you may stay;
Who for you won't spare
Self-sacrificing care—
So worship that mother alway.

You have only one mother to make
A home ever sweet for your sake,
Who toils day and night
For you with delight—
To help her all pains ever take.

You have only mother to miss
When she has departed from this,
So love and revere

That mother while here—
Some time you won't know her dear kiss.

You have only one mother, just one,
Remember that always, my son;
None can or will do
When she has for you—
What have you for her ever done?

SCENE IN EGYPT.

This picture, with its large number of scantily-clothed children, reminds us of the rhyme about the old woman who lived in a shoe, "who had so many children that she didn't know what to do." It does not cost much for housekeeping in Egypt. The climate is so fine that they do not need much shelter, and food grows so plentifully—several crops in a year—that living is very cheap. And it is well that it is so, for the people are very poor. These children are crowded into an old earthen oven. Beside it stands another ready for use. The ruins in the background are the most ancient in the world. They are situated on an island in the Nile, where

are also the ancient temples of Karnak and Thebes—"Hundred-gated Thebes," of which Homer sings. They are the most ancient and most famous and grandest ruins in the world.

WHAT ANIMALS HAVE DONE.

In a recent address, Dr. Bergh, the friend of dumb animals, showed that the connection of animals with the affairs of mankind had been a remarkable one. He said: "The protest of Balaam's ass prevented the commission of the greatest crime against heaven, and the cackling of geese saved Rome. When the armies of James II. and William were confronting one another, the noise made by a wren picking up some crumbs from the top of a drum awoke the sleeping drummer, and thus saved the army of William. Scott tells us that the most splendid event in the history of Scotland, namely, the ascent of Bruce to the throne, was owing to a simple spider, and one of the greatest naval victories of England resulted from the crowing of a cock. A St. Bernard dog, named Barry, during twelve years of service on the mountains, saved the lives of forty travellers. Greyfriars Bobby lay upon the grave of his master nine years, and his unparalleled devotion has been perpetuated by a monument, erected by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. A young man once rowed out into the middle of the river with a dog, and then threw him overboard. The faithful animal clung to the boat, but was driven off by his cruel master, until at length, during his efforts, he lost his own balance and fell into the stream. Did the dog desert him? No; he seized him by his clothes and held him above water till succour arrived. One of those cruel enthusiasts known as dissectors of living animals, being once in need of a subject, actually took his own dog, which had been for years in his family, confined him to a table, and ripped him up as though he had been a senseless object. The suffering creature groaned and howled in his agony, and just before dying raised his head and licked the hand of his savage tormentor."

An able lawyer of indolent habits was once ridiculing the activity of a possibly weaker brother, when the judge who was hearing the case coolly interposed the somewhat sarcastic remark, "An engine of one cat-power running all the time will do more work than an engine of forty horse-power standing still."

A German optician has discovered that glass can be drilled as easily as wood if the drills are kept in mercury before use.