

Happy Days

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KITTY'S FIRST SCHOOL-DAY.

LITTLE Kitty Clover started up in bed just as the sun came peeping in the window. A very sweet little Kitty she was, with her blue eyes and her dimples; for the angel had kissed Kitty Clover three times.

The old clock on the stairs was ticking away for dear life. But to-day it was not saying tick, tick, tick. No, indeed, the old clock had a new tune this morning: "Kitty is five years old! Kitty is going to school!" over and over again.

The little girl jumped out of bed, and had her shoes and stockings on before Aunt Dinah came in. "Laws a mercy," said Aunt Dinah, "but my chile is a smart chile. If she larn to read as fast as she put on dem shoes and stockin's, she'll make smart work in de school-room."

"I guess I will, aunty," said Kitty, "for I intend to try."

Kitty's mamma had a pretty satchel all ready; and Kitty placed her brand new primer in it, and off she started, out the back gate and down the lane. As

she passed the barn-yard she heard the hens cackling loudly: "Kitty is going to school! Kitty is going to school!"

Down at the end of the lane was a large bush of hawthorn. A little bird sat on one



JOSEPH'S DREAM.

Read story about Joseph's Dream. GENESIS xxxvii. 5 11.

"Oh, what a little girl this is to be going to school!" he chirruped

The teacher was very much pleased to see Kitty Clover, and she asked one of the larger girls if Kitty was coming all the time.

"No'm, just till she gets tired."

"Does people ever get tired coming to school?" asked Kitty and they all laughed.

She said a long lesson in her primer, read the line of "two times two," and did a "sum." But she could not help thinking of the squirrel and the bird, the chickens and the old clock on the stairs.

By and by she rose very quietly and took up her hat and her satchel. She walked up to the teacher, and said in a pitched little voice. "Good evening, Miss Mary! I guess I have to go home now."

The scholars all laughed, and one girl called out over her geography—

"Do people sometimes get tired of coming to school?"

But she was a very bad little girl, and so Kitty Clover didn't mind her, but went her way. I think Kitty did a very wise

thing in taking no notice of what the bad little girl said.

Obedience always tends to strengthen faith.