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FIRST LESSONS.

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Patience and perseverance—

They are long, hard words to spell;

And blue-eyed Mistress Margery

Doesn't know P from L;

But she knows and she shows their meaning,

For a wee little maiden must use
Patience and perseverance

When she learns to button her shoes.

—*Youth's Companion.*

AN "I WON'T-ER."

"Let's ask Jerry to help. He's full of fun."

"He won't then. You may depend on that."

"Why not?"

"You don't know Jerry; you haven't been here long, you see."

"What's the matter with him?"

"Matter enough when it comes to a bit of mischief."

"But this is only a trick on the new

And the academy boys who were planning a mischievous trick for the night did not ask the "I won't-er."—*Selected.*

A GOOD NAME.

If boys knew what golden capital a "good name" is, they would work hard to get it. Well, did the wisest man say that "it is rather to be chosen than great riches." It has helped many a man to acquire riches. It is of great importance to a boy what the men of his place say to him.



BOYS IN ORPHANAGE AT SHIRAZ, PERSIA.

IN A PERSIAN ORPHANAGE.

This is a queer group of little boys at school. It is a boarding-school for orphans, and it seems to be dinner time. They have a very simple way of dining. You see they make their fingers serve in place of knives and forks, as has been the usage for ages in the East. They need, therefore, to be very particular to wash their hands both before and after meals, like the Jews of old. The schoolmaster behind them seems a very dignified sort of man.

boy. We won't hurt him. It'll be such fun! Jerry isn't a Miss Nancy. Why don't you ask him? He's as spry as a squirrel, and could help no end.

"Well, he isn't a Miss Nancy, that's a fact; but he's an 'I won't-er.' He won't do things that have to be kept a little dark. No harm in 'em, but nobody wants to shout 'em from the bell tower. Jerry is an out-and-out 'I won't-er' when it comes to anything he doesn't exactly see through. He sticks to his 'I won't,' so there's no use asking him."

Never fancy that they do not know you; that they have no interest in what you do. Every business man sees and estimates the boys who pass before him at pretty nearly their own worth; every man with sons of his own takes an interest in other men's sons. There is nothing like obliging ways to make friends of people, and to lead them to speak well of you. That will be a stepping-stone to your success in life.

There are two sides to every question except the right.