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The reporter was so struck with the story that he wrote it up on his return to the office, telling it very simply and just as it occurred. It has been re-published in scores of papers, and has brought forth half a score of letters offering some substantial reward to the fisherman's child. The first letter was a business man in New Albany, who inclosed a silver quarter for the little girl. The next came from a woman, who sent a beautiful doll and a silver dollar to be divided between the sick infant and its benefactor. Others asked for the shanty-boatman's address, and several women offered to dress dolls for the little giver. The last letter came yesterday from a generous woman in far-off Massachusetts. She had read the story, copied in a Boston newspaper, and wrote that she wanted to forward the child a box.

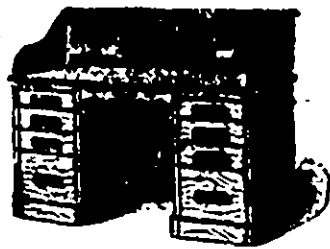
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