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## A GOOD PIECE OF NEWS.

A RAGGED boy, carrying a ragged broom, crossed over one of the full, noisy streets of London. It was cold and windy, and his broom had earned him nothing that day.

"Hello, sweep! come here!"

Bob, the little broom-man, turned his head at the voice, and saw a boot-black comfortably sheltered from the wind and the crowd of passers by a jutting chimney. He was no acquaintance of Bob's, and street-boys do not trust one another.

"What did you call me for?" he asked when he had with some trouble picked his way through the carts and drays.

"I just found this, and felt like goin' halves with somebody," answered the more fortunate boy. "Listen here: 'No. 23 Griffin Street, a Free Lecture for London Boys, followed by sandwiches; doors open at eight o'clock.' I say, let's go."

"They'd never let me in," answered Bob dolefully; "I ain't fit."

"That's so, you ain't," answered the



LAME MAN HEALED BY PETER.

other, looking square at Bob for the first time, "but it can't hurt ye to try; and I tell ye," he added, with a street-boy's cunning, "at some o' them places the raggeder

the quarrelling of two younger children over a glass of milk, exclaimed: "What's the use of quarrelling over that milk? There is a whole cowful out in the barn!"

you be the quicker they'll let you in, Come along; if it's decent chaps they want, I'll tr' and ake you in with me; if its rags they re after, you kin push me through."

No. 23 Griffin Street was a big, warm, lighted room, opened that night for the first time by a city missionary: it was a trap to catch the poor boys who had nobody to care for their souls, and t'e lecture was the blessed story of the Prodigal Son, with big pictures on the walls to make the boys listen.

Bob listened so hard that even in the crowd of boys the missionary saw him and got his name. Alas! he had no address to give, having no home.

But he is now learning about his heavenly home, and the desire to go: there is going to make him a busy, sober, honest boy, ready in his turn to help spread the good news learned at 23 Griffin Street.

A LITTLE child, becoming weary with