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John Bunyan's Blind Daughter.

JOHAN BUNYAN was born at Elstow, within a mile of Bedford (England) in the year 1628. He was by trade a tinker, and one day as he was going through Bedford looking for work, he overheard two godly women talking together of what God had done for their souls. This conversation was blessed to him, making him think of his sins, and he was at length led to believe on Jesus Christ and be saved. At the age of twenty-five he joined the Baptist Church, and soon after commenced to preach the Gospel. He continued preaching for about six years, when in 1660 he was arrested and cast into prison, his crime

being that of preaching, and not conforming to the Church of England. John Bunyan was sent to Bedford Jail, where he remained a prisoner in custody more or less strict for twelve years.



While in this prison he wrote the "Pilgrim's Progress."

It is hard to be put in prison at any time, but especially when a man is not guilty of any crime. Bunyan's imprisonment was made harder still in the fact that he had to leave a wife and four young children to face the world alone. But still more sad, one of his little girls was blind! Now, how do our readers think that he helped these dear ones? Well, he learned while in prison to make tagged laces, and he would sit with his little blind girl (for his family was allowed to visit him) and work away making these laces, and then the jailer let him go and stand at the prison door with his little blind one by his side, while he sold them to

the passers-by, and no doubt many purchased out of pity for the prisoner's blind companion.

In 1672 he was released from prison, and lived until 1688, preaching the Gospel faithfully.