



### THE LITTLE WASHERWOMAN.

**I**T was a busy day in Nelly Thompson's kitchen. Her dolly, Miss Tiny, had had the misfortune to fall in the mud and soil her nice dress. So she had to be undressed and her clothes put in the wash-tub. See how she looks over the edge, as if to see what was going on. Meanwhile, Miss Nelly tucks up her skirt and puts on a large apron and rolls up her sleeves and washes out dolly's clothes, and hangs them on the line to dry. This is a splendid preparation and practice for the duties of life, for she may often have to do a larger washing than that of Miss Tiny in after years. I hope, however, she will not have to earn her living at the wash-tub, like some poor women I know, who are the ill-used wives of drunken husbands.

LISTEN to good thoughts; hear what they say. Holy thoughts are precious things; and if not angels, they are God's messengers, and in that sense angels sent from God.

### SAVING THE SAWDUST.

**M**AHOGANY tables are not made of solid mahogany, nor are rosewood bureaus made of solid rosewood. They are veneered; that is, thin slices of rosewood or mahogany are glued on common wood. A few years ago they sawed the sticks of rosewood and mahogany into strips for veneering. Of course, a great deal of the valuable wood was lost in sawdust—as much as half of it was wasted. But a machine has been invented which does away with the saw in this work. It shaves instead of saws; and by shaving off the slices nothing is lost. The saving on a log of rosewood is

said to amount to not less, in some cases, than five hundred dollars.

Perhaps you would have said, "What is the use of caring about a little sawdust? The waste is not much." Waste counts up. Here were five hundred dollars wasted or saved. Yes, boys, waste counts up. Waste minutes, waste opportunities, waste words, waste pennies, they all count up. A person who wastes them is a great loser; and it makes all the difference in the world as to what his character is worth, whether he has wasted or saved the sawdust of his life—frittered it away or used it in little advantages and smaller means.

### WHAT IS THE TONGUE FOR?

**S**INCE God made the tongue, and He never made anything in vain, we may be sure He made it for some good purpose. What is it, then?" asked teacher one day of her class.

"He made it that we may pray with it," answered one boy.

"To sing with," said another.

"To talk to people with," said a third.