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FROZEN OUT.

These poor little birds seem almost frozen to death, don't they? See how languidly they peep out of their half-closed eyes. The very severe winter weather is sometimes fatal to the dear little fellows. Just outside of my window a number come to pick the berries of the Virginia creeper. But when these and everything else are frozen hard, I hope my young readers will scatter some grain or bread-crumbs for these little feathered friends of ours—they will be very grateful, I assure you. Remember—

"He prayeth best
who loveth
best
All things both
great and
small;
For the dear God
who loveth
us,
He made and
loveth all."

A BROKEN ARM.

Carrie and her friends were having a pleasant time playing hide-and-peek.

"I know a splendid place," said Mary.

"Oh, where?" asked Carrie.

"Right under mamma's window," replied Mary; "there's a big lilac tree there with branches down to the ground. Jump

out of the window quick, Carrie—here they come!"

But in trying to be quick poor Carrie fell. She was badly hurt, and when the doctor examined her he found she had broken her arm. Carrie tried to be

dear to him are those who follow his example.

Don't quarrel with the clouds. They have often brought refreshing showers into your life.



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brave while it was being set, but she had to lie in bed several days afterwards, and for many weeks was obliged to carry her arm in a splint.

The girls were all very sorry for her. Mary sent her a beautiful bunch of golden-rod, which Carrie kept near the bed, and the others brought her some books which her mamma read aloud to her.

Carrie had never thought much about sick children before, but now that her arm is well again she goes every week to take something to the children's ward in the hospital. When they smile and put out their thin little hands to take the flowers or fruit from her she feels repaid for coming. One of the blessings of suffering ourselves is that it gives us a compassionate heart for all who are in distress.

Do you ever think how much Jesus suffered, and how loving he is to those who are in pain or sorrow? Very