



CHARLIE'S GOATS.

Charlie is a little boy who cannot read and write yet; but his mother reads for him; and, ever since he heard about the boy who asked Santa Claus to bring him a pair of goats, he has talked a great deal about having a pair himself.

So his father bought him a pair of goats, with a waggon, whip, harness, and everything complete. The goats are named Nanny and Lucy. They belonged to a boy who trained them well; so that they trot along side by side just like two ponies.

Now, when Charlie got them, he thought it would be a very easy matter to drive them. So he got into the waggon, and started down the driveway. They went very well until they came to a little hill, which they did not like to go down, when they made a very short turn, and over went waggon, boy, and all.

Before Charlie could get up, they trotted back towards home as fast as they could trot. Charlie did not like to be beaten in that way, for there were many other little boys looking on. He ran to catch the goats, got hold of the reins, and soon reduced his unruly team to obedience.