

Childrens' Department.

A LITTLE SCHOLAR.

While their lessons for the morrow
All the other children learn,
Oft I see a tiny toddler
With a look of grave concern,
On her lap she spreads a volume,
And a clothes pin is her pen;
By herself she softly chatters,
"Four and six and two and ten."

In her quiet little corner,
On her brow a studious frown.
How she pores above those pages—
They are just now upside down—
Till the bee-like droning ceases!
If I beg my little wren
For a kiss, I get this answer:
"Four and two and six and ten."

At his very busy playmate
Pussy looks with blinking eyes;
Then she stands him in the corner,
Very much to his surprise;
And she holds the book before him,
Though he mews a protest then,
She is teaching puss his lesson—
"Four and six and two and ten."

In the tranquil hush of bed-time,
When the good-night kisses fall,
From her lonely little corner
My wee scholar then I call;
And I ask how much she loves me—
Press her rose-lips once again;
While she hugs me, and she whispers,
"Four and six and two and ten."
—Harper's Young People.

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