fun! they can't see me, that they low. can't, and I can hear all they says, every word, and it will be such a nice surprise for them afterwards." And guiltily red, as they looked up into the the child drew his knees still closer branches above their heads, and up to his chin.)

"Why don't you tell Sir Richard?" It was Fay's voice. "Surely he ought to know, and he might be to ask you.'

able to help us.'

though Dick is good-hearted and rich, should like to know? I can't do that, darling. I think I had better chuck up the army, and inter-resting watching you and Godfind some lucrative employment in the mother that I forgets. City. My dear, I had better go into Soap or Alpaca.'

"Not for me, Harry, never for meand just as you are getting on so well. ask, Scaramouch? I can wait, old man" (and with a brave smile); "it's woman's work to Maria this morning that he betted hand caressingly on his arm.

(" They are getting interesting, but Were '-that's you' I do think Uncle Harry forgets Godmother belongs to me, and I can't make out why she should pat his arm.'')

M. P. who is rich and adores you; that's my advice, little woman."

(" He's taken her hand now, I do declare.")

" And what should you do then? This with a bewitching smile.

"Cut his throat, of course;" Captain Selby made a dig at the willow with his stick as he passed.

to murder some one—this is exciting; I wonder if he would like my fruit and shaking with merriment. knife, it isn't sharp, but my other knife hasn't got no blade, and wouldn't be much use." And Boy strained his ears to hear the reply, and nearly lost his balance as he leant over the branch. He watched them as they paused at the end of the walk.'

"I am with you in the sunshine, I am with you in the shade,'

she sang. Then, with a sudden burst of feeling: "Only keep well, andand-keep straight, and I shall never mind how long I have to wait."

" And if I go to India you will be faithful still?"

"Yes, faithful still."

"And you won't let the M.P. persuade you to marry him?

"You forget I am engaged to Boy," laughed the girl.

"And are you quite sure you love me ? "

" Quite sure."

" Darling!

" My own old darling!"

They had said the same words a hundred times before. But, there! lovers' language is so very limited, so truly monotonous, and yet surpassing Solomon's wisdom to those who see their whole world in each other's eyes.

" I will not have you bind yourself, darling.'

"No, we are both quite free." " And I seal our freedom with this," said the young man bending down and kissing the beautiful face.

("I say! Oh! I say! What would Doddle's think? He will be ever so amused when I tells him. him, was it?" Doddle's said it was wrong to kiss the girls when I asked him if he was ever, in all his life, like

" " Georgie Porgie pigeony pie, Who kissed the girls and made them cry."

Uncle Harry is naughty, and Godmother doesn't cry-yes, and I really it's Mike's boots I wants, and one toe is do believe she likes it.") For she was through already, and I specs by Christ-

the old willow tree. "Oh! what smiling as they passed under the wil-

" Uncle Harry!"

And the two started and turned caught sight of the child's beaming

" Uncle Harry, I've got something

"You there, you young rascal; "It's like asking for money, and how long have you been there, I

"Oh! ever so long, but it was so

"We are in for it now," said Captain Selby, under his breath, looking at his companion; "but what do you want to

"Oh! only I heard John tell wait, you know," and she placed her his boots the Capting (that's you) was keeping company with Miss de (nodding towards his Godmother). "What is keeping company, Uncle Harry?

"Well, 'pon my word, I hardly know how to explain," stammered " No, give me up, and marry the his uncle, getting more and more uncomfortable. "Ask Miss de Vere." "Godmother, can you tell me?

asked the child.

"I can't imagine, darling; and if Uncle Harry is sure he doesn't know, you had better ask John-or Mariaand or—Doddles.

"Do you really and truly think Doddles would know? He will be (" I do believe Uncle Harry is going amused about the kissing, though, Doddle's will'—nodding his head how I ever shall manage.'

> "Good heavens!" ejaculated his uncle, really frightened now, but Boy

went on unheedingly,

"I had settled, you know, to marry Godmother when I'm big, Uncle Harry, for she's pretty, kind and good, and we are going to live in the summerhouse all by our two selves, and make with a pin and a wriggly-wriggly worm;" (then, warningly) "But she you, Godmother?"

And Boy, looking down at them, wondered why they they should both get so suddenly hot, as if they had been running in the sun.

"Shall you marry when you Uncle Harry?" asked the little tor-

"I'd marry to-morrow, Boy, if I had the money," answered his uncle,

"Hasn't you got as much as I has,

Uncle Harry?'

"As much as you have now, but one quarter what you will have, little one.'

"Then you has got sixpence a week, perfectly void of reason or intellect, so and you do think father will 'member my five shillings at Christmas?

"Dosn't he always remember it, Boy?

" Not always, and of course I don't likes to remind, and he was months late last time, but I hoped and I hoped and I hoped, and at last one day I hears him say to mother, 'I'se losing my memory, dear,' so I said, 'I specs that's how you forgot my five shillings, father; but that wasn't reminding

"But why are you so anxious about your next five shillings, child?" asked Uncle Harry, anxious to keep his small nephew off the "keeping company"

question. "Well, you sees, this is August, and

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mas all the other toeses will be through, so if father should forget I can't think

" We must think what can be done, my darling." said Fay de Vere, "but we must go back to the tennis-ground now;" and she turned away, followed by Captain Selby.

" I hope to goodness, Fay, the child will not repeat everything.

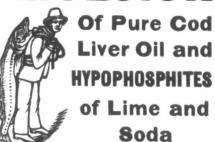
"Don't be afraid; children always toffee very often, and fish in the stream | forget so soon ; he will never give it another thought.

At that moment the child ran past musn't kiss no one but me then, must them as hard as his little legs could carry him.

> "Where are you off to, Boy?" called out his uncle.

"Only going to tell John you isn't keeping company with Godmother, but you kissed her," shouted the child, as he disappeard in the direction of the stables.

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