

year, then he divided the seed among a certain number of farmers, who went on sowing it, until in the eighth year the crop was so large they had enough money to buy a beautiful bell.

And there it hangs, with its story and its birthday engraved upon it, and above the legend a cast of the wheat stalk to which the bell owes its existence.—Selected.

Sowing Seeds.

Mabel dropped a few flower seeds into the ground, and little leaves soon began to peep up and grow; they liked the air and sunshine so well that they were very big in a month or two. Then came buds and beautiful flowers; and the flowers blossomed all summer long, and the old ladies over the way had a bunch to brighten their room every day.

Mabel's mother kept dropping kind word seeds into everybody's heart. Mabel watched these seeds grow. They blossomed into comfort and love and bright faces and smiles and thanks.

'I'll plant kind word seeds, too; see if I don't,' said Mabel, 'I think the flowers are perfectly lovely!'—The 'Young Evangelist.'

Benny's Peaches.

(Mattie Baker, in 'Youth's Companion'.)

'Here is a little peach tree that they threw in when I bought the others,' said Mr. Wilson. 'Would you like to have it, Benny?'

'Oh, if you please!' cried Benny eagerly. 'You can set it at the corner where the orange tree died,' said his father.

Benny planted his tree with great care. He went to visit it often, and when a week had gone by, he saw that the swelling buds, instead of being green, were of a pinkish hue. And the next time he found some little pink blossoms, and was nearly wild with delight.

'O, papa,' he cried, 'my little tree is going to bear this year!'

'It's a brave little tree,' said papa; 'but it must not bear so young. You'd better pick all the blossoms off.'

Benny followed his father's advice. Soon the leaf-buds opened and the tree began to grow.

When the second spring came the blossoms appeared again. And after the blossoms dropped there were little fuzzy balls, and papa said: 'It will do no harm to leave a few.'

The peaches ripened in August, and were beauties, and there was one for each of the family.

During the second season the peach tree made a great growth, and the third spring the branches were thick. Then it blossomed once more, and set full of little green peaches; and Benny said, 'I shall leave every one on the tree.'

His father came to look. 'If you

leave every one on,' he said, 'your peaches will be small and worth but little. I should pick half of them off.'

The peaches began to swell. They grew to be a wonderful size, and as they ripened the sun gave them a rich color. When the buyer came to look

at them, he said they were so fine he would give an extra price. When Benny's peaches were gathered there were nearly a hundred pounds.

'I think that half of the money is for peaches and the other half for my patience,' he said.'

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