

"Oh, Uncle, was it old Jack?"  
 "Yes, Tommy, it was indeed the voice of dear old Jack. I rushed out of doors, and stumbled through the drifts to the gate of the driveway. The faithful horse stretched his head toward me through the darkness, but there was no rider on his back! For one instant my heart seemed to stand still—the next a voice cried out from behind:

"Don't be frightened! We are both here!"  
 "The gate swung wide open, Jack leaped into the yard, followed closely by another horse carrying a double load.

"We are all right!" shouted the doctor again. "Lend a hand to help Dick down!"

"In a moment I had my boy in my arms!

"It was not until the travellers had been warmed and refreshed, that we heard the rest of the story.

"They had indeed been lost on the prairie. The drifting snow had so filled the roads that no track was to be seen. After they had wandered about for a long time, they came once and again to a surveyor's stake, which had been set in the ground, and knew that they were only travelling in a circle.

"It was then, I think, that God must have put a thought into Dick's mind.

"'Doctor,' said he, 'I believe that, if we could turn old Jack loose, he would show us the way home!'

"'We will try it,' answered the doctor. 'My horse is strong enough to carry two. Take the saddle and bridle off Jack, and get up here before me.'

"As soon as the old horse found himself free, he tossed his head in the air, sniffed the wind, and snorted loudly, as if he would say, 'Follow me!' Then he turned in a new direction, making his way steadily through the snow, never stopping or hesitating until he led the way to our own gate.

"Old Jack had doubtless saved three lives that night, for the good doctor and Dick must have perished in the storm before morning, and, without medicine, your aunt would have been, in a few hours more, beyond help.

"Do you wonder now, Tommy, that we take good care of old Jack?"

Tommy's uncle walked up to Jack and patted his smooth side, and the old horse neighed softly and rubbed his silken nose on his master's shoulder. Tommy looked on with shining eyes.

"I wish I knew what Jack was thinking about, uncle," said he.

"We do know so much as this, Tommy; that he is thankful, loving and faithful. What a happy world this would be if so much could be said of all of us to whom

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## THE BIRDIE'S SUNBEAM.

Gerty had been sick, and was getting well. The days were long, and she felt cross, and thought she had a hard time.

Oh, mamma, I wish Dick wouldn't sing; he makes my head ache," she cried, as the canary burst forth into song. "Poor Dick! You see that he sings although he is a prisoner," said her mamma.

Gerty still fretted, so her mamma covered Dick's cage with a cloth. The bird did not like this, and for some minutes was silent. Her mamma had not covered the cage very closely; and soon the bird, spying a ray of sunlight, again raised his glad song of thanksgiving.

"There, Gerty," said her mamma, "is a lesson for you. Dick is thankful for one ray of sunlight. Don't you think you should be as grateful for your blessings as birdie is for his?"

Gerty raised her face from the pillow, and said, "Yes, mamma; I am ashamed of my crossness. I will try to look for the sunbeams."

—Indecision and indefiniteness are as fatal to the Christian life as restlessness and impatience. We are a restless people. Have we any definite purpose, except to have a good time?

—It is as senseless to say that a man cannot pray out of a book, or with a form committed to memory, as it would be to say that one cannot sing God's praises from words and tunes written by others.

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