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#### JACKO'S KITTEN.

Jacko, the monkey, had ideas of her own as to the proper treatment of cats. When this queer little monkey, which had been brought all the way from Africa, first entered her new home there was no cat in the family. Soon, however, a Persian kitten ar-

rived. It would have been natural enough if Jacko had shown jealousy, but she did not. The sight of the kitten seemed rather to please her than otherwise. One day the kitten strayed out on the back porch, where Jacko lived. Beauty eyed the monkey doubtfully, and then crept along close to the wall, so as to pass her at a safe distance. Jacko chattered, grinned, stood up, and rubbed her head, which is her way of asking for what she wants. Then she stretched out her arms toward the kitten, dancing and straining at her chain in wild eagerness. But arms and chain together were a trifle too short to reach Beauty, who had stopped to see what all the fuss was about. Still Jacko chattered, grinned, jumped up and down, rubbed her head, and stretched out her arms in vain; for all this did not bring the kitten any nearer. She sat quietly against the wall and winked at poor Jacko, as if to say, "No, thank you. I would rather stay where I am."

By and by, Jacko put on her thinking cap. She suddenly remembered that she had a very useful tail. So down she flung herself on the floor, stretching out at one end, her tail at the other. In one second more the tip of that tail curled round an astonish-

ed kitten. Then she was hauled in like a flash at the end of a line, until the delighted Jacko clasped her safely in her arms. Beauty squealed and struggled, but Jacko held fast.

"Oh, ma'am," called the cook. "Jacko has got the kitten!" The mistress hurried to the spot, fearful for her gentle little Persian and what do you suppose she saw? A kitten hugged closely to the monkey's bosom in the most motherly fashion possible, while Jacko's delighted face was being rubbed gently over its fur. A happier monkey never was seen. Her eyes gleamed and her usual loud chattering was lowered to a crooning chuckle. Jacko's mistress looked on, almost as much pleased as Jacko herself. But the monkey feared that the kitten would be taken from her, so she stood up, still hugging her captive and stroking its fur softly and gently.

"Oh, Jacko!" laughed her mistress, Jacko grinned, chattered, and continued to clasp the kitten with one hand, while with the other she rubbed the top of her head very, very hard indeed, and her comical brown face was full of entreaty.

Beauty by this time had ceased to cry or struggle, and instead was nestling against Jacko and purring with all her might. Their mistress looked on for some time, full of interest and amusement. Then she left the strangely matched pair together, but still kept them in sight. From that day Jacko took the kitten under her protection, adopting her as her daughter, and the kitten was more than contented to have it so. Every day, and all day Beauty kept close to Jacko; sometimes hugged up in Jacko's arms like a baby, sometimes nestled against her. Every night when bedtime came Jacko tucked the kitten under her arm and carried her up the pillar to her bed, where the two slept happily together. As the weeks rolled by, Beauty became too heavy for Jacko to carry, but by then she was able to climb the pillar for herself. So time passed on, and still Jacko and Beauty were always together. For their bed in cool weather a nice moss-lined box, with a roof to keep out the rain, was placed on the roof of the porch.

One morning Jacko sat on the edge of the roof, and chattered as hard as she knew how. She talked excitedly to the cook, and then when no attention was paid to her, scolded her well. Presently the mistress came out on the porch, and then Jacko's excitement rose higher and higher. She chattered, grinned, danced up and down, ran to the box, looked in, and chattered faster than ever.

At last she thrust her arm into the box and ran back to the edge of the porch, hugging something to her bosom—a tiny, tiny kitten. Back went Jacko and brought another to show to her mistress. Of course the box was lifted down on the porch and then Beauty, her kittens, and Jacko were happy together. It was a comical family party. Was not their mother her adopted daughter, and therefore were not the kittens her grandchildren? When the babies

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crawled out of their box, it was Jacko who tenderly put them back. When their mother went out for a walk, it was their grandmother Jacko who stayed at home and took care of the babies. When the kittens were big enough to eat, Jacko shared her meals with them. She loved them, but she loved Beauty more.

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