

"Hear, hear! Well said! Well put Willie!" if the young debater bore himself well in the encounter.—*Golden Days.*

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ABOUT ANGELS.

Two little children came running with delight to their mother one day, one with his hand closely over something, which he was trying most carefully to keep concealed from his mother's gaze. The little sister's face was brimful of excitement and wonder. The little boy exclaimed:

"Mamma, I have an angel in my hand."

The little girl echoed:

"Yes, an angel; I have seen it, mammy, Freddy has an angel sure."

The mother looked smilingly at her children and said:

"My darlings, there are no angels on earth; angels only live in heaven."

Freddy looked puzzled and said:

"Mamma, didn't you tell us angels were white?"

"Yes, darling, white and pure."

"And had wings and could fly?"

"Yes, my dear."

Freddy, smiling and looking as if he thought for once he knew more than his mamma, said:

"Then for sure I have an angel," and opening his hand disclosed a beautiful, pure, white miller.

The mother laid her work aside and took her little daughter into her lap, and as she looked on that beautiful face, wondered if an angel in heaven could be more fair.

The little boy, becoming impatient, said:

"Tell us, mamma, all about the angels—what they are, where they live, and what they do."

The mother told them that God created them to live with Him. That they were God's messengers, and that when a little child died and went away, an angel was always by the darling's side to take it safely to the better home beyond the skies.

Little Freddie, after listening patiently, said:

"Mamma, is God better to little children whom He takes to live with Him than you are to us?"

The mother replied:

"Yes, my dear, better than I know how to be."

Freddie, who was of an inquiring, thoughtful mind, said:

"Mamma, tell us the difference between God and you."

The mother by this time had become deeply affected by the sweet questioning of her children, who had never before inquired into anything beyond their daily wants and amusements. She told them the dear old story of Jesus and His love; of His tender care for little children; how He was always near

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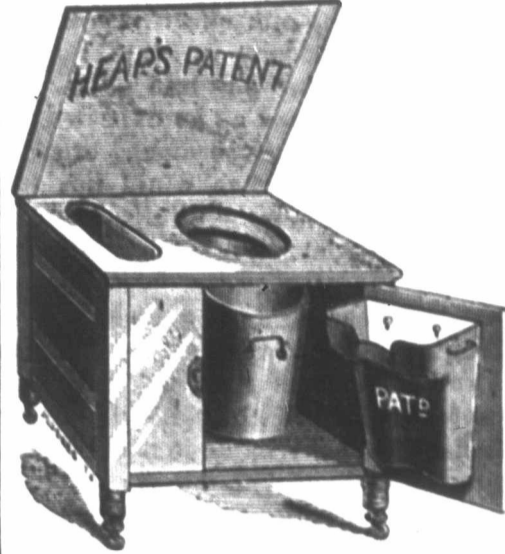
them to protect them from harm, little thinking that ere another week should pass her dear little boy would know more than all the world beside, for God took him. Let us hope a dear white angel met him as his spirit took its flight and carried him safely to the blessed arms of Jesus.

TWO KINDS OF GIRLS.

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