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hands on hips, and watched the little lads with pride, as they set off day by day. Up the rough rane, bordered with flowery copse, lay their way, across a daisy-strewn meadow, and by and by for a short stretch out on to the white, dusty road.

"There ain't another pair to match 'em in the whole country-side!" she would murmur with satisfied glance, and understood all the boys' own eagerness to beat the attendance record. For this reason breakfast was always on the table in good time, and the dinner satchels packed ready to start without a moment's delay.

They had kept the record now, not missing once for almost three years. Jan, too, had ever been a bit puny, not robust or sturdy, like John.

The accident happened in an instant, as accidents will do, and all through little Jan's anxiety to be of use. The boys had been returning from school just at the time that Sykes, the carter, watered his horses in the pond. Having drunk their fill, the great animals splashed leisurely out, and Ned, to save dismounting waved the boys to open the stableyard gate. Jan, with delight, ran as hard as he could, but just when the gate swung heavily back, he lost his grasp, slipped, and fell to the ground with a badly-twisted ankle.

"Well, there's one thing certain, you won't be able to walk to school to-morrow, that's very evident," said Martha Gradige, when she lifted Jan on to a shiny black sofa that stood at the other end of the room.

"Not go to school?" repeated little Jan, and a look of real distress swept over his already troubled face.

"Why, child, how can you go on a leg twice its right size, like that?". asked Martha, and she spoke testily because at heart she knew the cause of the boy's disappointment, and felt

as if it had been her own. In another instant a sob from behind struck her ear.

"What! the pair of you!" she ex-

"It's the record, mother; he'll break his attendance," pleaded John, "and only three weeks more.

"Yes, it is unfortunate," said Mar-

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tha, "and I like you to be well spoken of and happy over your prizes more than any one, but I don't see what's to be done. 'Tain't as if I were a fine lady with a carriage at the door, and tears won't pick up spilt milk. There, John, take the little red book the teacher gave you, and read aloud to

The book contained the story of the soldier-saint, Christopher, who, from being a man powerful for all evil, and placing his strength at the service of a bad king, was led to serve a greater, and in humility and penitence fulfilled the task of carrying wayfarers across a deep river. Jan grew interested, and his cheeks flushed as he listened to the coming of the little child, whose weight at first seemed that of a feather in those brawny arms. Yet, as he gained the middle of the flood, the strong giant stood still and trembled beneath his burden, which pressed upon him like the world's burden, and was, indeed, that of the Lord of Life Himself, Who came to bless His stray servant in the form of a little child.

John read on; and as he read, idea suddenly came.

"Mother!" he cried, "let me carry Jan to school, and then he won't lose his chance. You wouldn't mind my carrying of you pick-a-back, would you, Janny?"

At the very thought the little boy's eyes sparkled. "Shouldn't I be too heavy, John?"

Mrs. Gradidge looked doubtful, but day.

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At school, the master let Jan put

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his standing. He was, in fact, not a little pleased with Jan and John.

So Jan, as well as John, had kept the record and gained his prize, and he had not been lacking in courage. Very often his ankle had been so painful that it had not always been easy to fix his attention on his books when he got to school.

John, however, had won more than

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