

## SIX TIMES NINE.

I studied my tables over and over,  
And backward and forward, too;  
But I couldn't remember six times nine,  
And I didn't know what to do,  
Till my sister told me to play with my doll,  
And not to bother my head.  
"If you'll call her Fifty-Four for a while,  
You'll learn it by heart," she said.

So I took my favourite Mary Ann,  
Though I thought I thought it a dreadful  
shame  
To give such a perfectly lovely child  
Such a perfectly horrid name;  
And I called her dear little Fifty-Four  
A hundred times, till I knew  
The answer of six times nine as well  
As the answer of two times two.

Next day Elizabeth Wigglesworth,  
Who always acts so proud,  
Said, "Six times nine is fifty-two,"  
And I nearly laughed aloud;  
But wish I hadn't, for when teacher said,  
"Now, Dorothy, tell if you can,"  
I thought of my doll, and—sakes alive!—  
I answered, "Mary Ann!"

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## SOMETHING EVERYBODY CAN UNDERSTAND.

Two children, we are told, one French and the other Italian, met at a steamboat landing. Neither of them could understand the language which the other spoke, but each stood looking at the other with the greatest curiosity. At last one of them began smiling. The other smiled back and the two children felt they were friends at once. Everybody understands a smile.

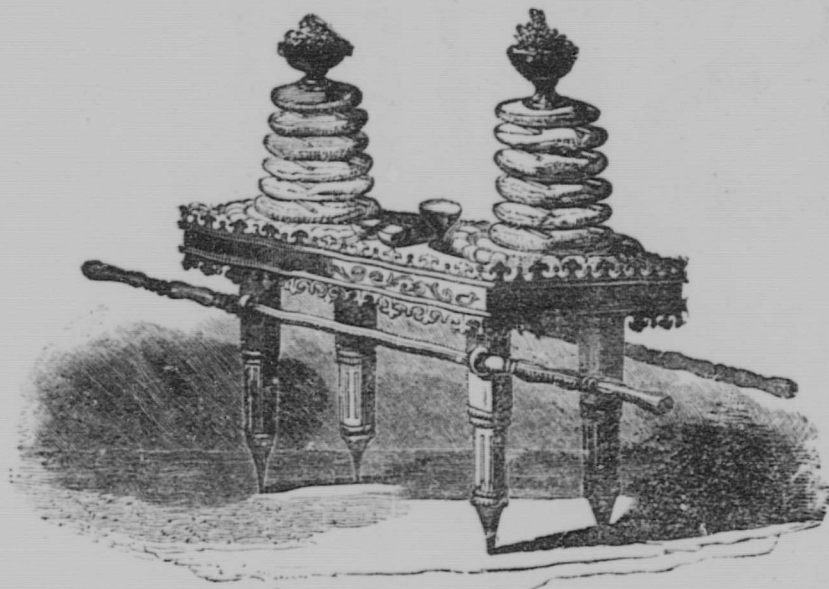


TABLE OF SHOW-BREAD.

There is a hymn that bids us "brighten the way with a smile." Don't you think that would be a very good motto for each one of us to take? Smiles are like sunshine, and the best way to scatter sunshine around us is by wearing a smile wherever we go.

## A DEAR LITTLE VISITOR.

"There comes my dear little visitor," Miss Amy said, as she looked out of the window and saw a little figure in a clean white dress that stood out very stiff, coming across the lawn from the next house. For Anne was very fond of Miss Amy, and few were the days when she did not come to pay her a visit. Sometimes Anne would bring her work, for she was learning to sew, and could slowly and with pains take the stitches in the handkerchief she was hemming. Then she would sit in the low rocker and play she was a grown-up lady.

But more often she was just the little girl who loved to look at pictures and listen to stories, and even be cuddled in Miss Amy's lap.

"If Anne troubles you," her mamma said to Miss Amy one day, "I will not let her come so often."

And Miss Amy answered quickly, "Oh, no, she does not trouble me. She never frets or teases for what she cannot have, nor tears or soils the books and pretty things I give her. She is like a bit of sunshine, always loving, cheerful and happy. I love to have her come. She is always my dear little visitor."

## BE COURTEOUS, BOYS.

"I treat him as well as he treats me," said Hal.

His mother had just reproached him because he did not attempt to amuse or entertain a boy friend, who had gone home.

"I often go there, and he doesn't notice me," said Hal, again.

"Do you enjoy that?"

"O, I don't mind; I don't stay long!"

"I should call myself a very selfish person if friends came to see me and I should pay no attention to them."

"Well, that's different; you're grown up."

"Then you really think that politeness and courtesy are not needed among boys?"

Hal, thus pressed, said he did not exactly mean that; but his father, who had listened, now spoke: "A boy or man who measures his treatment of others by their treatment of him has no character of his own. He will never be kind, generous, or Christian. If he is ever to be a gentleman, he will be so in spite of the boorishness of others; if he is to be noble, no other boy's meanness will change his nature." And very earnestly the father added: "Remember this, my boy: You lower your own self every time you are guilty of an unworthy action because some one else is. Be true to your best self, and no boy can drag you down."—*Christian Work*.

A teacher in a Sunday-school once remarked that he who buys the truth makes a good bargain, and inquired if a scholar recollected an instance in the Scriptures of a bad bargain. "I do," replied a boy; "Esau made a bad bargain when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage." A second said: "Judas made a bad bargain when he sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver." A third boy observed: "Our Lord tells us that he makes a bad bargain who, to gain the whole world, loses his own soul." A bad bargain indeed!

Like Easter lilies, pure and white,  
Make Thou our hearts, O Lord of Light;  
Like Easter lilies let them be  
Sweet chalices of love to thee.

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