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Janet's Hurry.

"Come, Janet, it's time for your bath," called the little girl's mother from the window. "And do hurry, please."

"O dear, I hate taking baths on Saturday afternoon when I want to play!" grumbled Janet, as she slowly mounted the stairs. "Mamma, why can't I take my bath some other time? I was just going to have such a good play with Jennie Roberts, and now she has gone off with Mabel, and says she won't come back."

"Well, my dear, if you hurry a little, you will still have time to play; you waste a great deal of time because you are so slow. You really must hurry now, for I have promised to be ready to go out with Aunt Mary at three o'clock, and it is already half-past two."

"I s'pose I shall have to, but I don't see why folks always want to hurry so: I never do!"—with a big sigh.

This was quite true, I am sorry to say. Janet was a little girl who would never hurry unless she herself saw some need of haste.

"Oh, mamma!" a new thought suddenly entering her head, while the slowly moving fingers stopped entirely,

"I want to tell you what to buy with the dollar grandma always gives me on my birthday. I was over at Dicky's this morning—yes; I am going to hurry, mamma; just listen a minute—I was over at Dicky's, and he's got a new paint box and color book, and that's what I want you to get with my birthday dollar."

"But Janet, you know your birthday is a whole month off, yet—yes, five weeks—you have already changed your mind about grandma's dollar half a dozen times."

"Yes, that's so," admitted the little girl, seating herself on the edge of the half-filled bath tub, and slowly beginning to unbutton her shoe. "I did want flower seeds, so I could have a big flower bed; but you said I would have to take care of it myself, and that's a great deal of work,"—with another big sigh. "Then I wanted a scrap book, but Bess says she won't paste in the pictures, so I guess the paint box will be just what I want; yes," (nodding her head to make her request more emphatic) "I am sure the paint box will be just the thing."

"Come, come my dear," said her mother, rather impatiently, "you really must hurry—all this time you have been talking you have only unbuttoned one shoe."

"Well, all right, mamma, I will hurry,"—swaying back and forth on the edge of the steaming tub. "Don't you see I am hurrying? But don't forget about—"

There was a scream, two black stockinged legs waved wildly in the air for an instant, then a big splash, and Janet was taking her bath in a hurry.

Mamma, in alarm, hastened to the rescue, and fished out the startled little girl.

"Oh, oh!" spluttered Janet, as she brushed the dripping hair from her eyes with one hand, and rubbed the back of her head with the other. "I meant to hurry, I truly did, mamma, but I guess I hurried too hard. I don't think"—doubtfully feeling her arms and once more her head—"I don't think I'm hurt much; but I don't like to take my bath with all my clothes on," she added, with a funny, teary little smile.

Mamma helped to take off her wet clothes, smiling to herself as she did so, and when an anxious enquiry came from Janet about the paint box, promised to think about it if her little girl would sometimes remember to consider other people's convenience when they were in a hurry, even if she were not.

The birthday came, and with it the paint box; for, strange to say, Janet had not changed her mind. Inside the lid of the paint box was a picture drawn by Janet's older sister, of a little figure with big eyes and flying skirts, just disappearing in a big bath tub, and underneath the picture the words:

"I am hurrying!" Janet laughed when she saw this funny picture, and said:

"Well, I am going to hurry when mamma tells me I must, now just see if I don't!"

And the little girl has kept her word.

A "Little Man."

That is what I heard his mother call him one hot day in June. He was a little fellow not four years old, and could not talk "straight" yet. He was playing on the front porch, having a good time with his building blocks and much interested in a store he was erecting. Presently a stray dog came along, stopped and looked at the little boy longingly. The dog was hot and tired.

"I dess he's firsty," said the boy, "I'll dit him somefin' to dwink."

A tiny saucepan was on the porch. The little fellow poured some water in it, and set it before the dog, who lapped it eagerly.

"It's all don'," said the boy; "I'll det some more."

Five times the boy filled the little saucepan; then the dog bobbed his head, waved his tail, and went off.

The little fellow laughed gleefully. "He said 'fank you,' didn't he, mamma? I dess he was glad to det some cold water, wasn't he?"

"Indeed he was," mamma answered.

That same day, a little later, two little children came along. Stopping outside the fence, they peered into the yard. They wore ragged clothes and were barefooted. They looked at the little boy within the gate with an ex-

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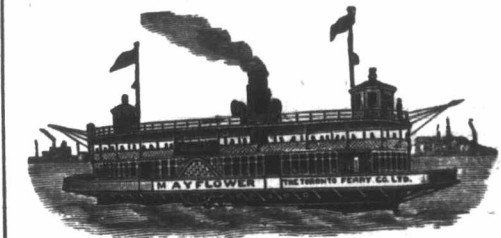
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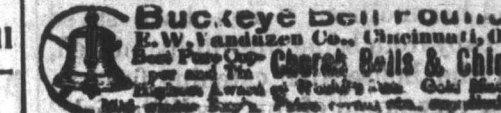
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