

# HAPPY DAYS

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## THE NEST OF A SEA-EAGLE.

One of the largest of those birds that are found by the sea and build their nests in the cliffs along the coast, is the sea-eagle. The species represented in the picture measures about three feet and a half from tail to head, and when his magnificent wings are spread out to the full they measure over six feet and a half. This bird loves to build his nest in such a position as we see here—on a solitary rock far away from the reach of men and other animals. The food of the sea-eagles consists entirely of fish, the nest of our cut seems to be in a particularly good position; for with very little trouble the big fish can dive in and catch a fish or two for their young ones. Here we see one of them with a fish in its claws, and the two young ones, who have been eagerly watching the operations, are clapping their wings in great delight at the successful termination of their parent's hunting expedition. The nest seems to be hardly out of the reach of angry waves, but the old birds may be safely trusted to build their little home well out of danger's reach.

## HAL'S DREAM.

No; I'm not going a step! It's hotter than Africa here! Besides, I know



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all about it, anyhow. Wasn't I listening when that missionary was here to tea?"

Mamma only said, "Very well," and went upstairs so quietly that Hal tried to think of a better excuse, and had just about decided to add that his mite-box was empty when he heard her bell

gry and weary, no kind hand to help him, until at last the sea came in sight.

Poor Hal! his little brown feet were more tired than his white ones had ever been; his head ached, and he trembled all over with fear. Oh, if somebody would only come and help him! If he

room door shut. So he began to whistle, and went out to climb into the old cherry-tree, his favorite resort; stretching himself out on the largest limb, he looked up at the fleecy clouds, and watched the sunlight and shadow chasing each other in and out among the green leaves. He did not know that he had shut his eyes, but, opening them suddenly, he saw a queer mud hut at the foot of the tree. And the tree itself seemed different; the leaves were larger than they had been a moment before and so odd shaped! His clothes were gone, and his skin looked brown, and, oh, how much hotter it had grown in those few minutes! A strange noise seemed coming nearer; he heard the sound of hurrying feet, mingled with cries of pain; he slid down from the tree just as a throng of dark-skinned men, women, and children were passing by. "The slave traders!" He tried to hide, but Soon he was bound, and being driven on, on, over marshes and through jungles, hungry and weary, no kind hand to help him, until at last the sea came in sight.