

and careless, was led to ask himself the question, "Where should I be now had this happened to me?" He resolved to lead a religious life, so as to deserve heaven by his own good works; but God opened his eyes to see the error of this thought. He found an old Bible, in studying which he learned that he could only be delivered from condemnation through faith in the Son of God, who died on the cross bearing the curse due to sin. This glorious truth changed his heart and life, and took away all his fear of death. Thenceforth he preached the truth of the gospel, and the light of the Reformation streamed through Martin Luther over the darkened earth with startling power, like the electric flashes you now so much dread."

The storm having abated, Mr. Aytoun led his family home, and that night read to them, "Lo, these are parts of His ways: but how little a portion is heard of Him? but the thunder of His power who can understand?"

A Small Fisherman.

Ralph was going fishing with papa and mamma, uncle and auntie. He said he was sure he could catch "five or nine fishes all his own self," if he had a chance.

When they stopped under some trees near the water, mamma and auntie said they would rest in the shade awhile. Papa and uncle said they would go on to the best fishing place.

"I want to fish now. Please let me, papa," begged Ralph.

"You can't go with us," said papa; but if you will promise to keep quite still till mamma comes for you, I will let you sit on the bank yonder, and cast your line into the water."

"I'll sit still as anything," promised Ralph; and so papa left him where mamma could see him. He sat on the bank holding his stalk of a rod, and dangling the line as eagerly as possible.

But somehow the fishes did not seem to care anything about his hook. They just let it alone. The young fisherman drew it up and dropped it again as deep as he could. He thought he felt something and pulled quick. The line broke and floated away on the water. It had caught on some roots growing out of the bank.

Just then Ralph thought he saw a fish wiggle its head in the water. How he did want to crawl down after his line! "But I mustn't," he said. And he did not.

Presently mamma came, and by this time the line was out of sight.

"I could have caught a big fish for you, mamma, if I could have picked up my line; but I sat still," and the young fisherman told all about his mishap.

Mamma hugged him tight. "You would have fallen in if you had gone down to the water," she said. "I would rather have a boy who can be trusted to do what he is bidden than all the big fishes that ever swam."

Lost.

"Lost in a game of play, a little girl's temper." Other sad losses are involved. Her mother's pride in her little girl is lost. Her companions have lost their pleasure in the game. The little girl herself has lost all the bright smiles which made her face so pretty. And she has also lost the society, the affections, and the good opinion of her companions. All these things were wrapped up, and lost, with the

little girl's temper. No one can find the lost temper but herself. The place to look for it is called "Repentance," and the door into that place is called "Shame," and that door is only open to her.

Strange that she will not enter the door, which conscience points out so plainly, and seek for her lost treasure, seeing how easily she could find it, and how unhappy and uncomfortable the loss of it is making herself and all around her.

And not only can she find it if she chooses to seek, but a rich reward is offered her for its recovery.

The reward is—an approving conscience; a happy mind; her mother's pride; her companions' affection and society; the true beauty of a pleasant, smiling face, and a light heart cleared from the heavy weight of her sad loss.

What a silly little girl she must be! First, *willingly* to lose so valuable a thing. And next *willingly* to delay, even a moment, before setting about finding it again.

Uncle Ben's Story.

"Tell me a story, Uncle Ben?"

"What shall it be about?"

"About cats," said George.

"Very well," said Uncle Ben.

"Many years ago, I went to the woods, one day, to cut trees. At the foot of a tree I found four pretty kittens. As I took one up to bring home, it cried 'Mew, mew!' The mother cat was up in the tree, and when she heard it cry, she came running down. I dropped the kitten, and ran away as fast as I could."

"Why did you run away from a cat?" asked George.

"Ah! It was a large wild cat."

The Turning Point.

Boys, never be ashamed to pray. Never shrink from acknowledging God. Let not the laugh and jeer of comrades deter you from the path of duty. You know not what important results depend upon your example.

Many years ago a youth named John was apprenticed in the town of Poole. John had been piously trained by his good parents, but unhappily he yielded to temptations, neglected the reading of his Bible, disregarded the Sabbath, and gave up praying. Oh, how sad when the child of many prayers refuses to pray for himself! John was gradually going from bad to worse, when one night a new apprentice arrived. On being pointed to his little bed, the youth put down his luggage, and then, in a very silent but solemn manner, knelt down to pray. John, who was busily undressing, saw this, and the sight troubled him. He did not raise a titter, as many wicked

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youths would have done, but he felt ashamed of himself. Conscience troubled him, and God's Holy Spirit strove with him. It was the turning point in John's life! He began again to pray; he felt the burden of his sins to be great; but he sought that Saviour who died for poor sinners; he cast his helpless soul, by faith, on the atonement made on Calvary, and was enabled at length to rejoice as one of God's forgiven children. A few years afterwards he began to preach to others, and he became one of the most successful and honoured ministers of the Gospel ever known. This was the Rev. John Angell James.

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