

DOES any mother recognize this picture from *St. Nicholas*, TAKING-BABY'S PICTURE,—

Photographer:

"CARDS? Four dollars. Six for this size.
These will please you best, I think.
I'll be ready in a moment,
And we'll take him, in a wink.
Bring in baby. Will you hold him
Sitting in your lap, and—No?
Ah! I see!—Then we'll arrange him
In this little high chair.—So!—
There, that's easy.—*Heigho baby,*
going to take a little ride?
Want to see the pretty baby?
(When I'm ready step one side.)"—

Maman:

"Now, my Bessie, do not whisper:
We must still as statues be.
If we speak, the baby 'll surely
Turn his head and look at me."

Photographer:

("Now, good Nurse, please raise him up
A little—there!)—*Where is the birdy?*
(That's right.)—*What shall Nurse bring?*
(Try to close his mouth.)—*Come birdy!*
(Now his head is up too high,—
Easy,—there!)—*Chirp, chirp,—hear birdy!*
Baby see birdy by and by!
(That's right—keep him so!)—*Good baby,*
(Steady!)—*Baby would not cry!*
(Now then!)—*LOOK! SEE! HERE'S BIRDY!*
—Caught him, first time, on the fly!
"Yes, it's good. I know you 'll like it.
I'll have proofs without delay.
Can't be better. Finished!—Friday.
Very much obliged. Good day!"—A. W. N.

And any boy find interest in knowing WHY MAJOR WENT TO CHURCH?—

I once visited a pleasant country-house, the owner of which had a powerful and sagacious dog called Major. This dog was highly prized by his master and by the people of the neighborhood. He had saved many lives. Once when a swinging rope became entangled around the neck of a little girl, Major held her up until help came.

One day the butcher brought in his bill for Major's provisions. Major's master thought it altogether too large, and shaking the paper angrily at the dog, he said:

"See here, old fellow, you never ate all that meat, —did you?"

The dog looked hard at the bill, shook himself all over, regarded the butcher with contempt, and then went back to his rug, where he stretched himself out with a low growl of dissatisfaction.

The next Sunday, just as service began at the village church, into my friend's pew vaulted Major.

The Major kept perfectly quiet until we all arose for prayer; then he sprang upon the seat, stood on his hind-legs, placed his fore-paw upon the front of the pew behind, and stared gravely and reproachfully into the face of the butcher, who looked very much confused, and turned first red and then pale. The whole congregation smiled and tittered. Major's master at once took the dog home. But the butcher was more considerate in his charges from that time. Evidently

he felt mortified and conscience-stricken.—*Lizzie Hatch*, in "*Dog Stories*."

Right and duty are like two palmtrees, which bear fruit only when growing side by side.

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