

The Children's Page

LOUIS' FOUR WISHES. Once upon a time there lived a little prince named Louis; he had light hair and was pretty, like all little princes; but, what was better than this, he was truthful, good, and brave. Malignant people said he was lazy and obstinate. Was this true? One day of the year 18— he was seven years old, the age when little children should be wise as little men. He received with indifference the pretty things that were given him, and then with a thoughtful air went to the king, his grandfather. "Grandpa," said he, "your majesty can do whatever you please. Say that you wish me to be king with you for to-day and I shall be happy."

whose accent had seemed so amusing earlier in the day, was her right-hand neighbor. Winifred's German vocabulary was somewhat limited, and it was not till she had done some thinking that she ventured to ask her new neighbor, Lena Saeker, how she had enjoyed her first day at the school. For a moment Lena stared, as if she had not quite understood. Then suddenly her fair cheeks flushed, and she hastily replied in smoothly-flowing German which fell musically on Winifred's ear, though she could not understand all the words. The teacher, Miss Roberts, spoke from the end of the table, when Lena had finished. "We are very fortunate in having Lena with us," she said in German. "Her fine accent will be a great help to us all. And for the rest of the supper hour, Lena had so many questions to answer that it was a wonder she found time to eat. Nor was that all. As Winifred left the dining-room she heard an animated conversation going on between Miss Roberts, the German teacher, and Miss Wallace, who taught French. "Can't we make arrangements to divide that remarkable Lena?" Miss Wallace was asking eagerly. "It isn't fair that you should have her all the time. You know she has an excellent French accent, and she would be a real inspiration at my table."

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