

PRETTY IS THAT PRETTY DOES.

THE spider wears a plain brown dress,
And she is a steady spinner;
To see her, quiet as a mouse,
Going about her silver house,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner!

She looks as if no thought of ill
In all her life had stirred her;
But while she moves with careful tread,
And while she spins her silken thread,
She is planning, planning, planning still
The way to do some murder.

My child, who reads this simple lay
With eyes down-dropped and tender,
Remember the old proverb says
That pretty is which pretty does,
And that worth does not go nor stay
For poverty nor splendour.

'Tis not the house, and not the dress
That make the saint or sinner;
To see the spider sit and spin,
Shut with her webs of silver in,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner.

ALICE CARY.

THE LAND OF HATS.

Do ANY of you study geography? If you do, get your map and find Corea. That is the land of hats. If your father lived there he would have a hat to wear in the house, another out of doors, another to wear in the rain, another when he marches with the soldiers, besides several dress-up hats.

His every-day, out-of-door hat would have a crown shaped something like a top, and the brim would be as broad as the seat of your little chair. If your father had lost a friend he would put on a hat shaped like a wash-bowl, and it would cover his face all over. If you had three brothers, and they each owned so many hats, where would your mother keep them?—*The Little Pilgrim.*

JESUS KNOWS.

A LITTLE boy was once sent very fast for the doctor for his little baby-brother, who was very sick. When he got back he said, "Mamma, I runn'd all the way, and I prayed too." "What did you say to Jesus?" "I couldn't think of anything else, so I just prayed, 'Now I lay me.' But don't you think Jesus knew that I wanted him to make Harry well?" "Yes, little boy, he certainly did. He knows just what we want, even if we cannot think of the words to tell him with."

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

A.D. 28] LESSON X. [Sept. 4.

TRUST IN OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

Matt. 6. 24-34. Commit to mem. vs. 31-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Pet. 5. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. Our Cares.
2. His Care.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Jesus say was impossible for us to do? Serve two masters.

Whom should we choose to serve? The Lord of heaven and earth.

What do many choose? The god of the world, riches.

What do some try to do? Serve both.

What are their lives? Miserable and unhappy.

What does Jesus tell us? Not to be anxious about things to eat or drink or wear.

What will he supply? All our real wants.

Whom does he care for and feed? The birds of the air.

What does he clothe in a lovely dress? The lilies of the field.

What does he want us to do? To trust him to feed and clothe us. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT)

What is his command? Seek first the kingdom of God.

What is the kingdom of God? The kingdom of spiritual things, love, faith, patience, unselfishness.

What does he want us to be anxious for? A pure heart and life.

What will he give if we seek these? All other things.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God will give you the riches of heaven, inexhaustible, everlasting.

Mammon will give you the riches of earth, perishable, unsatisfying.

WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Trust.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What is it to believe in Jesus Christ? To believe in Jesus Christ is to receive his words, and to trust in him alone for salvation.

A.D. 28.] LESSON XI. [Sept. 11.

GOLDEN PRECEPTS.

Matt. 7. 1-12. Commit to mem. vs. 7-11

GOLDEN TEXT.

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. Matt. 7. 12.

OUTLINE.

1. Our Brother.
2. Our Father.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What are we forbidden to do? To judge others hastily or unjustly.

Who only can judge fairly? Christ, the divine judge.

How will Christ judge us? As we have judged others.

How must we think of others? In a kind and forgiving spirit.

What must we remember? Our own sins and faults.

What do children expect when they ask their parents for things? To be heard and answered.

What does Jesus tell us to believe when we pray to our heavenly father? That he hears and answers us.

Why? Because he has promised to hear and answer.

What will he give us? Better things than our earthly parents.

What must we believe if he does not give us what we ask? That we have not asked for the best things.

Why must we trust him to give us what is best? Because he is all-wise, and all-loving, and all-powerful.

What Golden Rule has God given us to live by? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

How can we keep it? With Jesus's help.

Is it right to forget it or break it, when Jesus tells us to keep it?

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Questions for me—
Do I judge others as I would have them judge me?

Do I keep the Golden Rule—at home, in school?

Do I truly believe that God hears and answers my prayers?

Do I trust him when he does not give me what I want?

"For we must all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christian living.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Can you do all this of yourself? I cannot repent and believe of myself; but God will help me by his Holy Spirit, if I ask it of him.