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THE CROSS-BOX.

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It was a rainy day, and all the children had to stay in the house. Ned had planned to go fishing, and Johnnie wanted to set up a windmill he had made. Susie wanted to gather her flower-seeds, and Pet was anxious to hunt for her white kitten in the barns.

So all were disappointed, and before night had become cross and peevish, and suappish. Mamma called them to her, and talked very gravely.

They were quit for a while after it. In half an hour, Ned brought a small box and showed his mother. He had cut a hole in the top just large enough to let a cent through, and under it was the word " cross-box."

"Look, mamma," he said, "s'posing, whenever any of us speak cross, we make ourselves, pay a cent for a fine? Susie and Johnnie and Pet are so cross it would be a good thing. We'll try who can keep out of the box longest.'

Mamma laughed, and said it might be a good plan, if they all agreed to it; but, if they did agree, they must do as they promised.

"I'll agree," said Susie. "I'm not going to be cross any more."

"Nor I," said Johnnie.

"Nor I," added Pet.

"What shall we do with all the money ?" asked Susie.

"We'll buy a magic lantern," replied Ned.

"No, we'll buy a whole lot of candy," said Johnnie.

"No," added Susie, "we'll spend it for a bed in the Children's Hospital.'

"I tell you," said Ned, angrily, " if the penny out of the window.'

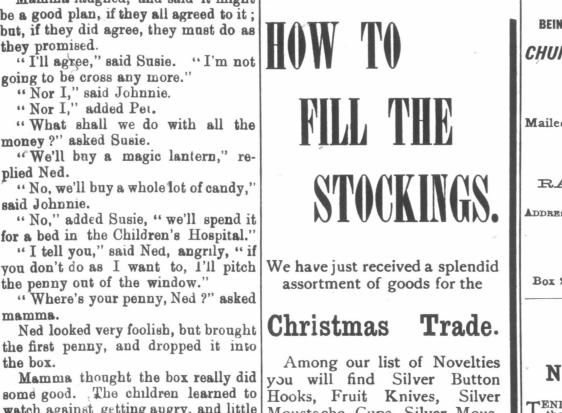
"Where's your penny, Ned ?" asked mamma.

Ned looked very foolish, but brought the first penny, and dropped it into the box.

Mamma thought the box really did watch against getting augry, and little Moustache Cups, Silver Mouslips would be shut tight to keep the tache Spoons, Individual Egg

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