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PATCHES AND HEROES.

"Three! four! five How funny!" cried the girls. "Hurrah!" shouted the boys. What were they counting? Yes; the patches on poor little Constance's dress. She heard every word, and the boys' loud laugh. Poor little heart! At first, she looked down, then the tears came with a great rush; and she tried to run home.

"Cry-baby!" said the boys.

"Don't want her to sit next to me," said Ella Gray.

"What right has she to come to our school?" whispered proud Lillie Cross.

"There! don't mind a word they say!" exclaimed Douglas Stewart, leaving the group of rude boys, and trying to comfort Constance. "Let me carry your books," he continued. "Cheer up! It's only a little way to your home, isn't it?"

Constance looked up through her tears to see the bravest boy in the school at her side.

"I live in the little house under the hill," said Constance. "It isn't like your grand house."

"No matter for that. It has pretty vines and climbing roses, and its a very nice house to live in," said Douglas. "I dare say you are happy there."

"Yes. I don't want to come to this school again," said Constance, softly.

"Oh, things will be all right in a day or two," said the boy, kindly. "Never mind them just now."

The scholars had been talking of heroes a little while before; they had been wishing to be like Alexander and Caesar and

Napoleon. There was not a hero among them except this same Douglas Stewart, who dared to stand out before all his schoolmates and befriend this poor, forlorn little girl.—*S. S. Visitor.*

DEFINITION OF BIBLE TERMS.

A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-fifth miles.

A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile.

Ezekiel's reed was nearly eleven feet.

A cubit was nearly twenty-two inches.

A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches.

A finger's breadth is equal to one inch.

A shekel of silver was about fifty cents.

A shekel of gold was \$8.

A talent of silver was \$538.30.

A talent of gold was \$13,809.

A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents.

A farthing was three cents.

A mite was less than a quarter of a cent.

A gerah was one cent.

An ephah or bath contains seven gallons and five pints.

A hin was one gallon and two pints.

A firkin was seven pints.

A homer was six pints.

A cab was three pints.—*Sci.*

THE "HAPPY LAND" IN INDIA.

Under a roof of bamboo canes, supported by wooden pillars, classes of bright eyed little maidens were sitting, adorned with beads and jewels. They seem very fond of ornaments, for most of them had rings in their ears and noses and on their toes, besides armlets and bracelets, and head-gear. One of them read to us in Bengalee the fable of the ungrateful serpent. After inspecting the various classes, all the children were asked to sing. They struck up, "There is a happy land," and the rest joined in as heartily as any English children would have done. We left them for the boys' school. We were greatly pleased with the boys,—their sharp, intelligent faces, their quickness in answering, and their knowledge of the Bible and English literature.—*Rev. J. Broadhead.*