

Family Reading.

MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER.

Philip, cousin Philip! don't! The speaker was a little girl, scarcely five years old, who was sitting on a stone step of a farm house door, watching very intently the motions of a boy four or five years older than herself.

The boy stopped, and looked in her face in amazement; then, suddenly seizing the fugitive, which had taken refuge in a tree, he laid it gently in the child's arms, and saying, "There's your kitten, Clara," he turned and left the yard.

Nothing was seen of Philip till dinner time, and when he came in, he cast a sidelong glance at Clara's new pet, as if he almost feared it would complain of him. But he was sure from any reproach save that of his own conscience; for his kitten could not talk.

"I have no doubt he did," answered Howard, gravely, who having closely followed Dennis, had seen and heard all that passed before he entered.

"I should have said this advice was followed, and that Dennis found a smoking dinner on the table when he returned at noon. But it may be necessary to add, that their new friend kept him in his employ, and aided his efforts at amendment; until, in a few years, the neat, nice, droll, and comfortable, happy-looking family, which Dennis eagerly sought after his day's labours, bore a slight resemblance to the cheerful, bold, and pale, starving faces he had left. Now was this all; Frank Howard, having once tasted the pleasures of benevolence, could not resign the luxury of being the dispenser of God's bounty to others.

Some months after, when Clara had been for some time at her city home, Mr. Dale asked Philip, one bright morning, if he could go to town for him to do some errands. They lived within two or three miles of the town; and it was by no means a long walk for a healthy, active boy, and Philip joyfully consented to the proposal.

"What is the matter, Jerry?" he asked "what has Ponto been doing?" Jerry glanced round at him; but Philip's pleasant face and kind tone disarmed his anger, and he answered rather sullenly, "He stole my breakfast, and I'll punish him for it." And he raised his sick again, but Philip caught his arm.

Jerry hesitated, took the offered gift, and began to eat; for, as Philip suspected, he was as hungry as the dog; and after a minute he stopped down, and patting the poor creature, shared his meal with him; while his young friend, pleased to see it, ran merrily on to his errands in town, without giving a thought to the loss of his luncheon. Philip little knew how much good he had done. While he talked with Jerry, two men passed in different directions; one a ragged-looking man, with a face bearing the marks of intemperance; the other, handsomely dressed, with a pleasant, open countenance, and cheerful smile.

"One of God's creatures," repeated Howard, involuntarily turning to look after the drunkard. "One of my brethren, then; can I do nothing to save him?" One instant he hesitated, then slowly followed Dennis.

French, and explained his singular intention to go to France. "In the time of Napoleon," said he, "a prize was offered by the French Government for the simplest rule of measuring plane surfaces, of whatever outline. The prize has never been awarded, and the method I have discovered." He then demonstrated his problem, to the surprise and gratification of his friends, who immediately furnished him with the means of defraying his expenses, and with letters of introduction to Hon. Lewis Cass, then our minister at the Court of France. He was introduced to Louis Philippe, and in the presence of the king and nobles and plenipotentiaries, this American youth demonstrated his problem, and received the plaudits of the Court. He received the prize which he had clearly won, besides valuable presents from the king.

He then took letters of introduction and proceeded to the Court of St. James', and took up a similar prize offered by the Royal Society, and returned to the United States. Here he was preparing to secure the benefit of his discovery by patent, when he received a letter from the Emperor Nicholas himself, one of whose ministers had witnessed his demonstration at London, inviting him to make his residence at the Russian Court, and furnishing him with ample means for his outfit. He complied with the invitation, repaired to St. Petersburg, and is now Professor of Mathematics in the Royal College under the special protection of the Autocrat of all the Russias!

THE TWO TRAVELLERS.

The following story of a noble act of humanity is from the tales of Krumpholtz: Two travellers once rested on their journey at an inn, when suddenly an alarm of fire was given in the village. One of the travellers immediately sprang up and ran to offer his assistance. But the other strove to detain him, saying, "Why should you waste your time! Are there not hands enough to assist? Why concern yourself about strangers?"

His friend, however, listened not to him but hastened to the fire, the other following and looking on at a distance. A woman rushed out of the burning house, crying "My children! my children!"

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