

Smiles

A mother said to her little boy, "I am shocked to hear that your playmate, Willie Smith, whipped the poor cat. You wouldn't do such a thing, I know." "No, indeed, ma," was the reply. "Why didn't you stop him?" "I couldn't, ma. I was holding the cat."

Johnny came home from school the other day in high glee, carrying the arithmetic medal. "What is that for?" asked his mother. "That's the prize for doing examples," said Johnny. "I did this one: 'If our baby weighs eleven and a half pounds, and gains an ounce each day'—'cause you told Mrs. Smith she did yesterday—how much will she weigh when she's twenty years old?' And the answer was four hundred and sixty-six pounds. And the teacher said I earned the prize."

Four-year-old Gordon was the devoted owner of a cloth doll called Maudie, from which he could not be parted even after it became so dilapidated that the other members of the family would have dispensed with its company without a murmur. One morning he started on a walk with his grandmother, and as usual Maudie was hugged close in his arms. "O Gordon," exclaimed his companion, "do throw that dreadful-looking doll away, and grandmother will buy you a new one!" An agonized expression spread over the little fellow's countenance. "O grandmother," he replied sadly, "I couldn't throw Maudie away, but I'll try to lose her."

No Conscience

Bishop Warren A. Candler of Georgia tells a good story of a Georgia baptizing.

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon in June when a large crowd of colored Baptists gathered on the mossy bank of a Southern stream. Several paragraphs about John the Baptist were read, then after prayer and the singing of "On Jordan's Sorny Banks I Stand," the venerable colored pastor cautiously and slowly waded to the middle of the stream. With great solemnity he proceeded to immerse the large number of recent converts, both men and women.

When the last candidate had been immersed, the triumphant pastor, possessed somewhat of the Alexander desire of other world to conquer, looked away from the great multitude to the opposite bank of the creek. There he discovered a vigorous looking young man lying upon the grass, with chin resting in the palms of his hands, his elbows upon the ground, and as black as ebony. This young negro, entirely oblivious or unconscious of himself or his own appearance, was gazing on the closing drama with intense interest. The aged pastor was in such an optimistic glow that he felt sure that the young man was not far from the Kingdom.

After gazing up into the young man's face a few moments with an expression of anxious and compassionate impatience, he said: "Come down here, my young brother, and let me baptize you like de Lord was baptized!" The young man, tremendously startled and embarrassed, said: "Oh, no, parson, I am afraid!" "What are you afraid of?" asked the preacher. "I am afraid of alligators!" responded the young man. Then, said the minister, "You need not be afraid, de Lord will take care of you. Don't you know how de Lord took care of Jonah, when de whale swallowed him?" "Oh, yes," answered the young man, "but that whale had a conscience! These Georgia alligators ain't got no conscience! When they swallow a nigger they just go off and lie down on the sand, sunning themselves, and forget all about de nigger on the inside!"

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