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My mothea's care, her tender eye, Watched o'er my helpless infancy; And when within my dimpling face trace. For all her trouble care and pain, She felt herself repaid again.

THINKING OF MOTHER.

She taught my infant lips to raise Their lisping voice in prayer and praise; And then she'd set me on her knee, And tell that Jesus died for me; And very fond I ough to be Of Him who was so kind to me,

And how shall ever I repay Her kindness both by night and day? In every way I'll try to do Whatever's right, and good, and true, And by obedience try to prove She has not thrown away her love.

#### THE BIRD WHO WOULD NOT BE FOOLED.

Where do you think a bird once built its nest? On the edge of a quarry of slate; so near that when the rock was blasted, pieces of the flying and falling slate frightened and incommeded the poor bird very much. It was a thrush Yet she did not change her quarters But being a pretty observing bird, she noticed that at the ringing of a bell the men started and ran. "Ah," thought the bird, "I'll run too." So the next time train was fired, and the bell rang to warn the men away, the thrush flew from her nest and lighted among them indeed, close under their feet. The ex plosion over, she returned to her nest and they to their work.

This she did whenever they blasted Of course, it highly diverted the men. and visitors were told of her sensible and discerning conduct. They were anxious to see the thrush. The slate could not be blasted to gratify visitors, but the bell could be easily rung, and it was The bird heard it, and down she flew After a few times she saw herself hoaxed, and when the bell rang again she peeped over her nest to see if the men left. If they did not, she sat still and cocked her head as much as to say, "No, gentlemen, I am not to be fooled again. Life in my nest is too serious to be trifled away for your amusement. No more make-believes to me. I see through you."

The thrush family is large. Black-birds belong to it. But this, I suppose, was the stone thrush, which loves to build among the rocks. It lays from three to five bluish brown eggs, and is a lively little creature. Its song is very sweet, and it pours forth its notes day and night, as if it could do little else but praise God for making it.

### "SOMETHING HAS GONE WRONG."

"WHY, that's not four o'clock! It cannot be so late!" exclaimed Minnie, starting from the seat on which she had been amusing herself with a book, while her work lay neglected beside her. "I looked at the great clock not ten minutes ago, and I'm sure that the long hand had not reached quarter past three."

"Oh, did you not know that something was the matter with the great clock?' replied her aunt, who, with her bonnet and shawl on, had just come down stairs, prepared to accompany her on a walk "Since yesterday it has gone wrong; it strikes one hour and points to another. I think that the hands must be loose."

"Something has gone wrong, indeed!" cried the child, with impatience, "and I will never trust it again."

She looked up, and saw a quiet smile on the face of the lady. "Aunt, what are you thinking of?" she said quickly.

Her aunt glanced down at the unfinished seam, from which the needle and GENERAL GROCERIES & PROVIS thread hung dangling down. "Did you not promise to have that ready before four?" said she.

Children's Department. ashamed, "but—but—" "Yes," replied Minnie, looking a little

"But there is somebody, I fear, besides the great clock, whose hands are in fault; who is swift to promise and slow to perform; whose words say one thing, and whose actions say another. Shall I repeat your own words, Minnie, She thought that she some smile could and say, something has gone wrong, indeed, and I will never trust her again?

Dear young reader, ever keep this in should agree, as the hands of a good clock with the chime of its bells. Never make a promise rashly; but, if once made, let no pleasure, no feeling of indolence, tempt you for one moment to break it. Let no one ever be able to say, in speaking of the word which you had given, but not kept, "something has gone wrong, indeed, and I never will trust him again!"

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