# Children's Department.

### The Knitting Lesson.

Little Minnie had never been away from home before, but grandmother begged for a week's visit from her pet. So she was sent to keep her grandmother company. There was much to see and admire, for the house was beautifully fresh and neat, and had many curious things about it that grandfather had brought from distant countries. But Minnie soon found there was nothing for her to do; even the cat was old and did not care to play.

"I will teach you to knit," said grandmother.

Minnie was quite willing, so the lesson began. It looked easy enough when grandmother did it, only slipping the wool over the needle and catching it in another needle. But the little girl did not find it so easy in her own small hands. The stitches dropped and the wool grew tight.

"No gains without pains," said grandmother; "keep trying, Minnie, and you will master it in time, and you will learn other good lessons beside knitting."

Minnie was persevering and grandmother was patient, so after many trials and constant lessons, the art of knitting was learnt, and Minnie was always grateful to grandmother in after days for spending time in teaching her so useful an accomplishment.

### No IF in the Case.

Just before the battle of the Nile, when Nelson was explaining his plan of attack to his officers, one of them exclaimed,—

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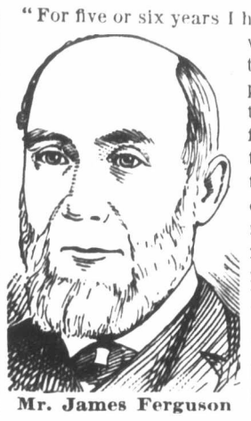

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### Dervishes.

Dervishes are a sect of Mahommedans who work themselves up to a great pitch of excitement by dancing and singing, and fancy in this way they are more acceptable to God. They have two monasteries at Constantinople, and some in other places.

Two or three times a week these men dance and howl till they cannot stand. They begin with a prayer; after this they sit in a circle and repeat some words out of the Koran, then they all stand up in a circle, and slowly utter the word "La-illah-illah-lah!" As they hold up their arms, and slowly spin round, they go faster and faster with voice and arms, till they look like so many tops spinning round as quick as they can go, shouting at the top of their voices the same word, till they are quite exhausted, and can only utter the one syllable, "Lah!" They are covered with perspiration, and often fall down in a faint; when they have got into this condition they are supposed to be very holy.

Poor men! they do not know God's way of peace and holiness. They think to win heaven by their own doings, instead of coming to God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

### Sowing and Reaping.

"What are you doing, my good man?" I asked a labourer one day, who, with a wide basket and apron, was scattering seed in a field.

The man looked as if he thought the question an idle or mocking one, and answered briefly,—

"Sowing."

"A very good grain," I said, drawing near and taking a few in my hand. "This must have brought a high price in the market."

"Ah, sir! master imported it. There ain't better wheat in the whole country."

"Would not any other have done as well? He need not have spent so much upon it."

Again the man made a half-contemptuous gesture.

"Begging your pardon, sir," he returned, "I think you knows as well as another, that one should be particular about good seed, for what he lays down will come up."

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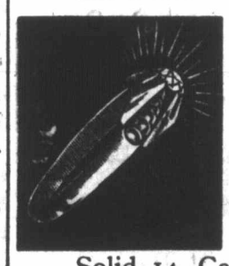

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