

## Children's Department.

### A Boy Wanted.

I saw a bill in a shop window the other day with the heading "A boy wanted," which set me thinking. Two Scripture texts came to my mind in connection with it, and they were these: "No man can serve two masters."—"Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

Now there are three things that a boy is anxious to know when he goes after a situation: Who is to be his master? What kind of work he will be expected to perform? and what wages he will receive? If the boy be wise, he will reject the situation unless all these questions are answered satisfactorily.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve" is the appeal made to you. There is "A boy wanted," and I am able to assure you that the Master and His work and His wages are perfect. The Lord Jesus is the best of masters, and the work He requires of His servants is obedience, and He says, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light." The Lord gives joy here and for ever. Hear His own words: "I give unto My sheep eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of My hands."

I am anxious that this "Good Master" should become yours,—why, because if He is not your Master, then I know who is,—even the devil. "How do you know that?" say you. Because the word of God tells me that "no man can serve two masters." Therefore every one is serving Christ or Satan.

Christ, when upon earth, said of those who were not His disciples, "Ye are of your father, the devil, and his works ye do." Yes, the devil is at present the master of every unbeliever.

You will acknowledge that he is anything but a kind master. How can you serve him? He is pleased and delighted when he sees boys and

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girls taking that which is not their own, when he hears them swear, or utter untruths, and do as the children of disobedience.

Well, what wages does he pay? He promises many nice things, but gives none. Ah, how sad to think that tens of thousands, after serving Satan many years, to their own shame and misery, should at last find, when, alas! it is too late, that Satan has nothing to give them whatever, and that their portion is weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth, with the deepest poverty—even the need of a drop of water. How vastly different the two masters, and what their respective servants receive!

Jesus has given me peace, pardon, and eternal life, in place of doubt, uncertainty, and a fearful looking for of judgment, and He has given these blessed things to me in His own grace.

Listen to words of the Son of God,—He who has proved his deep love for sinners by giving up His life's blood on Calvary: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—"Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

"A boy is wanted" by Jesus, and each of you to whom I am speaking is he to whom these words apply.

### Monkey Tricks.

A funny little blue-faced monkey in a menagerie the other day entertained a crowd of small boys by his antics.

Upon the edge of a straight-sided tin pan sat the little blue-nosed monkey. He balanced himself carefully upon the side of the pan, as if he had no other interest in life, surveying gravely while he did so the crowd of eager little faces in front of him. Suddenly, with no apparent effort on his part, the pan tipped up, hiding the little fellow from sight. But only for a second.

Over the edge of it, as it stood upturned, appeared his little blue face grinning broadly at the eager boys watching, as much as to say—

"Here we are again!"

Then the children in front broke into a cheer, and the small monkey, seemingly satisfied with the impression he had made, pushed the pan down

again, and seated himself upon its edge as solemnly as before. He repeated this performance a number of times, and appeared to be quite pleased with himself over the amusement it caused.

Another monkey was handed a couple of nuts in a paper bag. He fished out the nuts and ate them, defending the dainties from the attacks of a couple of curious companions. Then he examined the bag carefully with his hands and with his head, to see if peradventure it contained more. He tore it apart in his anxious efforts to obtain another nut. Then he chattered angrily, and rolling the bag up, began to scrub the floor with it.

After a few minutes' hard work he unrolled the bundle, and went over every part of it again. Much disappointed, he rolled it up, and used it for a scrubbing brush a second time.

Then he examined it again, and seemed as much perplexed at not finding what he sought as he had done at first. Then he rolled it up savagely, and began to scrub once more. If scrubbing could have got nuts into that bag, it should have held plenty; but alas! the poor little monkey scrubbed it to pieces, and still it yielded him no reward for his exertions. And at last, in despair, he threw the remnant at the head of one grinning brother, and solaced himself by boxing another one's ears.

### The Disobedient Chick.

"Just look at those ugly creatures there in the water," said a newly-hatched chick. "Look at their great goggle-eyes and their enormous mouths! I am sure my form is much more elegant."

"Have a swim?" asked a cunning old frog who heard her, and who thought that her conceit needed a lesson. "I am sure with your elegant form you could do it splendidly."

Now the chick had been strictly forbidden by her mother to go near the water at all, but she did not like to tell this to a creature she so much despised. "Surely if that ugly old frog can swim, I can," she thought, "Here goes." So with a desperate effort, in she jumped.

But she soon found out her mistake, and shivering, gasping, and wretched, was glad to regain the bank, a wetter and a wiser bird. She got a good scolding for her disobedience, and whenever she afterwards wanted to boast, she first made sure that no frogs were within hearing!

### Jerry the Miser.

"Oh! Aunt Mary, do tell us a tale, one you have never told us before!" cried several little boys and girls as they clustered round their Aunt, when she sat exhausted on a haycock after a merry romp with her young nephews and nieces.

"Give me a few minutes to recover my breath," she exclaimed, laughing, "and I will tell you the story of a miser."

"I know what a miser is," said Tommy, the youngest of the group; "I saw the picture of one once: a tall, thin, ugly old man, counting his money, and looking round all the corners for fear any one was watching him. Such a greedy looking old fellow!"

"The miser I am going to tell you about was a dog, not a man," said Aunt Mary.

"A dog!" the children exclaimed in one breath.

"Yes; your Uncle Frank, dears, once had a dog named Jerry. Jerry was never quite like other dogs. When he was a little puppy he loved to sit lazily blinking his solemn round eyes in some snug corner, while his brothers and sisters were romping all over the place, and getting into all kinds of mischief. Sometimes Jerry would be seen tugging away at an old boot, or anything small enough for him to drag along, and putting it in his pet corner, where he would sit and watch it until it was taken away from

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