Ethel opened it wide, and held out her apron to carry the flowers as she cried, "Oh, thank you, little girl!" because she thought that, like everything else, they were brought to please

There they stood, the one, as Mary afterwards said to her mother, "the beautifullest little lady she ever did see," with her long golden hair, her pretty white frock tied up with blue ribbons, such neat little shoes and very white socks; the other, -well, her face and her things were all clean, but oh! they were so shabby and poor, the holes all stitched up; and so thin, her faced looked starved and weary and wan, but looking hopefully up she timidly said, "Please, miss, I want to sell them for money to buy mother some food.'

"Well, why don't you ask your papa?" suggested Ethel. "He'll give you lots of good things; my papa always does."

"I haven't got a papa, miss; he's

"Then I will ask mine. I'm sure he will give you good things for your

Don't you think Ethel's papa did give some good things when she asked him? I feel quite sure that he did. And shall we not ask our Great Father in heaven to give to homeless ones the friends and the food they all so much need? Will you help this year to teach them and clothe them and lead them to God, who, when they love Him and serve Him, will give them every good thing?

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Just as they came to a turn of the road, the two foremost horses suddenly turned round, and the cart was stopped. John ran to the head of the leader with angry words, and he had the dreaded whip in his hand, which only made the horse more restive. It threw up its head, and John hardly knew what to do.

A neighbor coming past, saw John's difficulty, and went up to him. "The leader is frightened, man," he said, "and you are making matters worse by shouts and blows. Try gentleness."

"Gentleness with a horse like this!" said John, almost scornfully.

"Yes, certainly; force will not do much; the horse is stronger than you. Let me try," said the man, laying a firm hand on the rein, while he spoke gentle, soothing words to the frightened beast, and quietly patted its neck.

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