

Children's Department.

Handsome is that Handsome Does.

Near me lives a little fellow
Who has cheeks like roses red,
And his eyes are bright and sparkling,
And I often hear it said,
"What a charming lad—so handsome!"
But I never can agree
With the ones who sing his praises,
For he is not fair to me.

Very lazy, very selfish,
Is this lad of whom I tell;
He's determined not to study—
Never has a lesson well;
How he hates to help his mother!
Not a stick of wood he'll bring
Till he's done a deal of grumbling,
And it's so with everything.

If you saw his cheeks get crimson
With his anger, and a scowl;
Make his pretty features ugly,
And you were to hear him growl
When he's bidden to do something,
You would quite agree with me,
That far, very far from being
A delightful lad is he.

There's an old and truthful saying,
"Handsome is that handsome does;"
Many a lad with plainest features
Has a noble look to us;
For we know him kind and helpful,
And his smile can make us glad,
And his plainness—we forget it—
He's the really handsome lad.

Benson the Saddler.

"HE THAT SERVES GOD SERVES A GOOD MASTER."

"Remember, I must have the bridle on Monday," said Mr. Harcourt, as he turned to leave a shop where he had been giving some orders about his harness.

"I beg your pardon, sir," said Benson, "but it will not be possible to get it done by Monday."

"Not possible," returned Mr. Harcourt, stopping short; what nonsense! why, there's all to-morrow."

"To-morrow is Sunday, sir," returned the saddler, firmly but respectfully.

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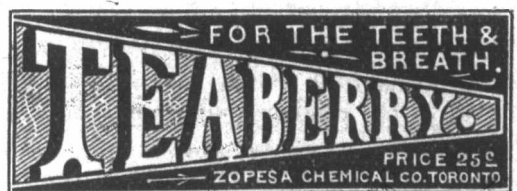
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"Well! what of that?"

"We do not work on a Sunday, sir."

"Then I shall go to those who do; you can put the bridle in the carriage," added Mr. Harcourt, turning to the man to whom he had given the order.

"We can get it done by Tuesday, sir, without fail," interposed Benson.

"Tuesday will be too late," and then, without another word, Mr. Harcourt stepped out of the shop, and bidding his groom take the bridle from the man, he got into his phaeton, and drove off, muttering to himself, "The old humbug! I will make him repent his folly."

Benson watched the carriage until it had turned the corner, and with something very like a sigh went back to his seat. He had lost his best customer; he felt sure of that. A man whom he had been most anxious to oblige; good work, well paid for, and paid promptly; such a customer it was hard to lose. Besides, Benson had had recent losses in trade, followed by sickness in his family, and money was very scarce, and would have been most welcome. He felt that the temptation to break God's law had been a severe one. Yet, after a moment's prayer, he sat down to his work with a quiet spirit, remembering that he who serves God serves a good Master, and may be content to look to Him for his wages.

A few hours after, a Mr. Wilcox, a clever, pushing saddler, who lived in an adjoining street, came bustling in, looking wonderfully elated and cock-a-hoop.

"Well, Benson," said he, as he rubbed his hands one over the other with uncommon glee, "you have been and done it; that is all."

"Done what?" inquired Benson, as he looked up quietly from his work, making a good guess, however, as to his visitor's meaning.

"Knocked down your own luck with one hand, and given it to me with the other."

"You mean, I suppose, that Mr. Harcourt drove on from my shop to yours?"

"Exactly, and I thought that the least I could do was to come and thank you, and to tell you how happy I should be to work for as many more as you choose to send."

"I need not tell you I shall not send you those that I can keep," replied Benson, trying hard not to show that he was annoyed; "but, God helping me, I will never go against my conscience—not for any man or any money."

"Well, every one to their taste. These are not days to refuse good work when it is offered; and as to your scruples, they are all nonsense; just as if there were any sin in pushing a needle and a thread through a bit of leather on a Sunday! The better the day, the better the deed."

"Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of



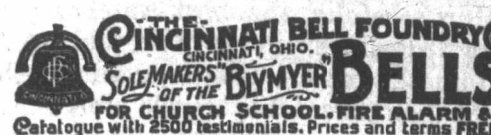
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