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## TOWSER'S REWARD.

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Sometimes Fannie and Arthur were allowed to skate on the little lake in the Park. Towser always went with them.

One day, what do you think they did? They fastened a strong string to the dog's collar, and he drew them along on their

## BAB'S FIRST PARTY.

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She was everybody's dear little Bab." "We must begin to call her Barbara," mother said, but they didn't.

Little Bab was going to her first party, and as they entered the parlour, mother and sister Lucy watched to see how she'd act.

So as Lucy was old enough to care for herself, the pretty young mother stood behind Bab. All went well until the little lady missed her mother's face, and began to cry.

"Why, Bab, darling, here I am," whispered her mother from behind her chair, and loving arms drew her near, till her sobs were hushed, and her eyes flashed rainbows.



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skates. Fanny also gave him her muff to carry.

When they told their mamma about it she said, "Well, I think you worked that dog pretty hard. You ought to make it up to him in some way."

They made it up to him by letting him have the warmest place before the fire and by giving him a good supper before they even touched their own.

They thought the slight shyness only made her prettier.

It was a children's party, of course, and you know the mothers always go with the small tots.

Perhaps you know, too, that when the children are seated at table, the little ones in high chairs, and some perched on books, the mothers stand behind to help wait upon them. At least that was the way at children's parties where I have been.

Wasn't it too bad she cried?" said sister Lucy, on the way home. "Not one other cried." Lucy's pride was hurt, for she thought that Bab had not quite behaved herself.

She didn't know that in a corner of the dining-room a woman stood, who was a guest of the family. This one had no dear child there no baby had ever said "mother" to her. Her life was lonely, and she felt it then. But when Bab cried,