



THE KIND REBUKE.

BENNIE'S TEN FAULTS.

BY HAROLD FARRINGTON.

Ten faults altogether had Bennie Byne;
He learned to keep his nails clean, then
there were nine.

Nine faults—what a sad tale to relate!
He learned to keep things in their place,
then there were eight.

Eight faults—for so many could one be
forgiven?
Bennie learned to keep his word, then
there were seven.

Seven faults—think of it; what an awful
fix!

He learned to smile instead of frown,
then there were six.

Six faults had Bennie now, sure as I'm
alive,
Till he never more got cross, then there
were five.

Five faults—fortunate Bennie had no
more!
He learned not to equivocate, then there
were four.

Four faults—from them all we hoped he'd
soon be free!
He learned to be prompt at his meals,
then there were three.

Three faults—I'd get rid of them,
wouldn't you?

Bennie learned to speak politely, then
there were two.

Two faults—just enough to spoil his play-
mates' fun!

Bennie ceased to tease his friends, then
there was one.

One fault—selfishness, no; now he shares
each toy—

Did you ever in your life know such a
perfect boy?

Sunday-School Visitor.

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Here we see a kind brother taking his
sister out for a ride on her pony. It is
always nice to see brothers who are kind
to their sisters and who remember that
they cannot take part in all the rough
games that the boys do; but for some
reason or other he has deserved the gentle
reproof which his sister is evidently giv-
ing him. We wonder what he has done!
Perhaps the fat little pony did not go as
fast as he wished, and he used his whip
too strongly, and his sister's love of show-
ing kindness to animals has led her to tell
her brother that he should be more gentle
to them. Whatever it is that she is say-
ing, we are quite sure he will take it in
good part and think about it.

A kind sister, if she is wise, can be
great service to her brothers, by showing
them more gentle ways of doing many
things which boys are apt to do roughly,
and by making them think a little, before
carrying out a thoughtless joke, which
may be unkind to somebody, whom they
never think about in their eagerness for
fun.

THE LITTLE MAID WHO HAD
GREAT FAITH.

BY MRS. N. C. ALGER.

"That was a 'ceeding long chap-
ter," papa read this morning; now, wasn't
mamma?" said little Esther Knox, as her
mother sat down to do some mending.

"Why! did my Esther get tired of
that beautiful faith chapter?"

"No-o, not 'xactly, but it's long, and
no little girls in it. It says the elders had
a good report—why not the young ones?
Didn't little folks have faith, long ago?"

"Yes, indeed. Hand me the Bible,
and I will tell you about one who is
more than most grown people. I have
heard many speak of her, but never
of her faith as our pastor did last Sunday
evening, when you were asleep. He
in 2 Kings 5, 3 we are told that the
little maid whom the Syrians had brought
out of the land of Israel said to her mis-
ter:

"Would God my lord was with
prophet that is in Samaria, for he would
recover him of his leprosy." Now
turn to Luke 4, 27, and find that Je-
sus said there were many lepers in Israel
that time, but none of them was clean-
sive Naaman the Syrian. This shows
that the little captive maid had never
heard of a leper being healed, and her
master had the white leprosy, which
people said could never be healed;
Elisha's servant, who did wickedly, was
punished by having Naaman's disease,
and here in 2 Kings it says he became
white as snow. You remember I have
told you the story many times about
great captain going into the river Jordan
and being healed, but I have never told
what wonderful faith the child had.

Do not know her name; perhaps it
was Esther, like yours. I hope you will
have as much trust in God as she had,
and was carried away from her home,
people, and lived among those who
shipped idols, but remembered the
God, and wanted to help her master."

"Mamma," said Esther, "don't
worry she was in the faith chapter?
I 'zerves it, don't you think?"

"She certainly does, and we will
remember about her whenever we read the chap-
ter, and believe it includes her. By faith
the little captive maid led the mighty
captain to be healed of leprosy and
to worship the true God."