#### CHILDREN'S CORNER

A BRIEND AT COURT.

OY ABOUT BEIL. group of wandering-eyed, soberchildren sat on the piazza of in the gathering twilight. It was a chilly October evening, but the sitting-room was empty and dark, and the long entry leading to Grandma's room full of fearful shadows, so Nannie nestled a little closer to Stella, and tucked her apron around little Fan. while Tom curled up snugly in the

"I do wish mamma would come," sighed Fan, shivering in spite of the

"But you know little Nellie hasn't any mamma, now. Don't you want our mamma to stay and cuddle her all m, while she goes to sleep? Poor little Nellie!" said Nannie, pityingly. Tom swallowed a big lump in his

" It'll be dreadfully lonesome for Ned it seems worse, coming so sudden," he

"So dreadful!" echoed Stella. "Only think, Mrs. Carr went away at noon, just as well as ever."

"And didn't her come back ?-What for?" asked Fan, curiously.

"There was a dreadful accident. She was quite dead when they took her up. Oh dear! I shan't ever dare to ride in the cars again," said Stella, shuddering. Why, then, her is gone to heaven, chirped Fan, after a moment's silence.

All the children looked up suddenly, into the star-lit sky. They had been thinking only of that terrible crash and the dark, desolate home.

"I wonder if there are really golden streets and pearly gates," said Suzy Corliss, Nannie's cousin, sitting in the door, beside her sister Corn.

"Mamma says that may only be aa figure, but it will be a great deal more beautiful than we can ever think about. It doesn't seem so very far off, does it?-if Mrs. Carr is really seeing it, and was down here only this morning," replied Nannie.

"Down here" was so cold and dark, they all looked up again, as if through said, you know." warmth and light and leveliness of that God's own Son to ask for us?" upper world.

"I was thinking just now," said Tom "how much more heaven seems like a real place, to have somebody there we know; and Ned's mother was always so good to a fellow,-next best to ours but what will they all do without her?"

"Her will tell God all about 'em, and he won't let 'em feel velly bad." said Fan, blinking dreamily.

The older ones looked enquiringly a

"Do you suppose—that she really can ask God?" said Cora, reverently. "Only think of having somebody that loves us, to tell him just what we

"But it is dreadful not to have mother close to," said Nannie, huskily, "Don't let us talk about such there was a little girl named Lizzette: she lived with her father on a mountain, and kept goats; she used to see faries and mermaids."

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"Dragons, perhaps," suggested Tom. "Yes, there were dragons, too, and she used to get real frigtened. They didn't have half enough to eat, and her father used to beat her, and if the goats and get her feet and hands all scratched. But one day a beautiful lady came along when she was crying real hard, and stopped and kissed her, and gave her some plums, and told her to come every day to that same place, and she would bring her something nice, and she did; and every day, you know, the lady would talk so kindly to her, and hold her rough hands in her own soft ones, till Lizette forgot how they ached. But after ever so many weeks the lady had to go away, for don't you think! she was the kings daughter, and when she kissed Lizette good-by she promised never to forget her, and said she would ask the king to send her lots of beautiful things. Wouldn't that be splendid, to know a real king's daughter, and have her tell him all

about you, and send you dresses and diamonds? I like that kind of stories." "But there isn't any king in America, so it couldn't ever rappen to us," said Nannie. "Way, Fan!"

There was a click of the gate-latch, and tired little Fan was half running, half rolling down the steps.

Mamma lighted the lamp, replenished the fire, laid away her bonnet and took her sleepy, shivering baby in her lap. The others drew their chairs closer

hand on her dress as if to assure her-self she was really close to.")
"Tell us all about it Aunty," said Susy.

"Did Nellie go to sleep, 'thout any mamma, who'll det her b'eakfast, and hear her p'ayers in the morning?" asked Fan, plaintively. .

" He will take care of the children, to whom the mother committed them in her last 'good, bye.' said Mrs. Carr, folding Fan a little more tightly in her arms.

"Why, she didn't know she was never coming back," said Stella.

"No; but if she had, she could hardly have chosen for her last words any thing more precious or helpful. Ned told me about it. As usual, when their father is away, his mother called the children into her room just before school time, and read with them that beautiful psalm, beginning, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear,"—and then kneeling down, she asked our heavenly Father to make them all his special care, to 'hide them in his pavillion in the day of trouble, and to lead them, that day and always, with his own strong, right hand. Ned says he can remember almost every word. She could have asked nothing better for them."

"Oh, mamma, do you suppose we were talking-it would be so nice, if Mrs. Carr could ask God-you knowfor things they want up in heaven?" -interposed Nannie, eagerly

"There is nothing about it in the Bible, my dear." Nannie's head drop-ped suddenly, for to her the Bible was the only sure testimony.

"But Nannie, have you forgotten the little group of disciples in that upper room,' and the dear Friend, who, before he went away, prayed for them, and who "ever liveth to make intercession ?"

"No, mamma; but—that was so many years ago; and it wasn't us you know.

"But he said Neither pray I for those alone, but for them also which shall believe on me, through their word.' That means everybody who loves and obeys him. He is interceding for us to-day, just as surely as then he prayed with his disciples."

"Ineverthought about what it meant when I learned the Golden Text, last Sabbath, 'He ever liveth to make intercessions for us,' said Tom, "but tonight, thinking about Ned's mother, it seemed as good to have somebody in heaven we know, I thought how nice it would be, if they could ask-as Nannie

the stars, they caught a glimpse of the . "Isn't it a great deal better to have

"Oh, Stella!" interrupted Nan, joyfully, isn't that like your story-only ever so much nicer? Because God is the very greatest King-and we can all have Jesus for our very Friend. I think Bible stories are just the nicest, because it always can be us, ourselves, and happiness right exactly as it says." Mirror. ALBERT DOSECTE

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS. I must tell you of a work that has gone

things," said Stella "Let us tell be present: to my surprise, I was at first stories. I know a beautiful one. Once taken into a very large room, where were some 250 or 300 men reading their Bibles or reciting texts, &c. Everything was in most perfectly in order-small classes each with a teacher, and a superintendent to take charge of the room. The address was given in the middle of the school hours-all were most attentive. I thought all was over, when I was taken into another strayed away she had to go after them room, where there were about 200 more through the bushes and over the rocks, men some of them converted prize-fighters. many of them quite middle-aged. From that room I was led into another, like the last for numbers: another gospel address was eagerly asked for and listen-

I was next conducted into another room where I found another class just as large and just as attentive. But even this did not conclude the morning's work in these wonderful schools. I was taken to another street, where I was invited to address some women, and my surprise culminated when I was snown into an enormous room, where there could not have been less than 500 women! Allthis is quite independent

of the Sunday schools for children. The schools were begun some twentyseven years ago, and eight men were gathered in who were lounging about street corners; and now some 2,000 men and women are got together every Sunday! When we think that the direct object of these schools is to bring men to Christ, and that God has blessed many to the salvation of their souls, and when we consider that a large number of these men and women have families, we can form some idea of the blessing they must have been to Birmingham.-W. P. Partridge, around the stove except Nannie, who Surgeon-Major, Bombay, in Christian.



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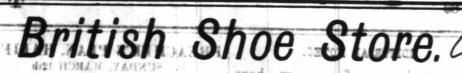
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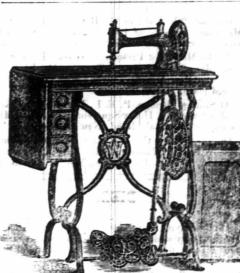
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