

THE CANARY-BIRD.

Christina begged her mother to buy her a canary-bird. Her mother said, "You shall have one when you become always obedient and industrious, but especially when you give up your curiosity, which prompts you to pry into useless, or even hurtful things."

Christina promised she would. One day she came home from school, when her mother said, "There is a little new box on the table; on no account whatever open it, and do not even once move it. If you obey me, I shall soon give you a great deal of pleasure." Her mother then went out to visit her little sick god-child, William; but scarcely was she out of the door ere the over-curious girl had the box in her hand. "How light it is!" she said; "and there are some little holes in the lid! What can there be in it?" She opened the little box and, behold! there immediately hopped out a most beautiful yellow canary, and flew chirping merrily about the room. As she was vainly pursuing the brisk little bird around the room, till she was out of breath, and her cheeks glowed, in walked her mother, and said, "You disobedient, curious girl! this beautiful bird I wished to give to you, but I wished first to put you to the proof whether you deserved it. But now I shall give it to poor little William, who is more obedient, and not so curious, as you."

"Mark well this truth, the prying mind Will lose far more than it can find."

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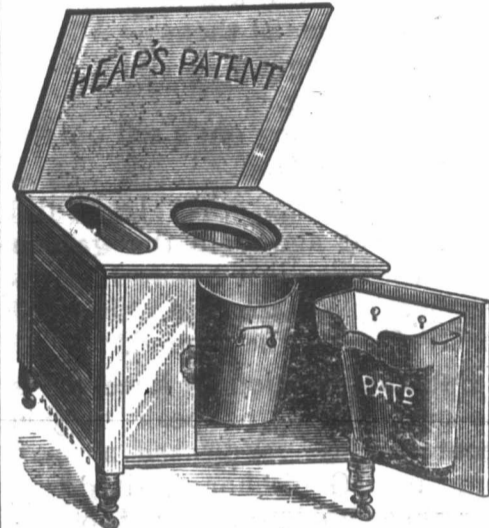
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