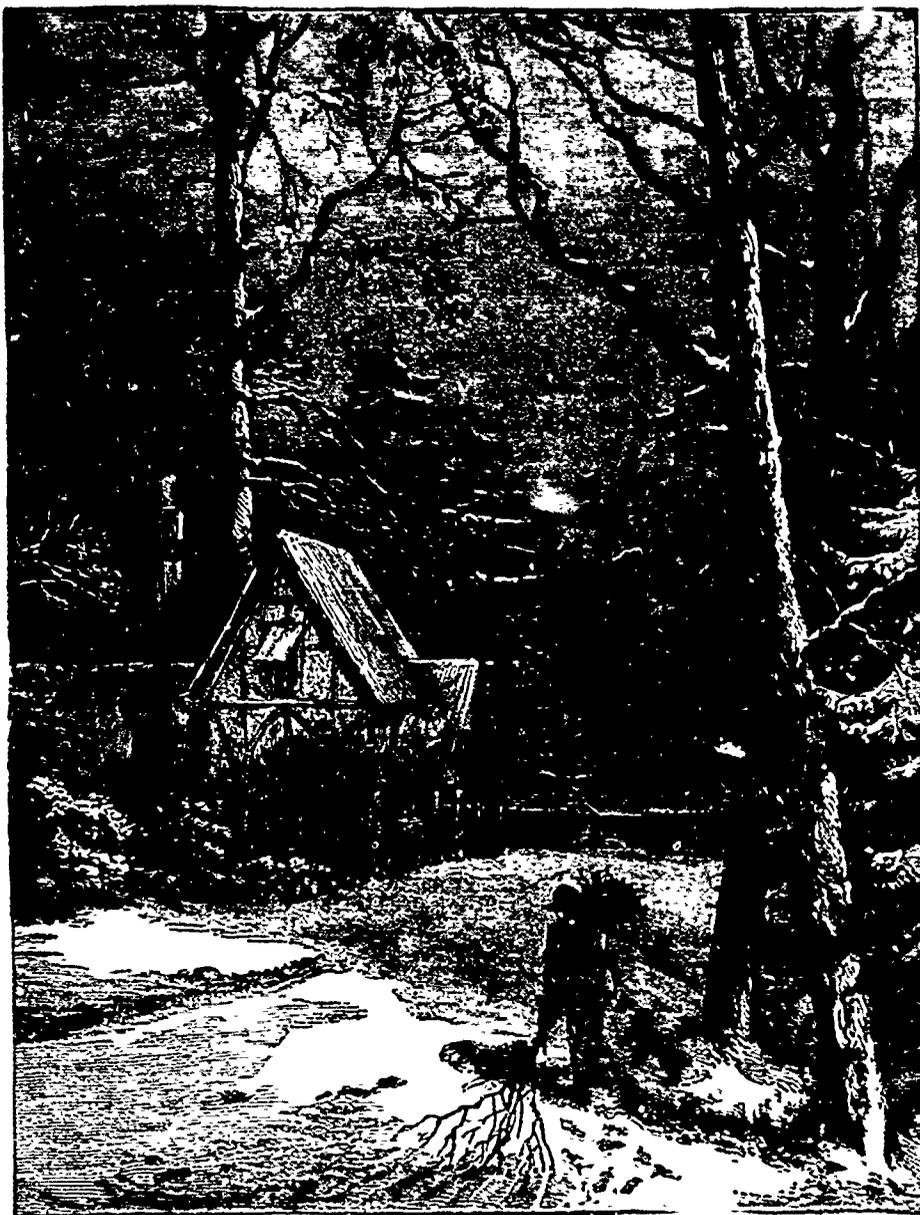


Happy Days

CHRISTMAS EVE.

OUR picture shows a
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CHRISTMAS EVE.

BY THE BRIDGE WAS CROSSED.

MOTHER," said a
 girl, "what did
 d mean when he
 'Preserve me, O
 for in thee do I
 my trust?'"

Do you remember,"
 her mother, "the
 girl we saw walk-
 with her father in
 woods yesterday?"
 Oh, yes, mother,
 n't she beautiful?"
 he was a gentle,
 g, little thing, and
 father was very
 to her. Do you

ember what she said when they came to
 narrow bridge over the brook?"
 don't like to think about that bridge,
 er; it makes me giddy. Don't you
 it is very dangerous, just those two
 planks laid across and no railing? If

she had stepped a little on either side, she
 would have fallen into the water."

"Do you remember what she said?" re-
 peated the mother.

"Yes, mamma, she stopped a minute as if
 afraid to go over, and then looked up into

his face and asked him
 to take hold of her hand
 and said, 'You will
 take hold of me, dear
 father, I don't feel
 afraid when you have
 hold of my hand.' And
 her father looked so
 lovingly upon her, and
 took tight hold of her
 hand as if she were very
 precious to him."

"Well, my child,"
 said the mother, "I
 think David felt just
 like that little girl when
 he wrote those words
 you have asked me
 about."

"Was David going
 over a bridge, mother?"

"Not such a bridge
 as the one we saw in
 the woods; but he had
 come to some difficult
 place in his life—there
 was some trouble be-
 fore him that made him
 afraid, and he looked
 up to God just as that
 little girl looked up to
 her father and said,
 'Preserve me, O God,
 for in thee do I put
 my trust.' It is just as
 if he had said, 'Please
 take care of me, my
 kind, heavenly Father,
 I do not feel afraid
 when thou art with me

and taking hold of my hand'"—S. S.
Visitor.

Ask the Lord to help you be a good child
 all this week. He loves to help his dear
 little ones all the time,