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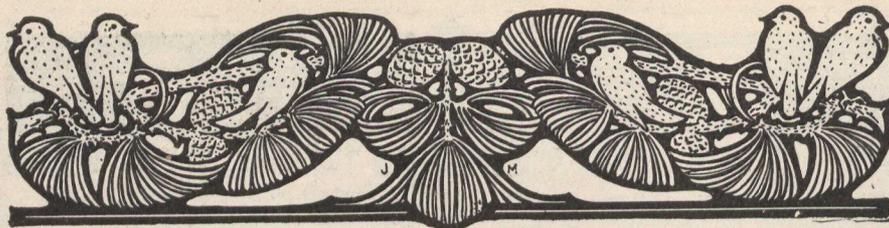
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 A song through the pines when to bed you must go.  
 Why, I'm with you by night, and I'm with you by day,  
 Just to serve you at work, and to help you at play.

—Youth's Companion.

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EXPERIMENTS.

By ALICE V. L. CARRICK.

WILL had come home from college for a few days, and as it was a rainy day, he called his small sister into the library.

"Nothing doing to-day, Bess," he said. "Don't you want me to play with you?"

"You wouldn't care for any of the sit-still games, like dolls and things," complained Bess.

Will thought for a moment. "No, I haven't played dolls since my freshman year in college," he said. "I think I'm rather too old for that now. But once, when I was sick, I got a lot of comfort out of just fussing round with things, and I learned to do some experiments—at least, I called them that—and I'll show some of them to you now. First run and get me a silver tablespoon and some string, and I'll teach you how to ring the 'Bells of Cologne.'"

When Bessie had brought them to her brother he took the spoon, tied the thread round the lower part of the handle, and wound the long ends round Bessie's forefingers.

"Now, just put your fingers tight in your ears," he said. "Then stand off, and hit the bowl of the spoon against the table."

The little girl did as she was told, and her face lighted up with the happiest, most surprised smile! Any one in the room would have seen only a little girl knocking a spoon with a jingling-jangling noise; but in her ears sounded long, glorious peals of silver bells, each note different, and more beautiful, she thought.

"Do you hear it, Will?" she cried. "Do you hear it, too? Oh, isn't it lovely?"

Her brother smiled. "No, I can't hear what you do," he said. "You see, that's what they call an experiment in sound. The sound-waves run up from the bowl of the spoon all along the string into your ears."

For a long while Bessie rang the "Bells of Cologne"; then Will showed her how a drop of mercury could be separated into a hundred parts, and

yet join together again in a round, shining drop that ran round and round the saucer, "just like a quick little silver bug," Bessie said.

"I like experiments, Will," said Bessie. "Don't you know any more?" "Not any I could do now," said her brother. "But some time, if you'll soak a piece of shoe thread all night in very, very salt water, and then dry it out, I'll tie a ring to one end of it, and the other end I'll fasten round the electric fixture. Then I'll light it, and let it burn all the way down, and still the ring won't fall."

"Why won't it, Will?" demanded his sister.

"Well, just because the salt crystals are so placed that they are strong enough to bear the weight even when the thread is nothing but ashes. That's all I can tell you now. You'll have to wait until you take a course in chemistry and physics before you really understand."

"And when I get to college I'm going to," said Bessie, as she ran back to ring again her new-found Bells of Cologne.—Youth's Companion.

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NO USE.

"I AM no use at all," sighed Snowy. "Why, dear?" asked Mother Sheep kindly.

"Because I can't do anything. I can't fly like Mr. Lark, or swim like Miss Fish, or even run like Dash, who looks after us," and Snowy looked ready to cry.

"I like you best as you are," answered Mother Sheep; "try to be content, dear."

Snowy sighed and rambled off to the hillside.

He had not gone very far, however, before he heard a faint "Ba-a-a!"

He listened. "Why, it is mother's voice," he cried, and ran back as quickly as ever he could. Very soon he came to a deep pit, and, on peeping over the edge, saw Mother Sheep lying at the bottom.

"Oh! Snowy, I am so glad you have come," she said; "I fell down here, and cannot get out."

"What can I do?" ba-ad Snowy pitifully. "I can't come down to you."

"Ba-a as loud as you can," called Mother Sheep. "You can do that."

So Snowy ba-ad with all his might, but no one seemed to hear.

At last the shepherd and Dash, hunting for the lost sheep, heard him and came hurrying up.

He tied a strong rope to a tree, and then, climbing down, fastened the other end round Mother Sheep. Then he climbed up and pulled her gently to the top. She did not like it a bit, and was very glad when she was safely on the grass. Then the shepherd put her over his shoulder, Dash brought Snowy, and they all went home.

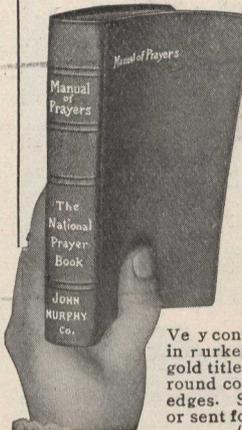
Mother Sheep soon recovered and told Snowy how proud she was of him.

"If you cannot swim, or run, or fly, you have a good voice," she said, "and if you had not kept calling I might never have been found. If you practise well you will be able to ba-a very loud."

So Snowy set to work and practised so well that he soon had the loudest voice in the whole flock. — F. M. H. in Little Folks.

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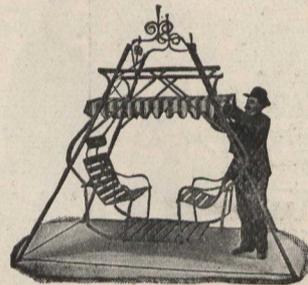
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