

Happy Days

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READY FOR SCHOOL

Edwin is the first to get up after the others, and Mat and Willie are waiting hand in glove along the road to the red school-house on the hill. Edwin has been going to school for three years, and he is fond of books and of his teacher. But when he only went a few weeks last term and he does not know if he will go or not. He wishes he would play in the street with Towser. He knows he will not go to school very long by-and-bye if he is a good boy, but he minds his teacher for you know he is only naughty boys who do not go to school and who are always making the teacher angry.



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taken up with the bricklayers, pray, what may you be thinking about? Have you any notion of learning the trade?"

"No," said Edwin, smiling; "but I was just thinking what a little thing a brick is, and that great factory is built by laying one brick on another."

"Very true, my boy. Never forget it. Just so it is in all great works. All your learning is only one little lesson added to another. If a man could walk all around the world it would be by putting one foot before the other. Your whole life will be made up of one little moment after another. Drop added to drop makes the ocean. Learn from this not to despise little things. Learn also not to be discouraged by great labours. The greatest labour becomes easy if divided up into parts. You could not jump over a mountain, but step

BUILDING

Edwin was one day looking at a factory which the men were building opposite his father's house. He watched the workmen from day to day as they carried up the bricks and mortar, and then placed

them in their proper order. His father said to him:

"Edwin, you seem to be very much

by step takes you to the other side. Do not fear, therefore, to attempt great things."