

stairs. Timothy Long took his departure.

"Is he gone?" asked little Maggie, faintly.

"Yes," said Jack, with a sigh of relief.

"Oh! I'm so glad; he's a bad man Jacky, to want you to steal."

Jack did not answer, for his heart was too full, and he did not want Maggie to know that he was crying.

At last she said softly, "Jacky, we've got no father now."

"No we've not," said little Jack.

"Then shall we ask God to take care of us?"

"Yes."

So the little blind girl knelt down beside her brother, and in a trembling voice began the Lord's Prayer, and as they said the words, "Our Father which art in Heaven," a feeling of peace and security crept into the children's hearts, and they felt that while they trusted to Him, they might still hope on. Hardly had they risen from their knees when the woman who kept the house burst into the room in a great fury.

"So you're going to cheat me of my money, are you?" she cried; "not another night shall you sleep under this roof—out with you as fast as you can."

"To night?" asked little Jack in amazement.

"Yes, to night, because there's other folks a-coming in—honest folks as will pay for what they use."

"We don't mean to cheat you, Mrs. Bond; we thought father would come back and pay up the rent, but you can take the table and chairs."

"I should think I would." And the landlady began to abuse their father so shockingly, that Maggie whispered hurriedly, "O Jacky, come away as quick as you can."

So Jack began to collect the little things which they might take—their mother's Bible, two little plates and mugs which she had given them and the remains of a loaf which they had had the day before, together with a few ragged clothes which formed Maggie's wardrobe. He tied them all up in a bundle, put a tattered shawl and bonnet which had belonged to their mother on little Maggie, and then led her up the stairs and out into the cold dreary street.

The landlady's heart smote her as she saw the two children go shivering along the damp pavement, and she thought for a moment of the only child she had ever had—a little girl of about Maggie's age who was lying in the churchyard but then she shut her door, saying to herself, "I daresay they'll be just like their father, and I can't afford to lose my money."

The rain was falling fast, and the night was very dark. The two children were led on for some time until Maggie grew too tired to walk any more, and then they sat down on a doorstep. Jack drew the shawl closer round his little sister's trembling frame, and did all he could to keep her warm. She tried hard not to cry, but with all her efforts she could not restrain the sobs which kept bursting from her.

"O Maggie," whispered Jack, "don't cry so; it makes it all so hard to bear. Couldn't you put your head down on my shoulder and go to sleep?"

Maggie did put her head down, but she could not go to sleep. "Are you sure you'll keep me safe, Jacky?"

"Yes, indeed I will."

"You won't go away from me?"

"No, I never will do that."

Then neither of them spoke, but Jack felt that Maggie was getting colder and colder, and feared that she would soon be insensible, so he quietly drew off his own coat, and wrapped it round her, and then remained holding her as close as he could, without minding the cold and wet which were numbing and chilling himself, and from which his only protection was a very ragged shirt.

At last he heard footsteps coming near them, and fearing that it might be a policeman who would put them in the lock-up, he shrunk back as far as he could out of sight, but it was a familiar voice which said to him: "Why Jack, my lad, haven't you been home yet? You'll get no good by lagging about the streets at night."

"O Stephen, is it you? I'm so glad," and little Jack fairly sobbed for joy.

"What's the matter?" asked the sweeper, bending over the two children.

"We're turned out of doors, and father's never coming back, and I'm afraid Maggie will die of the cold."

"You poor little things," said Stephen, kindly, and with a strange softness in his voice, "come along with me. Why, this child is half frozen," he continued, as he lifted Maggie in his arms, and then bidding Jack follow him limped away in the direction of his own home.

Mother, I wonder what makes Stephen so late?" said little Katie Moore, as she put away the small brush with which she had been sweeping the hearth. "His nice supper will be spoiled, and it isn't every night that he gets fried bacon."

"I suppose the night-class wasn't over as early as usual," replied her mother, who was working at the table. "Put some more coal on the fire, Katie dear, the lad will be wet when he comes in."

"Ain't it a good thing we've got some fire, mother?"

"Yes, Katie, many a poor soul would be glad of the comforts we have this night."

"I wonder, mother, what makes our room so much nicer than Mrs. Deane's or Mrs. Hall's—it's ever so much smaller, and we've not got so much money as they have?"

"Well, Katie, do you know I think it is soap and water, and contented hearts?"

Katie laughed, for she knew that however saving and economical her mother was about other things, she never spared soap and water.

"But I wish Stephen would come, mother, for my eyes are beginning to close up, and I want to see him

eat his supper."

"You had better put a knife and fork for him, and get a piece of bread, and then everything will be ready."

"Oh, here he is, mother!" cried the little girl as she heard steps coming up the staircase—"here he is at last."

(To be continued.)

AQUEER PLACE FOR A NEST.

A porter had several times seen a rabbit about on the line as if in search of food. Every day it appeared at the same time near the same place. This aroused his curiosity, so he made up his mind to find out where it went. A rabbit, you know, is a very timid creature, and therefore he had to act with great caution.

The first time he failed. The rabbit seemed to disappear in a very secret manner, and therefore he had to wait for another opportunity. On the following day he saw the rabbit come out from under the line. He kept perfectly still until the little animal had made its way into a wood near. Then he went to the place, and carefully examined the spot. To his astonishment he found, under one of the sleepers in the middle of the line, a rabbit's nest containing four young ones.

What had induced the timid animal to choose such a strange place for a nest? We cannot tell, but there it was, and there it remained, until the young rabbits were old enough to take care of themselves.

Over that spot scores of trains thundered past every twenty-four hours, and yet the little family seemed to take no notice of them.

"BE QUIET."

"Be still, and know that I am God. Study to be quiet, and do your own business. Be not a meddler in other men's matters."—Psa. 46: 10; Thes., 4: 11.

No verses have ever more deeply impressed me. They contain the secret of friendship with both God and man—quietness and attention, not to others' duties, but to our own. Were quietness unimportant, would we be told to study it, or rewarded by the promise of thus knowing God? That we might know God Jesus came to earth. It was His prayer for His Church. (17: 3.)

"Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace. He is our peace. Let man glory in this, that He knoweth and understandeth me." The keeping of our hearts by the

peace of God in His knowledge and love, and in that of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as we so often pray, is the root of our peace and of the only real fame. (Job 22: 21; Eph. 2: 14; Jer. 9: 24.)

"In quietness shall be your strength. Your strength is, to sit still." These verses, an invalid told me, had brought her much comfort. God is a still small voice, heard in the secret place. Our one need as Christians is to hear Him, to be

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