

# HAPPY DAYS

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## SAVED FROM THE FLAMES.

The beds in the time when John Wesley was a boy were made with four high posts, between which were stretched curtains on the sides, with a canopy or cover resting on the top: so that going to bed in one of them must have been a good deal like sleeping in a large box. When John Wesley was six years old he awoke one night to find what he thought was the sunlight shining in between the curtains, and called the maid to take him up. No one answer-

for, but there was none, and unless something was done at once it would be too late. Some man in the crowd thought quickly, and as the house was a low one, he shouted, "Quick! lift a light man on my shoulders," bracing himself against the house as he spoke. A man was there in an instant, found he could reach the child, and lifted him to the ground at just the moment that the roof fell in. It is not much wonder that this incident made a great impression on John Wesley, and that

## CHILDREN IN JAPAN.

You go along the busy, crowded streets of the large cities of Japan, and you see numberless children, of all sizes and ages, playing out in the middle of the streets. Sometimes they get run over by a jinrikisha, but their mothers seem never to be uneasy about them.

Those who are too young to walk are tied on the backs of their little sisters, who jump and play as if it were a rag doll



"A BRAND PLUCKED FROM THE BURNING."

ing, he parted the curtains, and looked out, to find that the light was that of fire; for certain enemies of Mr. Wesley, who had tried to burn the house two or three times before, had at last succeeded, and the building was in flames. The rest of the family had gotten out, but John had been forgotten. The child ran to the door, but found the flames too thick to get out that way, and, besides, the staircase was burned. Climbing then upon a box, he appeared at the window, and was seen by the crowd below. A ladder was called

he often spoke of himself as "a brand plucked from the burning." He felt, even when a child, that the life which had been saved in so wonderful a way must be intended for some great work. Mr. Wesley, his father, after John's wonderful escape, fell on his knees to thank God that he was still rich, since his wife and eight children were all safe.

Jesus left us an example that we should walk in his steps.

instead of a live baby. After a while the little baby gets sleepy, and then it falls to one side or backward, with its face turned right up to the burning sun. This is why so many Japanese have weak or sore eyes. Such an exposure to the sun would kill an American baby in two days.

All the little girls go bareheaded, but all have umbrellas. The large girls do up their hair in a little knot on the back of their heads, with a net over it. They also have bangs, combed straight down over their foreheads.