

Death's Corner.

LITTLE CALEB AND HIS GRANDMAMMA.

Caleb's countenance was pale; and he was slender in form and delicate in appearance.

"Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a pharisee and the other a publican."

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"Or, even as this publican." A publican, you must know, was a tax gatherer. He used to collect the taxes from the people.

"Yes, that was money which God had commanded them to pay. They were to pay in proportion to the property they had."

"I think it was very probable. I presume he was a pretty good man, outside."

"What, do you mean by that, grandmother?"

"Why, his heart might have been bad, but he was probably pretty careful about all his actions, which could be seen of men. But we will go on."

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other."

"Which man?" said Caleb.

"The publican."

"The publican was justified!" said Caleb; "what does justified mean?"

"Forgiven and approved. God was pleased with the publican, because he confessed his sins honestly; but he was displeased with the pharisee, because he came boasting of his good deeds."

"Here there was a pause. Caleb sat still, and seemed thoughtful. His grandmother did not interrupt him, but waited to hear what he would say."

"Yes; but, grandmother, if the pharisee really was a good man, wasn't it right for him to thank God for it?"

"It reminds me of Thomas' acorns," said Madam Rachel.

"Thomas' acorns!" said Caleb; "tell me about them, grandmother."

"Why, Thomas and his brother George were sent to school. They stopped to play by the way, until it was so late that they did not dare to go in. Then they stayed playing about the fields till it was time to go home. They felt pretty bad and out of humour, and at last they separated, and went home different ways. In going home, Thomas found an oak tree with acorns under it. 'Ah!' said he, 'I will carry mother home some acorns.' He had observed that his mother was pleased whenever he brought her things; and he had an idea of soothing his own feelings of guilt and securing his mother's favour, by the good deed of carrying her home some acorns. So, when he came into the house, he took his hat off carefully, with the acorns in it, and holding it in both hands, marched up to his mother with a smiling face, and look of great self-satisfaction, and said, 'Here, mother, I have got you some acorns.'"

"And what did his mother say?" asked Caleb.

"She shook her head sorrowfully, and told him to go and put the acorns away. She knew where he had been. Presently George came in. He put away his cap, walked in softly, and put his face down in his mother's lap, and said, with tears and sobs, 'Mother, I have been doing something very wrong.' Now which of these do you think came to his mother right?"

"Why—George," said he, "certainly."

"Yes, and that was the way in which the publican came; but the pharisee covered up his sins, being pleased and satisfied himself, and thinking that God would be pleased and satisfied with his acorns."

Here Madam Rachel paused, and Caleb sat still, thinking of what he had heard.

Madam Rachel then closed her eyes and, in a low, gentle voice, she spoke a few words of prayer; and then she told Caleb that he must remember, in all his prayers to confess his sins fully and freely, and never cover them up and conceal them, with an idea that his good deeds made him worthy. Then she put Caleb down, and he ran down stairs to play.

Children's Friend.

THE POOR, COMFORTING THE RICH.

Poor Mary was returning home one day, the picture of poverty and want, thoughtful, but calm and peaceful. She was joined by a lady of wealth and piety, who had lately met with very heavy afflictions, and was expecting more.

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NEEDLEWOMEN.—The great suffering which was discovered, some time ago, to exist among this class of industrious persons in London, has led to the formation of a "Society for the protection of distressed Needlewomen," the Secretary of which appeared before the Lambeth Police Magistrate, on the 10th of July, in order to make inquiry respecting a woman who had stated that she received only 1s. a piece for making coats for a sopseller who compelled her even to find her own thread for that compensation.

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FOOLS' PENNIES.—A very drunken man, who was in the habit of spending great part of his earnings at the public house—in the company of other sottish characters, was, one Sunday morning, while drinking with them at that house, unable to escape by the back door, as usual, from the constables and churchwardens, as they were making their customary Sabbath inspection.

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REASONS FOR CONTENTMENT.

"In general, the Lord sees it best for those he loves, to be poor; to fare hardly; and to receive their supply from day to day. And whatever the world may think, an inheritance in heaven, and a provision by the way, though mean and scanty, sought by daily prayer, and received with gratitude from our heavenly Father, is better than the riches of many wicked."

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CAPTURE OF SLAVERS.—The *Moniteur* publishes an extract from the despatches of Rear-Admiral Montagnies de la Roche, commanding the French naval division on the western coast of Africa, announcing that down to the close of May the cruisers under his orders, in compliance with the eighth article of the convention of the 29th of May, 1815, for the repression of the slave trade, and the instructions thereto annexed, had captured three slave ships—namely, the *Notre Dame de Grace* (a Sardinian vessel), off Cape Lopez; the Brazilian schooner *Adelaide*, on the coast of Congo; and another schooner of the same nation (the *Sans Pareille*), in the Gulf of Benin.

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