

lull in the busy hum of the ward, and "sister" and her staff used to watch with satisfaction how patient after patient fell gradually under the soporific quiet of the time, and went off into comfortable sleep, which frequently lasted long after the prescribed limit. The good humour of the ward was most exceptional.

The senior surgeon of the hospital was never tired of saying: "The patients here, sister, get on as if by magic. What spells of witchcraft do you weave to heal them so quickly?"

TINY'S ALARM CLOCK.

Tiny looked up from her slate as her big brother Kent came in one day with an odd-shaped bundle in his hands. Tiny ran to meet him.

"Oh, Kent, what is it?" she asked, curiously. "Anything for me?"

"No," said Kent. "Such a wide-awake puss as you are doesn't need aids to early rising," and he untied the strings and opened the package.

"Why, it's a clock!" said Tiny, disappointed. "We've got three clocks now, Kent. What made you bring another?"

Kent began winding the little clock.

"You listen," he said. Whir-r-r-r! rattle, rattle, rattle, whir-r-r! What a way for a clock to strike!

"It's an alarm clock," explained Kent, smiling at Tiny's wonder. "We can set it so that the alarm will strike at any time of night and wake us. You know that I have to leave home before daylight sometimes," for Kent was a railroad engineer.

"How very, very funny!" said Tiny, with sparkling eyes. "Goes off all itself, without anyone touching it. Oh, how I wish that I had one!"

"There's another funny thing about it," went on Kent. "If peo-

ple don't mind the alarm when it strikes, but think that they will sleep a little longer, they grow less and less liable to be waked by it, and soon it doesn't make any impression at all."

Tiny considered. "I wish that I could have one all my own," she said again. "It must be such fun to hear it go off!" "You have one," said Kent, gravely.

"I? An alarm clock?" Kent nodded.

"Where?" "Right in there," said Kent, with his hand over Tiny's heart.

"Well, I don't believe that it ever went off," laughed Tiny.

"Yes, I'm sure that it has. Wait till you feel like doing something wrong. That little clock will say, 'Whir! Tiny, don't.' You see if it doesn't."

Tiny laughed, and went back to her examples. Soon a call came from the kitchen. "Tiny, dear, I want you."

Tiny's mouth began to pout, but she suddenly called out, cheerily, "Yes, mamma," and danced out of the room, looking back to say, "It went off then, Kent, good and loud."


Kent nodded and smiled. "I thought it would," he said.

And all you little folks with alarm clocks want to be sure that you answer the first call, or they will ring and ring in vain, and turn you out for good-for-nothing men and women."

COURTESY OF PHILLIPS BROOKS.

A lady was travelling from Providence to Boston with her weak-minded father. Before they arrived he became possessed of a fancy that he must get off the train while it was still in motion; that some absolute duty called him.

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in despair when she noticed a very large man watching the proceedings intently over the top of his newspaper. As soon as he caught her eyes he rose and crossed quickly to her.

"I beg your pardon," he said, "you are in trouble. May I help you?"

She explained the situation to him.

"What was your father's name?" he asked.

She told him, and the large man, leaning toward the troubled old man, had addressed him by name, shaken hands cordially and engaged him in a conversation so interesting and so cleverly arranged to keep his mind occupied, that he forgot his need to leave the train, and did not think of it again until they were in Boston. Here the stranger put the lady and her charge into a carriage, received her assurance that she felt perfectly safe, had cordially shaken her

hand, and was about to close the carriage door, when she remembered that she had felt so safe in the keeping of this noble-looking man that she had not even asked his name. Hastily putting her hand against the door, she said:

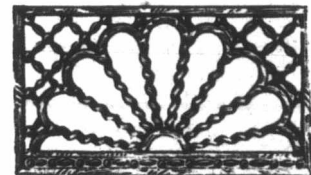
"Pardon me, but you have rendered me such a service, may I not know whom I am thanking?"

The big man smiled as he answered, "Phillips Brooks," and turned away.

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