

it would be difficult for her to explain to Robbie why killing chickens to eat was *not* sinful, while killing them "to find out how they were made" was.

The child thought earnestly for a few moments, then, looking up gleefully, he said: "G'an'ma, didn't God make everything?"

"Yes, dear," said she.

"Even 'ittle chickies, g'an'ma?"

"By Him was everything made!" quoted grandma, trying to fortify herself against Rob's logic.

"Well then, g'an'ma, can't we just ask Him to make these 'ittle chickies over again? If He made 'em once He can make 'em again, and I fink it would be easier to make 'em out of dead chickies than out of eggs, as you told me the other day."

Just then Robbie's mamma called him to supper, and grandma gladly hastened his going.

About two hours afterward she went into her son's house and found the little boy in his nightgown ready to say his prayers. Immediately on seeing her he shouted joyously: "Oh! here's g'an'ma, mamma; can't she hear me say my p'ayers? I have a 'ticular reason."

Mamma smilingly assented, he said his usual prayers, "Now I lay me" and "God bless g'an'pa and g'an'ma, and papa and mamma, and 'ittle sister and Robbie," then in an undertone so that only grandma and God could hear: "and don't let him *ever* be a naughty boy again, and p'ease, God, make the 'ittle chickies get alive again, for Jesus' sake. Now g'an'ma," said he, springing to his feet, "it'll be all wight now, won't it?"

"Yes, darling," she said, touched by his childish faith.

Next morning Rob, who was an early riser for so small a boy, rushed in while grandma was washing the breakfast dishes, shouting: "Oh! g'an'ma, g'an'ma, God's sent 'em already. There are five 'ittle ones, just like 'em I killed out there. Didn't he make 'em quick, though?"

Sure enough, grandma found just that number of newly arrived chicks in the coop, so she thinks Rob has reason to say his prayer has been answered; nevertheless, she cautioned him against trying to find out how any more are made, lest God should think he meant to be naughty, and might not make the chickens over for him.

Robbie nodded his head in a solemn

way, adding sagely: "'Sides, g'an'ma, I know how they're made now, so it won't be nessary."

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