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HANG UP BABY'S STOCKINGS. Hang up the baby's stocking, Be sure you don't forget, The dear little dimpled darling! She never saw Christmas vet : But I've told her all about it, And she opened her big blue eyes, And I'm sure she understands it.

Dear! what a tiny stocking! It doesn't take much to hold Such little pink toes as baby's Away from the frost and cold. But then, for the bahy's Christmas It will never do at all, Why Santa wouldn't be looking For anything half so small!

She looks so funny and wise.

I know what we'll do for the baby, I've thought of the very best plan, I'll borrow a stocking of grandma-The longest that ever I can; And you'll hang it by mine, dear mother, Right here in the corner, so, And write a letter to Santa And fasten it on to the toe.

Write: "This is baby's stocking, That hangs in the corner here, You never have seen her, Santa, For she only came this year; But she's just the blessedest baby ! And now, before you go, Just cram her stocking with goodies From the top clean down to the toe."

DOLLY.

Papa brought home a big square bundle one evening. Dolly didn't know what it could be. After supper the strings were untied and the paper carefully taken off.

pieces of it, and then a lot of soft white tissue paper, and then out came a funny looking thing made almost all of glass. Dolly first looked and looked but she couldn't make it out a bit.

"Perhaps its a glass washtub," she, said.

" No," said papa; " it's a little house for fish." Then Dolly was worse off than ever. She did not see any fish, in the first place, which was certainly a very important thing. Just then Jack, Dolly's brother, came in with a tin pail in his hand.

"Now, Dolly," said papa, "Do you think you can keep your eyes shut while I count a hundred ?"

" Musn't I peep at all?" said Dolly. " No, not a single peep.

So Dolly went and covered her face her fingers. She heard some one pumping away in the kitchen and making so many noises that it was all she could do to keep her head down.

Papa was counting all the time, but after he got to eighty he went so very slow that Dolly thought she could have counted a hundred between every one. Then there came a great splashing for the last thing, and Dolly was told to

There stood the funny glass case all full of water, and in and out among waving green ferns, white shells and little moss covered stones fish were swimming-little fellows that looked as if they had some of Dolly's gold paper pasted all over them.

That is a birthday present from mamma," Papa said to Dolly, "but you can have one of them for your own."

So Dolly picked out one that looked a little more golden than the rest, and the way she was going to tell him was by a litle black spot on the tip of his nose. Dolly watched the fish tilll bed time, and even then it was very hard work leaving.

But she said good-night to the fish with the spot on his nose and kissed her papa and mamma, and Jack too, and went off with Sarah without a murmur

In the night Dolly awoke. Sarah was fast asleep and the chamber lamp was burning low.

how that dear little ish of mine is getting along;" and the more she thought the more she wanted to know.

She sat up in bed. Yes, Sarah was sound asleep.

"Poor fishie, he must be real cold in that water. I guess I'll go and see." So she crept out of bed, and, taking the lamp she went softly down stairs.

The hall was dark, and when she got to the door of the dining room she came pretty near turning back. But there on the table stood the tank, and the fish were swimming about as lively as ever.

"Poor things!" said Dolly; "they're running about to keep themselves

the table.

"I believe," she said, "that if I could catch my fish I would take him to bed with me to keep him warm until morn-

The little fish rushed about so that Dolly had to work a long time; but she finally caught him. The fish wiggled with all his might.

"There! I knew he must be cold," said Dolly, " Just see how he shivers!" She took her lamp and went softly up stairs again, holding the fish tight in one hand. Then she crept into bed and hugged him close to get him warm, and pretty soon the fish didn't wiggle at

"Now he's comfortable," said Dolly, and she went to sleep.

The next morning, when papa came in to kiss his little girl, there was the fish, dead as could be, in Dolly's arms. "Why, Dolly," said papa, "How

came the fish with the spot on his nose up here? Poor fellow, he's dead!" "Oh, dear!" said Dolly; "I didn't take him out soon enough, and now he's

PLEASANTRIES.

froze to death!"-Selected.

"You have often," said the clergyman. " heard the brethren say ' Amen! Amen!' while some one was praying. What did they mean? If any one knows let him hold up his hand." Up First came brown paper, two or three jumped a little fellow, so eager to answer as not to wait for recognition. "I know!" he called out. "It means hurry up and get through." There was an audible smile.

Mistress. "Come, Bridget, how much longer are you going to be about filling that pepper-box?"

Bridget (a fresh importation from where they don't use pepper casters): 'Shure, ma'am, and it's meself can't say how long it 'll be takin' me to get all this stuff in the thing through the little holes in the top."

A clergyman and one of his elderly parishioners were walking home from church one frosty day, when the old gentleman slipped and fell flat on his back. The minister, looking at him a moment, and being assured that he was with the soft sofa cushion, that she not much hurt, said to him, "Friend, might not be tempted to look between sinners stand on slippery places." The old gentleman looked up, as if to assure himself of the fact, and said, "I see they do; but I can't."-Harper's Bazar.

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