

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

HANG UP BABY'S STOCKINGS.

Hang up the baby's stocking, Be sure you don't forget, The dear little dimpled darling!

Dear! what a tiny stocking! It doesn't take much to hold Such little pink toes as baby's

I know what we'll do for the baby, I've thought of the very best plan, I'll borrow a stocking of grandma—

Write: "This is baby's stocking, That hangs in the corner here, You never have seen her, Santa,

DOLLY.

Papa brought home a big square bundle one evening. Dolly didn't know what it could be.

First came brown paper, two or three 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.

"Perhaps it's a glass washtub," she said.

"No," said papa; "it's a little house for fish." Then Dolly was worse off than ever.

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

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

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.

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—

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 little black spot on the tip of his nose.

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.

"I wonder," said Dolly to herself, how that dear little fish of mine is getting along?" and the more she thought the more she wanted to know.

"Poor fishie, he must be real cold in that water. I guess I'll go and see."

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 warm."

She got a chair and climbed up on 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 morning."

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.

"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 froze to death!"—Selected.

PLEASANTRIES.

"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."

"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."

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