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end was peace.

THE WILLOW-TWIG AND THE STRAW.

A poor widow and her two boys
were returning to the village one even-
ing from a neighboring willow-bed,
where they had gathered some twigs;
the mother carried a large bundle of
willow twigs on her head, and each of
the boys a small one, bound together
with a band of straw.

On the way a rich merchant from
the town met them, and of him they
begged for charity. But the rich man
said to the widow, "You need not beg;
intrust your two children to me, and I
will soon have them taught to make
gold out of twigs and straw."

The mother considered this as a
banter, but the merchant assured her
that he was truly in earnest: so at
last she consented, and the merchant
had one of the children taught basket-
making, and the other straw-plaiting.

After three years they came back to
their mother's little cottage, indefatig-
ably manufactured the best baskets
and the finest straw hats, and disposed
of their produce to the merchant.
After a little while the merchant came
one day into their room, paid them
for the work which he had received in
bright ducats, and, laughing, said to
the mother, "Do you not see, now,
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school. The small one stumbled
and fell, and though he was not
much hurt, he began to whine in a
babyish way, not a regular roaring-
boy cry, as though he were half
killed, but a little cross whine.

The older boy took his hand in
a kind fatherly way, and said:

"O, never mind, Jimmy, don't
whine; it's a great deal better to
whistle."

And he began in the merriest
way a cheerful boy-whistle.

Jimmy tried to join in the whistle.

"I can't whistle as nice as you,
Charlie," said he "my lips won't
pucker up good."

"O, that is because you have not
got all the whine out yet," said
Charlie; "but you try a minute
and the whistle will drive the
whine away."

So he did; and the last I saw or
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his best fruit upon the top of the
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doesn't forget. The following in-
cidents were recently told:—

"Come," said a certain mother
to her little boy, "take this; take
this; it is something good." The
child was evidently suspicious, but
after many earnest assurances on
the part of his mother, he took the
medicine, but it was intensely bitter,
and rejecting it at once, his young
voice was raised in angry re-
proaches against his mother for
telling him such a lie. "No, my
dear," said she, "I have told you
no lie. The medicine is good; it
is good to cure you. That is what
I meant."

"Good to cure me!" cried he,
with a look of perfect contempt.
"You cheated me. You know you
did."

Yes, he was right! and by that
act she lost the confidence of her
boy.

A little girl, hearing her mother
say to the clerk; after she had
taken samples from several pieces
of goods, that she would call in
the afternoon and make some pur-
chases, said:—

"Mamma, you said that at all
the other stores."

Actual lessons like these do far
more to fix moral character than
all the perfunctory preaching and
advising possible from September
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