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THE NEW BABY.

BERTHA was delighted one morning, when she came into her mamma's room, to find a dear little new baby lying in her crib.

"Your little sister, Bertha," said mamma.

"O mamma!" was all little Bertha could say in her surprise and delight; and "my 'ittle sisser, my dear 'ittle sisser," was all she could talk about. She had to tell every one that "mamma had another 'ittle Bertha."

"We won't call her Bertha, dear; mamma couldn't have two Berthas; you would not know whether I spoke to you or her."

But Bertha couldn't quite understand.

"We will call her Grace, I think," said mamma, "if papa is willing."

So when papa came in Bertha's arms were about his neck in a moment. "Papa, papa, mamma's got a new 'ittle Bertha, and we're going to call her Grace."

"What for?"

"So we'll know when mamma calls this Bertha and when she calls the new one."

"And papa will want to know which little girl he kisses. Surely we must have



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some way to tell you apart," said papa, smiling.

"And when I say my p'ayers, papa."

"Well, what then?"

"I ask, 'God b'ess Bertha and make her a good 'ittle girl,' and now I can say, 'Grace my 'ittle sisser too.'"

"Well, I guess that will be about the right way. Now do you know what will happen soon? Grace will open her little eyes and look at Bertha to see how she behaves. If she is good and minds mamma, then the little sister will do just so. But if Bertha is cross and naughty, I am afraid Grace will be too. The new little girl will do just as the old little girl does."

"O papa! the old 'ittle girl will be good, good, good!"

AN ODD SAYING.

We often read of the odd sayings of children, and know not whether they are true or false. The following may be relied upon.

At family worship a day or two ago, reading of Cain, in the New Testament, I turned to my little girl with the inquiry, "Who was Cain?" To which she replied, "Adam's eldest son, who killed his

brother Abel." Then turning to little Robbie, I asked, "Who was Abel?" He thought a moment, then boldly answered, "Adam's youngest son, who killed his brother Cain."