

Happy Days

TOO SWEET FOR ANYTHING.

Don't you quite realize this peculiar expression, little friends? Of course you do, for you meet it daily on the lips of most of you—girls of any age? But now, do observe how absurdly extravagant, or, utterly silly it sounds! In the first place the things you usually use the phrase in connection with are not "sweet" at all. Certainly, in this instance, there is no semblance of the "sweet" in any way you take it, about the unlovely little animal the little girl holds so tenderly. He may be a good, interesting little puppy, but he is manifestly not pretty, still less "sweet" in any means. Then think, "too sweet for anything." Now what in the world does that mean? Why, simply nothing, to be sure; so you use trying to gather an idea about it. Don't cultivate this senseless way of speaking, children; it will cling to you and make you the subject of disagreeable comment, if not an object of ridicule, in society in later years.

ONE pure life will do more toward the conversion of the world than any number of volumes on "Evidences on Christianity."



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A GOOD REPUTATION TO HAVE.

A YOUNG man had volunteered, and was expecting daily to be ordered to the seat of war. One day his mother gave him an unpaid bill with money, and asked him to pay it. When he returned home at night,

if he ever said he did, he did."

A LITTLE boy once walked thirty-two miles to get a Bible; he wanted one he could call his own. Would you take as much trouble as that?

she said: "Did you pay that bill?"

"Yes," he answered.

In a few days the bill was sent in a second time.

"I thought," she said to her son, "that you paid this."

"I really don't remember, mother, you know I've had so very many things on my mind."

"But you said you did."

"Well," he answered, "if I said I did, I did."

He went away, and his mother took the bill herself to the store. The young man had been known in the town all his life, and what opinion was held of him this will show.

"I am quite sure," she said, "that my son paid this some days ago, he has been very busy since, and has quite forgotten about it, but he told me that day he had, and says if he said then that he had, he is quite sure he did."

"Well," said the man, "I forget about it; but