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### He Wouldn't Be Humored

"Dr. Mihan K. Kasabian, the Philadelphia martyr to the X rays," said a Philadelphia physician, "took a deep interest in child-training and the psychology of children. Apropos of spoiling—of humoring—the young, I heard him at a medical society meeting tell a story.

"In Montgomery County a patient of Dr. K.'s, a widow, lived on a small farm. The widow had to go to town one day, and as she set off she said to her daughters, two girls of 11 and 12:

"Be kind to little Johnny and humor him while I am away."

"Yes mother, we'll humor him," the girls replied.

"Johnny, being the youngest, was a spoiled urchin, and his mother had been gone only an hour or two when he decided that he wanted to be let down the well in a bucket.

"Oh, no, Johnny," said his sisters. "Yes!" he said, as he kicked his sisters, climbed into the bucket, and jangled the chain.

"Lower me down! Lower me down!" he roared.

"The sisters remembering that he was to be humored, tied him securely in the wet bucket, and then let him down the well. Of course, when the bucket struck the water and Johnny, in the darkness, was soused in an icy bath, his terror was extreme, and he bawled to be drawn up, and he emerged in a frightened and teary state.

"It happened the next week that the mother had to go to town again. Again she said good-bye to Johnny and his sisters:

"Now, remember, you must humor the child while I am away."

"But Johnny remembered the experience of a week before and, as he burst into tears, he cried: 'No, I won't be humored! I won't be humored!'"

A clergyman, whilst going to church one Sunday morning, lost a pocket-book containing valuable papers. After the services he made known his loss, and said that whoever found the pocket-book and restored it to him would be well rewarded.

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"It's found, sir!"

"Oh, thank you, thank you, my man!" said the clergyman. "Have you got it with you?"

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