

LITTLE FOES OF LITTLE BOYS.

"By-and-bye" is a very bad boy,
Shun him at once and forever,
For they who travel with "By-and-bye"
Soon come to the house of "Never."

"I Can't" is a mean little coward—
A boy that is half a man;
Set on him a plucky wee terrier,
That the world knows and honours—"I Can."

"No use in trying"—Nonsense! I say,
Keep trying until you succeed;
But if you should meet "I Forgot" by the way,
He's a cheat and you'd better take heed.

"Don't Care" and "No Matter" boys—they're a pair,
And whenever you see the poor dolts
Say, "Yes, we do care," and "Twould be great matter"
If our lives should be spoiled by such faults.



READING STORIES.

Kate and Lena have a very good and kind papa who reads to them a great deal. He often takes the two little girls on his knees, as we see them in the picture, and they will pass an hour or more in hearing him read stories.

Sometimes the children take their turns in the reading, for they know their father will help them over the hard words. Kate is quite a good reader, and often gets over two or three pages without a mistake, but little Lena, who is not so far on in school, makes some funny mistakes. One day she was reading of a "bushel" of meal, which she called a "bustle" of meal.



"I don't want to pile that wood," whined Jim. "I don't want to go to the store," growled Ned. "I don't want to fill the wood-box," grumbled Tom. Ho, boys! shame on you! Who does everything for you? Your mother? Who gives you your bright eyes, your quick feet and strong hands? Be sure He wishes you to use them to honour him and to help those who love you. Up, boys! I hope the boys who read this paper always do what mother wants.