

Happy Days

SNOWBIRDS.

FLOWERS and birds we think of when we think of bright, warm summer days. But when the sharp frosts come and the ground is covered with snow the brave little snowbirds and our hardy little sparrows hop about as merrily as if they were holding a first of July festival. Sometimes, poor little birds, they have a hard time seeking for crumbs or grain for food. They are as brave as the little red blossoms that grow on the snow away up near the North Pole and should make lazy little boys and girls who cry because they have to go to school through the snow ashamed of their cowardice.

WHAT TO PRAY FOR.

We are so apt to think that we ought to manage all the lesser concerns of life without the help of God. If we fear God we would hardly undertake any important matter without taking it to God in prayer, but in minor things we seem to be forgetful that in them



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les and trials, and the way to the loving heart of our heavenly Father is open to us.

Many years ago we knew a little boy by the name of Sammy, who has now grown up to manhood and is the superintendent of one of our Sunday-schools. Sammy's mother had sent him for something to the shop. On his way back he was detained by something, and in a moment he lost the change. Of course he did not miss it until his mother asked him for it. He at once went back, hunted for it, but could not find it anywhere. With weeping eyes he turned homeward. All at once it came to his mind that if he would pray to God, he could surely direct him to the spot where the lost money was. He knelt down behind a large pine stump, and in simple words he told the Lord his trouble, and asked him to help him to find the money. Comforted and assured that he would succeed in his search, he rose from his knees and before many minutes he hit upon the very spot where he had dropped the money.

we also need God's help and blessing. But whether we are young or old, God is no respecter of persons, neither is he of age. Every time of life has its peculiar trouble. We may ask God confidently to help us, and if we do our duty, he will always bring to pass what is best for us.