

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

LITTLE BY LITTLE.

"Little by little," the torrent said, As it swept along its narrow bed, Changing its wrath and pride.

It came again, and the rushing tide Covered the valley far and wide, For the mighty banks were gone.

"Little by little," the tempter said, As a dark and cunning snare he spread For the young, unwary feet;

"Little by little," sure and slow, We fashion our future of bliss or woe As the present passes away.

ABOUT BABIES.

Where did you come from, baby dear? "Out of the every where into here," Where did you get your eyes so blue?

How did they all come just to be you? "God thought of me and so I grew," But how did you come to us you dear?

THE KING AND THE STABLE-BOY.

During the visit of George the Third to the royal stables, a boy belonging to one of the grooms took his attention. There is no accounting for fancies; but there was something about the boy that won his royal master's favor, and the King treated him kindly in many ways.

Not long afterwards, when the King again visited his stables, he observed the absence of the boy, and asked one of the grooms what had become of him.

"For what reason?" asked the King. "He was discovered stealing the oats from one of the bins," was his reply.

The King felt sorry for the poor boy who had disgraced himself thus, but determined not to give him up and ordered him to be sent for immediately. The order was obeyed, and without loss was brought to the King.

The lad could not look up into the King's face, but, with his head bowed, his only answer to the kind inquiries was a flood of tears.

only taken what was not his own, but abused the confidence reposed in him. "Well my lad," said his Majesty, putting his hand kindly upon the boy's head, "I forgive you."

What a thrill of joy did the lad's heart feel as the King uttered those three words, "I forgive you." Instead of being ordered off to prison, and punished and disgraced, he was restored to favour and restored to the place he had lost.

As his Majesty was leaving, he turned round, looking steadfastly at the boy, and in the hearing of the grooms and servants about him, said, "If any one says a word to you about those oats, tell me!"

I think this a beautiful illustration of divine grace, and a little picture of God's gracious ways with us. How blessed to know that He who sees and reads all the motives of our hearts, and their inmost desires, is the one who loves us, and who is more deeply interested in us than King George was in the boy.

A CHILD'S IDEA OF PRAYER.

JENNIE LEE, who was only four years old, no sooner saw work laid aside than she ran to her mother's knee and claimed a seat there.

For a while Jennie amused herself very quietly by winding a string in out through her fingers; but presently she began talking to herself in a low tone.

"When I say my prayers, God says, 'Hark, angels while I hear a little noise!'" Her mother asked her what noise was that.

"Isn't this a sweet thought? I wonder if the children who read this story of little Jennie have ever thought how wonderful it is that God always hears their prayers.

"He is surrounded by thousands and thousands of angels and all praising with their golden harps; and yet, through all the music and all the praises, he hears the softest prayer of a little child kneeling at the bedside."

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