

Children's Department.

TO PHILLIS, TEN MONTHS OLD.

Baby Phillis, lady fair,
Fat and small of size,
With the sun's gold in your hair,
And the sea's blue in your eyes;—
How I wonder what your will is,
Winsome Phillis!

When you point with tiny hand
At your tiny toe,
How am I to understand
What you mean by doing so?
Prithee, tell me what your will is,
Dainty Phillis!

When you, wide mouthed, on the floor
Like a birdling sit,—
Twenty different notes try o'er
In a pretty talking fit,—
Guess it, can I, what your will is,
Saucy Phillis?

When you suddenly, untaught,
Clap your hands amain,
Is it that some new sweet thought
Flashes through your baby-brain?
Come, unriddle what your will is,
Merry Phillis!

When you gravely fingering scan
Tiniest scatterings,
Studying the Atomic Plan
Are you, in those specks of things?
Who can fathom what your will is,
Quaintest Phillis?

To the ceiling when you raise
Finger and rapt face,
Dear new-comer, do you gaze
Back towards your heavenly place?
Half I fancy what your will is,
Happy Phillis!

But when you come crawling after
Me with eyes ashine,
And with sudden burst of laughter
Stretch your small, plump arms to
mine,—
Ah! I know then what your will is,
Darling Phillis!

—The Spectator.

Strange how many are apt to look
on the dark side of things! They
never can be persuaded that there is
a bright outlook—that there is such
a thing as joy or happiness in the world,
but they will match everything sun-
shiny you mention with the most dole-
ful expressions, the darkest views, until
you almost catch the dismal melan-
choly spirit. Oh, if they would but
tear the dark veil from their eyes by
trusting and loving God, then they
might see beauty in everything.—Ea.



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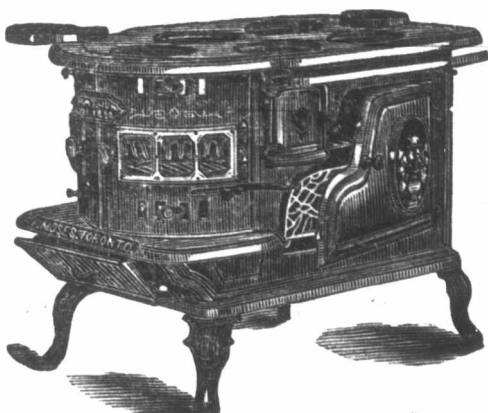
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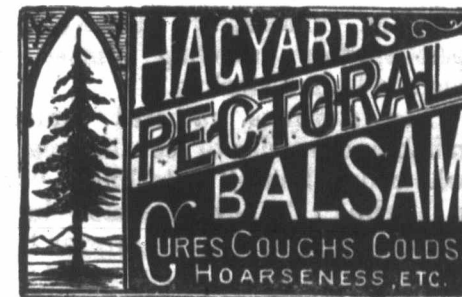
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