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ME AND MY DOG.

This little lad wishes to make our young folks' acquaintance, and is also anxious that his very dear friend and playmate should not stand in the background, but should have a large share in their notice. Doggie seems likely to come in for this, sure enough, for he is so well placed that he really makes the most conspicuous figure in the picture. Animals are good play-fellows, and faithful friends in their way, if used kindly; but if maltreated they know, too, how to make due response. Kindness to inferiors, whether of the higher or lower creation, is an amiable characteristic, and one which should be carefully cultivated. It is the close ally of superior qualities, and wherever present indicates a really good heart.



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FEARLESS

THINK for a moment why it was that our Lord Jesus was so fearless in the storm.

(Mark iv. 35-41.) I do not know whether any of you were ever at sea in a storm, but you can easily understand that it is one of those times when the courage of most people

turns into terror. The boatmen who were with Jesus, and who were much more accustomed to the water than he, were afraid and stricken with terror. Yet Jesus

So he began to plunge and kick, and soon the boys were flying up in the air. But they soon came down again. I think they will not tease the calf again.

was perfectly fearless. If we are about our duty, we may be quite sure that God will protect us until our work is done, just as much as if we were in the boat with Jesus. All Christians are in the hands of God, and under the protection of God as these men were in the boat. The fact that Jesus is not with us in body makes no difference. He is with us still, and he protects us still. Only it is for God's glory if we are to die or suffer, and when that time comes, we shall not fear to die if we trust God. We shall not be afraid to meet the storm, even though the storm should wreck our body. We are in God's arms.

THE WRONG PONY.

JAMES and Harry thought they were going to have some nice sport. They took John's saddle and put it on a large calf. Then they both got on its back at once. The calf did not like to be used for a horse.