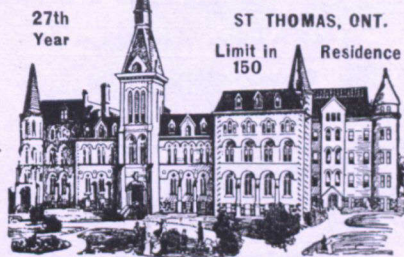


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The dog, to awaken the child and coax him to walk on, had pulled at his little garments until they were tattered and torn. The parents were rejoiced to recover the child, and the dog vied with them in showing its gratitude at the providential approach of the rescuing party.—St. Paul Dispatch.

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A ROYAL LESSON.

Being the pet of the family, Prince Eitel was more or less spoiled as a child, and some interesting stories have been told concerning his wilfulness. In common with many other little boys, His Imperial Highness had a rooted aversion to soap and water, and often refused pointblank to allow his nurses to wash his hands and face. One morning, to his unbounded delight, he was allowed to go out unwashed, and for a time revelled in his freedom. Happening to pass the sentinel at the palace gates, he was surprised to find that the man did not salute. In high dudgeon, the young prince sought the Emperor and poured out his tale of woe, expecting to have the guard reprimanded. But, to his astonishment, the Kaiser merely said: "The soldier did quite right. Surely you do not expect him to salute a dirty boy." The lesson had its effect, and henceforth the nurses experienced no trouble.—M. A. P.

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THE BOY THAT LAUGHS.

I know a funny little boy—
The happiest ever born;
His face is like a beam of joy,
Although his clothes are torn.
I saw him tumble on his nose,
And waited for a groan—
But how he laughed! Do you suppose
He struck his funny-bone?
There's sunshine in each word he speaks,
His laugh is something grand;
Its ripples overrun his cheeks
Like waves on snowy sand.
He smiles the moment he awakes,
And till the day is done;
The schoolroom for a joke he takes—
His lessons are but fun.
No matter how the day may go,
You cannot make him cry;
He's worth a dozen boys I know
Who pout and mope and sigh.
—Harper's Bazar.

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WHAT THE BIRDIES THOUGHT.

Four little birdies went sound asleep,
On the end of a telegraph wire.
When sunrise came, the buzz of the pole
Made them dream the world was afire!
So they hurried, and scurried away to a pond,
Then, fast as their feathers could fly,
They sputtered, and spattered, so high and so hard,
They thought it was reaching the sky.
When they were through, the world was still there,
So they thought, with no shadow of doubt,
The fire they had dreamed was burning the world,
By their efforts alone was put out.
—Charlotte Chittenden.

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