CHILDREN'S CORNER.

WISE MRS. SWALLOW.

Mrs. Swallow had just finished her nest, and fastened it snugly on one side of the chimney, when along came the North Wind in a terrible passion.

He had quarrelled with some of his relations in Greenland, and rushed out, like the silly, bad tempered old fellow he was, to wreak his spite on whatever came in his way.

So, growling, and shrieking, and whistling, and groaning, he blew off any number of hats, scared hundreds of young blossoms from the cherry-trees, and left them to die on the road, rocked all the little wooden houses like so many cradles, and then flew from the streets to the chimneys.

Away went a brick here and there, and, alas! at the second great puff away went Mrs. Swallow's nest, too.

She had built it so carefully and wonderfully, carrying up wisps of hay and bits of straw from the tan-yard, and lining it with some of Gray Hen's softest feathers!

And now where was it? "Ha! ha! ha!" laughed the spiteful old Wind, "would'nt you like to know?"

Then he spied Mr. Swallow hurrying home with a fine worm he had found, and he hastened to get behind him and drive him along so fast that he came bump up against Mrs. Swallow, nearly knocking her from her perch, and at the same time dropped the worm he had carried so far.

"Whew!" said Mr. Swallow when he got his breath again: "This is a blow!"

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," muttered the worm, as it crawled quickly away.

"But what's the matter, my dear?" continued Mr. Swallow. "Why do you look so serious? And—bless my heart! where's our nest?"

"That horrid old North Wind snatched it from the chimney, first tumbling me out and rumpling all my feathers," answered Mrs. Swallow, with tears in her round, black eyes; "And now what are we to do?"

"Cheer up, my own wee birdie," chirruped her husband. "I can't bear to see you cry. We'll get inside the chimney until were quite sure he's gone, and then we'll call on Madam Owl, and ask her advice. They say she has become so wise through studying the stars night after night, and night after night, that she knows every thing, and so, of course, she will be able to tell us what to do."

"But, Swally," said Mrs. Swallow, "our family don't like Madam Owl, and have never been friends with her. Only the other day, when she was dozing, I pulled a feather out of her head myself."

"That was very naughty, my dear," said Mr. Swallow, looking as though he thought it rather cunning; "but I don't believe she'll remember it if we are very polite to her and pay her some compliments. And now you'd better take a little nap, for Madam Owl only receives company at night, and I'm afraid you can't stay awake when it becomes dark, unless you do."

So Mrs. Swallow, like an obedient wife, took a nap, and Mr. Swallow did too, for that matter, although he said, when Mrs. Swallow woke him, "he had only been thinking."

As soon as evening came, away they flew to the old oak tree where Madam Owl lived.

She had supped off a plump young field mouse, and was very good-natured, and listened with the utmost patience until they had told their story. Then she said, "Tu-whit tu-whoo! oh! ah! yes!"

"Wasn't it too bad of the Wind?" asked Mrs. Swallow,

"Tu-whit-tu-whoo! oh! ah! yes!" answered the Owl.

"Can you tell us what to do?" asked Mr. Swallow.

Madam Owl looked at the moon half an hour—looked at the stars half an hour—looked at nothing half an hour—and then said very slowly, "Tu-whit-tu-whoo! oh! ah! no-o-o-o!"

"Good night," twitted the angry swallows, and flew quickly back to their chimney again.

"Much good it did us, going to Madam Owl," said Mrs. Swallow with a pout, as they had reached home. "I never did believe those stories about her knowing so much. Why, if I had said as little and had as big eyes as Madam Owl, no doubt all the birds would call me wise too. And now I'll tell you, my love, what I think we had better do. Get up with the sun to-morrow morning, make another nest, and fasten it on the other side of the Chimney."

"Upon My word, my dear," said Mr Swallow, "your'e an ex-tra-or-di-na-ry bird!" and, being very tired, he tucked his head under his wing and went to sleep.—*St. Nicholas.*

THE NEW YEAR.

Who, with smiles and wishes fair,
Through drifted snows and branches bare,
Comes, and liberal handed brings
Countless gifts and pleasant things,
Many a cake and many a kiss.
Gilded toys and sports of bliss,
Pictured books, with covers gay:
Who thus crowns our holiday?
While the sleigh bells merry peal
Rings, and glides the skater's heel?
The glad New Year.

Who, a tablet in his breast
Hides, with characters impress'd,
Mystic signs, and tints that show
Chance, and change of joy and woe,
Wreaths of hope in darkness laid
Boasted wealth a winged shade,
Brows that fade in youthful bloom,
Empty cradles, open tomb:
Who, alas! such course shall tread
Ere his farewell words are said?
The sad New Year.

Who, of those that never stray
Willfully from Duty's way,
Seek for knowledge, prize and truth,
Wisdom gain in early youth,
With a pure and peaceful mind
Live in love with all mankind,
And a Saviour's precepts dear,
Treasure in His holy fear:
Who, of such leaves record high
On the pages of the sky?
The bless'd New Year.

HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.

An old schoolmaster said one day to a clergyman who came to examine his school, "I believe the children know their catechism word for word." But do they understand it? that is the question," said the clergyman. The school master only bowed respectfully and the examination began. A little boy repeated the fifth commandment—"Honor thy father and thy mother"—and he was desired to explain it. Instead of trying to do so, the little boy with his face covered with blushes, said almost in a wisper, "Yesterday I showed some strange gentlemen over the mountain. The sharp stones cut my feet; and the gentlemen say that they were bleeding, and they gave me some money to buy shoes. I gave it to my mother, for she had no shoes either, and I thought I could go barefooted better than she could." The clergyman then looked very much pleased, and the good old schoolmaster only said, "God gives us His grace and blessing."

GRANNY'S STORY.

Yes, lads, I'm a poor old body;
My wits are not over clear:
I can't remember the day o' the week,
And scarcely the time o' year.
But one thing is down in my mem'ry
So deep it is sure to stay;
It was long ago, but it all comes back
As if it had happened to-day.

Here, stand by the window, laddies,
Do you see, away to the right,
A long black line on the water,
Topped with a crest of white?
That is the reef Defiance,
Where the good ship *Gaspereau*
Beat out her life in the breakers,
Just fifty-six years ago.

I mind 't was a raw Thanksgiving,
The sleet drove as sharp as knives,
And most of us here at the harbor
Were sailors' sweethearts and wives.
But I had my good-man beside me,
And every thing tidy and bright,
When, all of a sudden, a signal
Shot up through the murky night.

And a single gun in the darkness
Boomed over and over again,
As if it bore in its awful tone
The shrieks of women and men.
And down to the rocks we crowded,
Facing the icy rain,
Praying the Lord to be their aid,
Since human help was vain.

Then my good-man stop and kissed me,
And said "It is but to die:
Who goes with me to the rescue?"
And six noble lads cried "I!"
And crouching there in the tempest,
Hiding our faces away,
We heard them row into the blackness,
And what could we do but pray?

So long, when at last we heard them
Cheering faint, off the shore,
I thought I had died and gone to heaven,
And all my trouble was o'er,
And the white faced women and children
Seemed like ghosts in my sight,
As the boats, weighed down to the water,
Came tossing into the light.

Eh, that was a heartsome Thankgiving,
With sobbing and laughing and prayers:
Our lads, with their brown dripping faces,
And not a face missing from theirs.
For you never can know how much dearer
The one you love dearest can be,
Till you've had him come back to you safely
From out of the jaws of the sea.

And little we cared that the breakers
Were tearing the ship in their hold.
There are things, if you weigh them fairly,
Will balance a mint of gold.
And even the bearded captain
Said, "Now let the good ship go,
Since never a soul that sailed with me
Goes down in the *Gaspereau*."

—*Emily H. Miller, in St. Nicholas.*

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