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THE YOUNG HOUSEKEEPER.

LITTLE Maud Merton's mother was taken ill, so she had to ask Maud to try to prepare dinner for her father and brothers.

"Oh, yes, mamma, I can do it first rate," said Maud, and she rolled up her sleeves and tied on an apron and set to work. She got the eggs and butter and flour, and I don't know what else, and in a short time had quite a nice dinner ready. Not only did she relieve the mind of her sick mamma of a great care, but she greatly pleased her papa



THE YOUNG HOUSEKEEPER.

to find what a kind, helpful daughter he had, but she also learned how to do what she will find to be very useful in after years.

Girls, always be glad to help your mother, you will also learn to help yourselves too, and to be useful to all around you. Nothing is so pitiful as to see girls grow up without knowing how to do a thing about the house.

The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 6, 1880.

ONE DROP OF INK.

I DON'T see why you won't let me play with Will Hunt," pouted Walter Kirk. "I know he does not always mind his mother, and smokes cigars, and once in a while swears just a little; but I have been brought up better than that. He won't hurt me; and I should think you could trust me. Perhaps I can do him some good."

"Walter," said his mother, "take this glass of pure water, and put just one drop of ink into it."

"O, mother! who would have thought one drop would blacken a whole glass of water?"

"Yes; it has changed the colour of the whole, has it not? It is a shame to do that. Just put one drop of clear water in, and restore its purity," said Mrs. Kirk.

"Why, mother, you are laughing at me. One drop, nor fifty, won't do that."

"No, my son; and, therefore, I cannot allow one drop of Will Hunt's evil nature to mingle with your careful training—many drops of which will make no impression on him."

If I were a man, do you s'pose I'd dare
In the face of my Maker to curse and swear?
No! I never would give to good people pain
By a habit that brings neither pleasure nor
gain.

TIM'S DAISIES.

HE was only a little "street arab!"
Ragged and friendless? Ah, yes!
Unused to life's sunniest pathway,
Unused to its love and caress;
For she who had loved him—the mother
Whose arms round him once, long ago,
Had clasped themselves closely—all winter
Had lain 'neath the beautiful snow.

But months passed away, and the springtime
Came on with its bud and its bloom,
And the zephyrs of May, softly blowing,
Scattered far o'er the earth their perfume.
And then came a day dawning brightly,
When soldiers brought flowers to spread,
With love and with honour so loyal,
O'er the graves of the hero-dead.

And poor little Tim, sadly thinking
Of his loved one whose grave was un-
known,
Wandered there 'neath the pleasant spring
sunshine,
With tears in his eyes all alone;
And he gathered the pretty white daisies,
For no other flower had he,
And on the dear grave of his mother
He scattered them tenderly.

Only the simple white daisies!
Only the tears falling fast!
Only a boy's sad heart yearning
For mother-caresses long past;
Oh, fair were the buds and the blossoms
Laid over the soldier dead!
But as loyal and sweet were Tim's daisies
Over his mother's low bed.

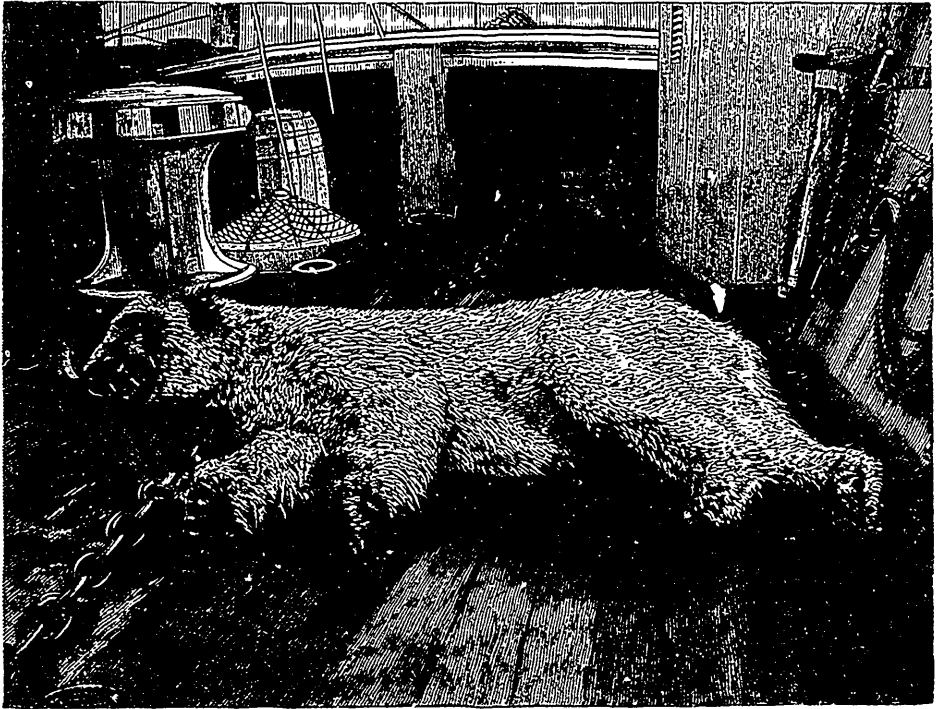
I COULD tell of two good little boys, well
educated and refined, who go every Sunday
to a mission school in a dirty and degraded
street, that they may encourage some poor,
ragged boys to go there, too. These two
boys have the spirit of Jesus Christ. They
are not selfish; and they mean that the
poor, ignorant boys shall climb up in the
world over them.

THE POLAR BEAR.

THIS big fellow was killed on the ice in the Arctic regions by some sailors of Captain Hall's ship. They saw him climbing a large iceberg, and went after him in their boat. When they killed

AN ENEMY IN THE GARDEN.

WHILE I was walking in the garden one bright morning, a breeze came through and set all the flowers and leaves a fluttering.



POLAR BEAR.

him they brought him on board the ship, and when he was stretched on the deck he was nearly eight feet long. These Polars can swim a long way, and are very fierce. But they are very fond of their cubs. One old she-bear, when one of her cubs was killed by some sailors, refused to leave it, but remained by its side, licking its wounds and trying to coax it to get up and walk, and her pitiful look and moan when she found that she could not, were quite distressing.

If I was a man do you s'pose I'd think
For a moment of tasting the drunkard's drink?
No! it only brings a man trouble and woe,
And I'll be a Temperance man wherever I go.

Now, that is the way flowers talk, so I stopped and listened.

Soon an elder tree said,

"Flowers, shake off your caterpillars."

"Why?" said a dozen altogether, for they were like some children who always says "Why?" when they are told to do anything. Bad children those.

The elder said,

"If you don't, they'll eat you up."

So the flowers set themselves a shaking, till the caterpillars were shaken off.

In one of the middle beds there was a beautiful rose, who shook off all but one, and she said to herself,

"Oh, that's a beauty! I'll keep that one."

The elder overheard her, and called out,
"One caterpillar is enough to spoil you."

"But," said the rose, "look at his brown and crimson fur, and his beautiful black eyes, and scores of little feet. I want to keep him. Surely, one won't hurt me."

A few mornings after, I passed the rose again. There was not a whole leaf on her; her beauty was gone, she was all but killed, and had only life enough to weep over her folly, while the tears stood like dewdrops on her tattered leaves.

"Alas! I didn't think one caterpillar could ruin me," she sadly exclaimed.

One sin indulged has ruined many.

LESSON NOTES.

B.C. 1717.] LESSON VI. [Nov. 7.

JOSEPH IN PRISON; or, The Trusted Captive.

Gen. 39. 21-23; 40. 1-8. Commit to memory verses 21-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him. Psa. 37. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. A favourite, v. 21-23.
2. A friend, v. 1-8.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *A favourite*, v. 21-23.—Where was Joseph at this time? In prison. How came he there? By a false charge. How was he treated in the prison? Kindly. Why was he treated kindly? Because God was with him and cared for him. What was given to him? The care of the other prisoners. How did he do in his work? He was faithful in it. What is said about him in the lesson? "That which he did, the Lord made it to prosper."

2. *A friend*, v. 1-8.—Who were sent into the prison with Joseph? The butler and the baker of King Pharaoh. What was Joseph commanded to do to them? To serve them in the prison. What happened to them while in the prison? Each of them dreamed a dream. What did they need? Some one to tell the meaning of the dream. What did Joseph say to them? That God could give the meaning of the dreams. What did he ask of them? To tell him the dreams. What did Joseph show in the prison? Cheerfulness, faithfulness, and kindness. What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT?

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Be faithful in every thing left for you to do.
2. Be cheerful even when you suffer wrong.
3. Try to cheer others in trouble.
4. Rest in the Lord, and wait for his will.

B.C. 1715.] LESSON VII. [Nov. 14.
JOSEPH THE WISE RULER; or, The Nation's Preserver.
Gen. 41. 41-57. Commit to memory verses 46-49.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings. Prov. 22. 29.

OUTLINE.

1. The new name, v. 41-45.
2. The full garners, v. 46-49.
3. The glad home, v. 50-52.
4. The saved people, v. 53-57.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *The new name*, v. 41-45.—For what purpose did Pharaoh send for Joseph? To tell the meaning of his dream. What was the meaning of it? That after seven years of plenty should come seven years of famine. What did Pharaoh do to Joseph? He made him ruler over all the land. How, besides, did he honour Joseph? By giving him a new name.

2. *The full garners*, v. 46-49.—How old was Joseph at this time? Thirty years. What did he do? He went through the land of Egypt. How did he prepare for the famine? By storing up plenty of grain. What is the GOLDEN TEXT? What is it to be diligent? To be faithful in work.

3. *The glad home*, v. 50-52.—Who was Joseph's wife? The daughter of an Egyptian priest. What children did he have? Two sons. What were their names? Manasseh and Ephraim.

4. *The saved people*, v. 53-57.—What came after seven years of plenty? Seven years of famine. What did the people do for food? They came to Pharaoh. What did Pharaoh say to them? "Go to Joseph; what he saith to you, do. How did Joseph feed the people? With the grain in the store-houses. Who besides the people of Egypt came for food? The people of all the countries around.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Be humble when you receive honours.
2. Be faithful in every work.
3. Be wise, and think of the future.
4. Be grateful to God for his goodness.

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