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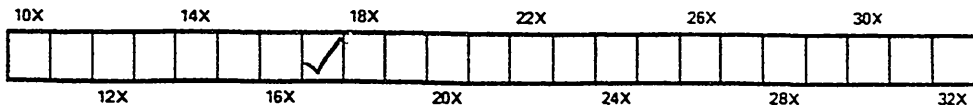
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THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE.

He cannot walk, he cannot speak,
Nothing he knows of books or men ;
He is the weakest of the weak,
And has not strength to hold a pen.

He has no pocket and no purse,
Nor ever yet has owned a penny,
But has more riches than his nurse,
Because he wants not any.

He rules his parents by a cry,
And holds them captive by a smile.
A despot strong through infancy,
A king from lack of guile.

He lies upon his back and crows,
Or looks with grave eyes on his mother.
What can he mean? but, I suppose,
They understand each other.

Indoors and out, early and late
There is no limit to his sway ;
For, wrapt in baby robes of state,
He governs night and day.

Kisses he takes as rightful due, [him ;
And Turk like has his slaves to dress
His subjects bend before him, too ;
I'm one of them. God bless him.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 12.] CHRISTIAN SELF-RESTRAINT. [MARCH 21.

1 Cor. 9. 19-29.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.—1 Cor. 9. 25.

MEMORY VERSES, 25-27.—And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Saul became a new man from the day he went to Damascus. He had been proud and cruel, but he became humble and loving, ready to be a servant to all if he could help people to know Jesus.

When he was with the Gentiles he let them see that he was not bound by Jewish law, but by the law of Christ. The poor and weak he did not despise, but tried to help them all. We who follow Christ are running a race. The one who runs an earthly race is willing to deny himself many things so as to win the prize. But there is a heavenly race for us all to run. Should we not be more eager to win the prize for it? And what is the prize? It is eternal life.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What change did Saul's conversion make in him?

He became a new man with a new heart.

2. How did he try to win souls for Christ?

By being all things to all men.

3. For whose sake did he deny himself?

For the sake of Christ Jesus.

4. What is the race Christians run?

The heavenly race.

5. Who will try to hinder?
Wicked, worldly people.
6. What must we do to win the prize?
We must deny ourselves for Christ's sake.

LESSON SONG.

Put the heavenly armour on,
Little child, your race to run ;
Looking upward day by day,
Always watch and always pray.



THE LITTLE CARPENTER.

The little Swiss boy, Gabriel Gottlieb, has had a new knife given him. He is very clever in its use. He is making, you see, a little toy waggon, like those that carry hay and straw in his own country. See how cleverly he has cut the wheels out of wood and made the little rack which he is just completing. The feather in his hat is like one worn by many of the Swiss boys. Very nice boys they are. They will pleasantly take off their hats to travellers going through their mountain country, and say: "Good morning, sir," or "Good evening, sir." Many of them are very poor, and I have seen them carrying great loads of bread in baskets up the steep mountain paths. But they are happy and always busy, and make their way in the world very cleverly.



STAND BY YOUR FRIENDS.

"Why are you always ready to own that you are a Christian?" asked one boy of another.

"Because Jesus is my best friend, and I believe in standing by my friends," was the answer. "Stand by your friends if you would have them stand by you, and stand by your friends because they have stood by you, is my motto."

It is a good motto for every boy and girl, man and woman, in the world; only be sure that yours are real and true friends. A false friend is never a safe one to stand by, nor yet to have any friendship with; but Jesus you know to be a true friend, so stand by him.



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