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[No. 10.

MEDIDITSOME TOM.
One day medillesome Tom met with a punishment. He had been peeping about and listening, and hearing of some wonderful machine that his father had just received.
" I must go and have a look at it," said Tom to hiniself. And down he went to his father's study. He opened the door softly, and there stood the wonderful machine with chains and handles and plates, most tempting to behold. Tom rubbed his; hands and smiled.
So be got upon a chair, and kneeling down he took a chain handle in each hand.
"Ca-pital," he was going to say, but instead of fiuishing the word, he cried out, "Ob! oh! oh!" and roared so loud that every one ran to see what was the matier. For no sooner had Tom taken hold of the handles than he felt as if pins and needles were pricking him, and he could not take his bands away, the handles


Medplesome Tom.
secmed to keep them fast. "Oh: oh: oh. oh: oh:" shrieked Tom.
"Ah!" said his father, "you have punshed yourself at last This 19 a gal vame battery"

Tom did not know what a galvanic battery was, but he made up his mind not to meddle with oneagain. Andwhen his father loosed his hands he crept away to his room, not caring to hear the laughs and jokes that were made upon him.

But lie learued a lesson, and never again meddled with anything that he did not understand

## OUR SAVIOUR'S

 WordsYut never get to the end of Christ's words. Thers is something in them always behind. They pass into laws, they pass into doctrinos, they pass into consolations, but they never pass away, and after all the use that is made of thera they are still not exhaust. ed.-Dean Stanley.

## HTTLJ: LAMB.

IITtLK lanab, who made thee?
I host thon know who made thee,Gave theo life, nud hade thee feed 13y the stream and wer the mead; Gave the clothing of deloght, Softest clothing, woolly, bright; Gave theo such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejuice? Little lamb, who made thee? Jost thou know who made thee?

Jittle lamb, l'll tell theo;
Littlo lamb, l'll tell theo:
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself the Lamb;

He is meek and he is mild,
He became a litule child,-
I a child and thon a lamb;
We are called by his mame.
Iittle lamb, God bluss thee!
Little lamb, God bless thee !


## CLIBAR THROUGH.

A 1.1 tri.e: boy only seven years old, who was trjing hard to be a Christian, was watching the servant, Magoie, as she pared the potatoes fer dimner. Soon sle pared an extra large one, which was very white and nice on the ontside; but when cut into pieces it showed itself to be hollow and black inside with dry-rot. Instantly Willie exclaimed, "Why, Maggie, that potato isn't a Christian!"
"What do you mean ?" asked Maggie.
"Don't you see it has a bad heart?" was Willie's reply.

It seems that this little hoy had learned enough of the religion of Jesus to know that however fair the ontside may be, it will never do to have the heart black. We must be sound and right clear through.

## LITTLEE WINU AND BIG FIRE.

## By flli\%ABETH P. AldLEN.

Five little peoplo were in high glee in the play room. It was very snowy nud blowy outside, and tho rug-carpeted room was warm and snug.

All the coinc-at-nble chairs and stools were ranged in a tandem row, and lo, a train of cars baind for California.

Mamma sat at work in her room smiling to herselt at the sounds of glee from the would-be travellers; but sudienly the sounds changed.
"Willie R:ay, you hourd boy; you've torn my dress!"
" Well, I didn't mean to do it, Miss Spitfire Jane."
"Jameain'ta Spit-fire at all ; it's just you old sough bojs that make things disagrecable."
"O, yes, you are little angels, made of sugar and spice and all that's nice; that's what makes you look so sweet just now."

And so angry words flew about like bombshells, exploding on every side. Mmmma laid dowa her work and went to the playroo:: door.
"Come here, liftle travellers, I waut to show you something."

They crowded noisily into her room. She gave them seats, and told them to be very quiet and watch what would happen. Then, going to a little closet, she brought out a barket full of chips and kindling-wood and shavings. She laid them in a high pile on her pretty grate, where the children hardly ever saw a fire made, and with a pair of tongs brought a coal from the nursery fire, and dropped it in the midst of thes pile.
"Now, Mosj-posy," she said to the wee-est of the little ones, "blow that coal."

Rosy got off her chair with a rather solemn face, and pursing up her lips, blew as hard as such a little girl could. In an instant a very pretty red flame started, and while the children looked and wondered what mamma meant, tho whole pile caught, and a great, roaring brightness flashed up the chimney.
"Now, all of you together blow that fire out," said mamma.

All five pair of litlle cheeks were puffed in an iustant, and they blew and blew till there was no breath left in them.

Did the fire heed their blowing? Not a whit. On it went, roaring and snapping and sparkling. looking almost as if it were laughing at their red fuces.
"O, uamma, we can't blow it out," they all cried.
"No, I see you cau't, said mauma; " and
there is another fire that ono little breath can start and fun, until it gels so hot that all together youl can't blow it out. What is it, little daughter $?^{\prime \prime}$
"I 'spect its getting mad," snid Jane, with downcast eycs.
"Then go back to your play," anid mamma, "and $O$, be careful not to start that blaze by any ugly word."

## THE BABY BROTHER.

Jane: and lda are very fond of their little bother, and indeed he is very cute, and so good-natured, Jaughing and crowing from morning till night. They never think it a hardship to take care of him while mother is busy; in fact, they will almost quarrel, sometimes, as to which shall be the one to carry or put him to sleep.

I am sorry to say that all sisters are not like these two little girls in this respect. I have known some who were cross and, shall I say it? ugly-when mother wished them to amuse baby for a while, thus, by their conduct adding to mother's anxiety and care. I hope that none of my readers are like them.
"But," I hear some one say, " babies are very different. Some are nice, and some are not nice to take care of." I agree with you, but must add, that some girls are nice and some are not nice, as nurses.

Do you suppose any baby, even the best1:atured, likes to be jerked and scolded? Do you think that, as a rule the will continue to smile and crow if he fin is sister cross and "gly and sces that she does not care whether he is pleased or not? How would you like to be treated so by anyone? Do you think that you would be very amiable?

I think I will give you a text to help you, the next time you have to do something that you do not like. "Whatsoever yo do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not unto men." Think of it as something God has given you to do. Yes, even taking care of little brother or sister. Put your heart in it, a beart full of love for Jesus, and you capuot he!p but please.

## FOR PURE SPEECH.

A man, looking up from sawing his wood saw his little son turi:ing two boys out of the yard. "See here! what are you about, George?" asked the man. "I'm turuing two swearers out of the yard, father," said George. "I said I would not play with swearers, and I won't." That is the right time and place to say, "I won't." We wish every boy would take the same stand-no play with swearers. 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaiu."

WHEN JESt's Was a cllllil.
AT night the wealthy cutizen Had turned him from his door: The only friende around him were The lowly and the poor.
Yet, to his Father's will resigned, The new-horn infant smiled:
This camo to pass in Bothlehem, When Jesus was a child.

He came to do his Father's work, His Father's law to teach;
The Jewish doctors wondered at The wisdom of his speech.
In piving ensons for his faith, The hours away he whiled:
This came to pass in Solyma, When Jesus was a child.

Beneath Saint Joseph's humble roof, He with his mother dwelt;
His gentle words revealed to them The love his bosons felt.
In overy action he was kind, In manner always mild:
This came to pass in Nazareth, When Jesus was a child.

Have I been patient, wise and good, When home and wheu abroad?
Ah, no! too often I behaved Unlike a child of Goud.
In future, with my Father's will I shall be reconciled,
And try to do as Jesus did, When once he was a child.

## THE LOST KEY.

Jet was ouly five years old, but she was a busy little girl and wanted to do everything her mamma did; so she had learned to sew quito nicely. One day there came a tiny hole in the pocket of Jet's dress, and mamma said, "Jet, be sure and mend that hole."
"Yes, mamma, in a minute," answered Jet.

But she was a forgetfal little girl, like some others that I know; and aftera while, when the cook gave her the pantry key to carry to mamma, she did not think at all about the hole, but put the key in her pocket. It was not long before the key was needed, and mamma said, "Come, Jet, quickly, and help me look for it; I need it at once."
Tears came into Jet's pretty brovn eyes, and a bright red spot showed on both her cheeks. "Ol, mamma, I put it into my pocket, and now it is gone."

Up-stairs, down-stairs, Jet ran, looking for the key; but it could not be found. At ast the little girl sat down on the nursery
rug and hiad her foce in her hamis, for the tears came so fast that she could not sec. She did not even notice kitty playing about the room, until the merry puss cams and sprang right into hor lap.

And what whe that in kitty's mouth? Tet looked down with her tearful eyes. What was kitty playing with? J!st think! The dear little puse had found the lost kes: and was amusing herseif loy dragging it after her and biting the string to which it was tied.

Up sprang Jet and ran with the key to mamma. Then she sat down and mended the hole in her pecket, thinking, "I will never, never, nover again delay doing what mamma tells me."

## A LITTLE BOYS SERMUN.

Two little brothers were left at home one rainy Sunday. Johunic said, " Let us play church. You be the minister and I'll be the congregation." So Sammy toois down the lig Bible and looked over it a little while, and then said, " Now, Johnnie, hero's a nice little text with only four words in it; and as you are a little boy four years old, there'll be a word for each year of your life. This is the text: 'I am the door.' You see the first word is I. It has only one letter in it. This 'I' means the Iord Jesus, the good Jesus, the good Saviour who loves little children. The second word is 'am.' This has two letters in it. When Jesus says, ' I am the door,' of course he doesn't mean that he really is a door like that through which we come into a room, but only that he is like a door. The third word is 'the.' Jesus says, 'I am the door,' because he is the only door by which we caa enter into heaven. The fourth word is 'door.' This has four letters in it. A door lets us into the house. If there were no door we could not get in at all. A door keeps out the rain, and the dogs, and the thieves; so Jesus keeps away all dangerous and hurtful things out of his beautiful heaven. If we want to get into a inouse we must go straight to the door; and if we mant to get to heaven we must go to Jesus and ask him to let us in."

## MY BEST TEXT.

"Moruzr, said a little girl, on coming home from the Sunday-school, "I want to ask you something.'
" We!l, dear, what is it ?"
"Do you know what is my best text?"
"Tell me, my dear," replied the mother.
"Well, mother, you know that I am just seven years old, and my text has just seven words in it: 'It is titue to serve the Lord.'" (Hos. 10.12.)

## PliAliNi FUl: A Hmet.

A comiruitrilis. ono who sells kiblies and other books, was talking to $n$ woman whe day, whan a little boy came nud slexnt besido him.

- I wish 1 might have one of these gexd books," he said. "how much are thoy 7"
"The cheapsast Tostament is twopence." said the colporteur.

The littlo rellow turned awny with a sigh. He had not half so much ns a half. penny.

The colporteur went out one day. H1, had not gone far when he heard the sound of little feot running after him, and a cory of-" Pleaso, sir. stop !"

It was the littlo boy, whose face way | now beaning with joy.
"I prayed to God for one of those louks." he said, "and I have fomid $n$ shillugg on the road, and no one owns it, so now, please. give ine a Bible."
"I have a lible for sixpence," said the colportcur.
"No," said little Dennick, "God gave mo the shilling for it, and you must keep it all."

Do a!! of our dear readers fecl that the bible is indeed a precinus trensure? If you ever meet a chuld withnut a Bible, bo sure end give that poor one a New Testa. ment.

## HAMMONK BIRISS.

Tue Hammock vird hangs its nest from a slender branch, just as a sailer does his hammock. We may well call it the first hammock builder, and from them the sailor may have taken his lesson. They live in Australia and belong to the family of liinls called Honey-eaters as they feed not only on insects, but also on the sweet juice or honey of flowers.

Nothing could be mora comfortable than the nest of these birds, built of grase, wool and pure white cotton, gracelully suspended in the air and swinging in the breeze. It prefers a quiet, lazy life, and is much lese active than most birds. At times its presence would hardly be noticed except for a shrill note which it sends now and then through the forest.
"I tove you, mamma, and that's why I have to mind you every time," said lfule Nell. Some children think they love papa and mammo, but do not mind them every time. It is only real love that is a law, and that is the kind of love which we must have for Jesus. It is very sweet to love Jesus so much that we have to mind him.


## litile saraif and her cat.

"Turra's one thing for which $I$ am just truly glad," she said to the cat; as she lifted her by her fore-paws, and rocked back and forth in the library.
"Nobody wants you, my dear old cat. They are giving away their things, and selling them, and making anoney with them for the fisssionaries; but nobody will buy my cat. Flora has sold every one of her chickens. I don't see how she could do it, and Trudie Burne won't eat a siugle egg, because she wants to sell them for missionaty money, and her brother Tom sells all his strawberries and Fanny raises little bits of cucumbers and sells them; and it seems as if there wasn't anything to beep and have a good time with ouly my dear cat. I don't know how I'm going to make my missionary money; I must find eome way, but Im just as glad as I can be that there is nothing that can possibly be doue with you, only just to pllay with you."
Alas, for little Sarahl The very next day she went with mamme to call on Mrs. Colonel Bates; and while she sat in the front parlor, in an clegaut chair that was high and slippery, and waited for Mrs. Culonel to come, who should come puffing into the back parlor, where a man was waiting to see him, but the old Colonel
himself, and what should bo the first wonds he said but these tromendous ones:
"I declaro I would give S5 for a good mouser! Such times as we have with mice aroundthesepremises! That's the way with an old place. Old family residences are humbugs !"

Five dollars for a good mouser! Mrs. Colonel came soon, and sho and mamma talked aud talked about a number of subjects which at another timo would have pleased little Sarah. Just then her heart was too full of that one sentence to attend to anything else. Five dollars ior a good mouser 1 Aud there was no bope of Colionel Bates giving that five dollars, or uny other, to the missionary cause, on his own account. It was not a week since she har? heard the ladies repeating what he said about the Foreign Mission work being a great mistake, a failure, a shear waste of monay; none of his should be frittered away in that manner. There was not in all the town a better mouser than Tabby, and little Sarah knew it. And five whole dollars! It made her heart beat fast, and the tears came into her eyes. It took her two days to decide the matter, during which time she had so little appetite, and moped around so sadly, that her mother feared she was going down with the measles. One morning little Sarah knew, by the way her heart beat, while she was dressing, that she had decided. Tabby was to be put in the willow basket, and taken to Colonel Bates' by her own sad little self. She hurried now; she wanted no clasnce to change her mind. Swiftly her little feet flew over the ground, and she was at the Colonel's just as that gentleman was going through the hall on his way to breakfast. He opened the door for her himself.
"If you please, sir," said little Sarah, holding up the basket, and speaking very fast, " I have brought Tabby; she is a good mouser, and I know the missionaries ought to have the $\$ 5$; but I love her very much, and would you please hurry and give it to me so I wont hear her mew again?"
"What! what! what!!" sputtered Col. Bates. "What have we here? Who are you, little one? and what am I to give you?")
"That \$5, if you please; your said you would, you know, for a good mouser, and Tably is the best one that ever was; my mamma snys so. Aud the missionarics, you know, need the mnney, the heathon peoplo do; and I mustn't be selfish and keep Tabby. Will you please to be vory good to her?" and a great tear, hot from little Samh's blue eyes, pinshed on the Colonel's hand.
"Bless my body!" he said, and atood dazed for a moment; then he threw back his great head, and laughed so loud that little Sarah was amazed; then he trok out his pocket-book. "Su I promised 85 for a mouser, did I? Who told you?"
"Nobody did, sir; I heard you say it the other day, when you talked with a man."
"Just so; my tongue was always getting me into scrapes. Well, hare goes ! Colonal Bates is a man who always keeps his word, Here's your $\$ 5$; and if it duesn't do the heathen good, it ought to, for your sake."

Now all this happened only recently. Of course I can't tell you how Tabby behaved, nor what the effect of her society was on Colonel Bates, nor what the children of the Mission Band said when littlo Sarah brought her 35.-The Pansy.

## CHILD.LIFE.

As early traveller am I, Upon a road that looks
As pleasant as the flowery path Beside the summer brooks.

I've gone a very little way,
And yet I can't go back
To pick up anything I've lost Or wasted on the track.

And if I careless pass each stone, I mayn't my steps retrace: And so I need a faithful Guide, To keep me by his grace.

## "WAS IT OUR JESUS?"

A IITTLE three-year-old stood at the window one pleasant Sabbath watching for papa, who was at church. She soon spied him coming, and as he entered the door she raised her dark eyes and said, "Papa, what did the preacher preach about this morning?"

Her father replied, "He preached about Jesus."
"Papa, was it our Jesus?" she asked.
"Yes," said her father, " it was our Jesus."
The dark cye brightened at the thought that papa's minister knew her Jesus, and had talked ebout him.

Yes, the Saviour is every child's Jasus !

