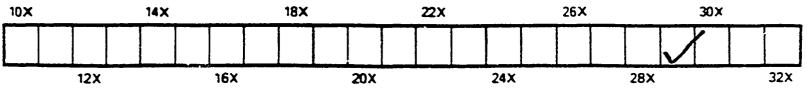
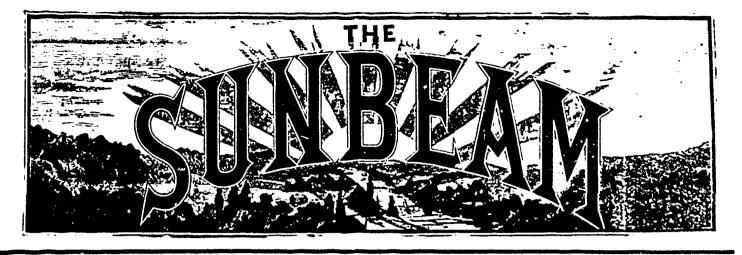
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DON'T. KATIE!

BY FRANCIS FORRESTER, ESQ.

Two sisters, strolling in the woods one summer's day, came to the bank of a pond on which the beautiful waterlilies floated like charming dryads, tempting all beholders to pluck them and enjoy their aweet perfume.

"How lovely !" exclaimed the elder girl. "I will hold on to this tree and try to reach one."

"Don't, Katie !" pleaded the younger girl, "the water is very deep, and if you should fall in you would be drowned. Don't, Katie!"

But Katie was self-willed -I wonder if the reader is? Pushing her sister aside with a "Hush, Mary !" she reached over after a tempting lily which was floating, as it seemed, within her grasp. It was, however, farther off than it seemed, and as she strained herself to reach it, her foot slipped, she lost her hold upon the tree, and fell headlong into the water with a fearful splash.

A piercing scream from Mary waked a thousand echoes in the forest, and reached the ears of some charcoal burners whose cabin was not far from the pond. Guided by the voice, they rushed to the pond. One of

water. They bore her as speedily as possi- Katie. hle to the nearest cottage, where, in due time, she was restored to consciousness and realms of memory, that there are, perhaps, deep water made it wrong for her to do it



WATER-LILIES.

them plunged in, and soon drew the in- life. It was a very narrow escape from right under present circumstances sensible form of Katie from the slimy death for our beautiful but self-willed see that it was right in itself for Katie to

many Katies among the members of my beloved SUSBEAM family-sweet misses in appearance, with tempers soured by self-w.ll. Am I harsh in this judgment? If I am, pronounce me guilty, and drum me out of your SUNDEAM columns. But if my opanion agrees with the facts, and it is true that multitudes of my readers do love to have their own way as dearly as they leve bright ribbons or shining silks, then let them be warned, by Katie's ducking in the lily-pond, that self will is sometimes a very dangerous power in the soul of a young girl. It is so, because it is blind and reckless both of its own duties and the rights of others. It sees but one thing, namely, the object at covets, and rushes straight toward it in spite of daugers and cautions. No wonder self-willed girls-aye, and boys too-get hurt and sometimes so badly that their peace and happiness are ruined forever. Girls and boys, permit an old man to teach you:

1. That when you desire to do or obtain anything. your first question should be, Is it right ?

2. If conscience replies, It is right, then ask if it is

You pull a lily out of the water, but the circum-I think, as I recall this incident from the stance of its being out of her reach and in

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then and there, because it was not right to put her life in peril for that beautiful trifle -a water-lily. Do you understand ?

LUTHER'S CRADLE-SONG.

Away in a manger, No crib for his bed, The little Lord Jesus Lay down his sweet head; The stars in the sky Looked down where he lay-The little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, The poor baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus No crying he makes. I love thee. Lord Jesus. Look down from the sky. And stay by my crib, Watching my lullaby.

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A LESSON STORY.

A RICH man made a supper, and asked Jesus to eat with him. While at the table, Jesus spoke these words about the great supper God has made. Who would not be glad to eat at God's table? But he sent his servant to call men to the feast, and they all began to make excuses! They all had something else to do! See the rich man turning away from God's call, and going to his work. He has not time to hear what God says! Nothing is worth so much as a call to God's feast. He has sent Jesus to call us, every one, and if we want to be happy we must obey his call. When the rich and the wise would not come to the great supper, the servant was sent to call the poor, and lame, and blind. God had gone to school. Yes, I guess I got

because he is too young or too old, too rich or too poor. All we need is a good and loving heart, that makes us want to do just as God says. Do you not want to ask somebody to come to Gol's table ? Tell some one about Jesus; ask some one to come to Sunday-school, and see if such work does not make you happy.

MOTHER'S DARLING.

BOUNDING like a football; Kicking at the door; Falling from the table-top ; Sprawling on the floor ; Smashing cups and saucers; Splitting Dolly's head ; Putting little pussy-cat Into baby's bed.

Building shops and houses; Spoiling father's hat; Hiding mother's bunch of keys Underneath the mat: Jumping on the fender; Poking at the fire; Dancing on his little leas-Legs that never tire; Making mother's heart leap Fifty times a day; Aping every thing we do. Every word we say. Shouting, laughing, tumbling, Roaring with a will, Anywhere and everywhere, Never, never still. Present-bringing sunshine;

Absent-leaving night; That's cur precious darling. That's our hearts' delight. -Early Days.

THE LITTLE FISHERMAN.

A VERY little boy was fishing. He tried to h.de the hook, so that the fish might not see it. "They love to eat worms," he said, "I have fixed this bit of worm so that it shall look as if it were alive. I will wriggle it around in the water; the fish will think it is moving itself about; it will be hungry, and say to itself, ' Here is just the dinner I want;' a nibble, and the hook will enter its jaw; then I shall have my fish."

" Did you ever get cheated like the fish ?" asked his father.

"I don't know. Do you mean the day I played truant? The boys said the woods were so cool, and 'e wild grapes were so thick, and we should have a good timethat was the bait. And I felt so bad, and the grapes made me sick, and I wished I has enough for all, and no one is sent away | caught by the hook."-Mrs. V. C. P.

THE SPARROWS.

- THOU smallest bird that wings the air, The Master cares for thee;
- And, if he cares for one so small, Will he not care for me?
- His eye looks on thee from above, He notices thy fall;
- And, if he cares for such as thee, Does he not care for all ?
- He feeds thee in the sweet spring-time, When skies are bright and blue;
- He feeds thee in the autumn-time, And in the winter too:

He leads thee through the pathless air, He guides thee in thy flight; He sees thee in the brightest day, And in the darkest night.

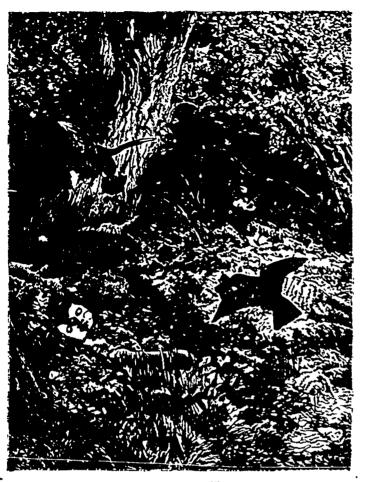
- Oh 1 if his loving care attends A bird so mean and small, Will he not listen to my voice
- When unto him I call?
- Will he not guide me with his eye, And lead me by his hand,
- And bring me, in his own good time, Into the heavenly land?
- Oh! he who feeds the little birds, And guides them in their flight,
- Will watch above a little child, And guide her feet aright:
- He'll take my feeble hand in his, And lead me to the skies,
- And feed me with the pleasant fruits That grow in paradise.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD.

MARY has a pretty picture. It was a birthday present. Her brother Walter bought it, and Willy made the frame. It hangs in her own room by the foot of the bed. Mary has not learned to read yet, but she knows what the picture means. It is a shepherd : he sits under a tree in a green meadow, and the lambs and their mothers rest by him in the shade. Surely little lambs so tenderly cared for are never hungry, for the grass grows tall and thick ; and never thirsty, for near by a stream of pure water gently flows.

Since Hury has had the picture she has learned these pretty Bible verses: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : he leadeth me beside the still waters."

WHEN you truly love any one you are willing to do anything for them. God is love. God's love to us is true love. God so loved us as to give his Son to die for us. Don't you love him?



BABES IN THE WOOD.

ROBIN REDBREAST.

BY FRANCIS FORRESTER, ESQ.

ROBIN REDBREAST is one of the most popular fellows in the air. Everybody likes him-except in strawberry and cherry time, and then he puts so hard a strain on people's regard that they throw sod, if not Robin is a jealous, selfish fellow. His restones, at him. Robin does love strawberries and cherries, and-like the greedy epicure that he is-he always feasts on the reddest, ripest, most luscious berries and cherries that are on cherry-tree and strawberry-vine. But when the season for these sweet fruits is past, people return to their old loves. Robin recovers his popularity, and is made welcome as ever when he comes, Lazarus-like, as he does in winter, to pick up the crumbs which fall from our tables.

I scarcely know why it is that Robin retains the special good-will of so many people. You know that even egg-hunting, i died folded in each other's arms, the robins bird-killing boys will spare him, while came and covered their dear little dead they rob or kill birds of all other species. bodies with leaves. For this loving deed, There is nothing in Robin's character which the story of which has been poured into entitles him to this impunity. Many other | the eager cars of millions of children for birds might set up a better claim to good many generations, we all love the Robin. treatment on the score of character. He is Every time we see him we think of the an unsocial fellow with his kind, and quite poor babes in the wood, and that thought me up.'"

as quarrelsome and selfish as his worst enemies could desire. Just try him with a few crumbs next winter, if he should visit you, and if a brother or sister Robin should dare to hop up and try to get a brother beggar's share, you will see him fly into a terrible passion, and drive the intruder off. deeming quality is that he loves to eat the worms and insects which destroy our trees, and in the winter when other birds forsake us he sticks to our homes and cheers us with his voice.

Yes, people love the Robin. I suppose this is mainly because an old legend states that when a wicked uncle hired some ruffians to carry his little orphaned nephew and niece away and kill them, that he might seize the riches to which they were heirs, and that when those ruffians quarrelled, and finally left the poor babes to wander in the forest until they starved and

awakens a kindly feeling for him whose ancestors are storied to have done that loving dead.

Thus you see how far-reaching in its influence is a deed of love. Possibly the robins never did the loving act with which they are credited. But no matter. It is theirs by reputation, and we love them. and spare them, and feed them from our windows in the winter season. Wo thus practically say, " Blessed are they who do loving deeds '" I trust you all say these words, but I am very desirous to have you do such deeds. You love Jesus because he did the most loving act that ever has been done on earth, when he died the just for the unjust.

THE LITTLE BIRD.

A LITTLE bird with feathers brown Sat singing on a tree--The song was vory soft and low. But sweet as it could be.

And all the people passing by Looked up to see the bird That made the sweetest melody That over they had heard.

- But all the bright eyes looked in vain. For birdie was so small. And with a modest, dark brown coat, He made no show at all.
- "Why, papa," little Gracie said, "Where can this birdie be ? If I could sing a song like that, I'd get where folks could sea."
- " I hope my little girl will learn A lesson from that bird, And try to do what good she can. Not to be seen or heard.
- "This birdie is content to sit Unnoticed by the way, And sweetly sing his Maker's praise From dawn to close of day.
- "So live, my child, all through your life, That be it short or long,
- Though others may forget your looks, They'll not forget your song."

A CHILD'S FAITH

"WILLIE," said a little orphan boy to his brother, "now we are all alone in the world; father, and mother, and auntie are gone, and there is nobody to take care of us; what shall we do?" "O, I am not afraid," said Willie; "don't

you remember the verse that dear mamma taught us? 'When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take

IN SUMMER TIME. How did Absalom gain the hearts of the What did the watchman see in the people? By flattery and false sympathy. distance? Two men running singly. FLOWERS and fruits of the summer. What did Absalom pretend to David? Of what was this a sign ? That David's Can you hear us children shout, That he wanted to go to Hebron to keep army had won the victory. When, over the helds and hillsides, his vow. What did Ahimaaz call out to the king We seek and find you out? What was his real object? To call before reaching him ? "All is well." Do you blackberries know how you glisten? the people together and make himself king. What did he tell David when he fell on You raspberries know how you glow ? his face before him? That God had What did David say to him? "Go in Or you gooseberries know how you prickle? peace." delivered up the men who were against If not-then you ought to know. How many men did Absalom take with their king. him out of Jerusalem? Two hundred, What was David's first question? "Is Do you hide from us, ever, on purpose, For whom did Absalom send to help him? Absalom safe?" And, deep in the green, keep still ? Ahithophel, David's counsellor. Why did Ahimaaz answer as in verse 29? Or is it quite social and pleasant What did Absalom send throughout the He did not have courage to tell the whole When basket and pail we fill ? tribes of Israel? Spies, to help his cause. truth. How were the people to know when Why did David tell him to turn aside? And the bumble-bees-how can you bear Absalom was proclaimed king? When the So as to hear the news from the second them? trumpets sounded. runner. Well, sometimes I think it is true Who brought the bad news to David? What was Cushi's news? "The Lord They have their sharp stings for us people, A messenger. hath avenged thee this day of all them And only their velvet for you. What did David do? He fled from that rose up against thee." Jerusalem. What did the king say unto Cushi? "Is And how do you berries, I wonder, the young man Absalom safe?" WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE. Feel, spread on a beautiful dish, What was Cushi's answer? "Tho Absalom wanted to be king, so All covered with sugar? That strikes me enemies of my lord the king be as that He deceived the people. As just what a berry would wish. young man is." He rebelled against his father. What did this answer tell David? That It's a sort of reward, I am thinking, He sinned against God. Absalom was dead. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.] That every good berry should meet; Do you like your own way? What did David do? He went up to And yet, I'm not sure we should like it, Would you like to do just as you please? To be-so delicious to eat ! the chamber over the gate, and went for If you cannot obey your parents, how Absalom. -St. Nicholas. will you obey God ? WORDS WITH LITTLE PROPLE. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, Away from Godfor this is right." LESSON NOTES. Absalom found sin, trouble, and a shame-DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION .- Filial reverful death. THIRD QUARTER. ence. With God-CATECHISM QUESTIONS. B.C. 1023.] LESSON VI. [Aug. 10. You will find peace, happiness, and a Who was Solomon? David's son, the ABSALOM'S REBELLION. heavenly home. wisest of men, and the king who built the 2 Sam. 15, 1.13. Commit to memory verses 4.6. "The wicked is driven away in his temple. wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in GOLDEN TEXT. Who was Elijah? The prophet who was his death. Honour thy father and thy mother: that carried to heaven in a chariot of fire. DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION .- Parental resthy days may be long upon the land which ponsibility. the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exod. 20, 12. B.C. 1023.] LESSON VII. [Aug. 17. CATECHISM QUESTIONS. OUTLINE ADSALOM'S DEATH. Who was Daniel? The prophet who, 1. A False Prince, v. 1-6. 2 Sam. 18. 24-33. Commit to memory verses S2, 35. because he would not give up praying to 2. A Lying Son, v. 7-9. God; was cast into a den of lions; and who GOLDEN TEXT, 3. A Foul Conspiracy, v. 10-14. was preserved unhurt. Whosq curseth father or mother, let him QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY. Who were Shadrach, Mcshach, and Abeddie the death. Mark 7. 10. What did Absalom prepare for himself? nego? Three young Israelites who, because OUTLINE. they would not worship an image, were Horses and chariots and fifty men. 1. A Father's Anxiety, v. 24-31. Why did he do this? To attract the cast into a fiery furnace, but yet were not 2. A Father's Agony, v. 32, 33. attention of the people, burned. What was a great luxury in those days? QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY. Horses; only kings possessed them. What took place between the armies of THE VERDICT OF A LITTLE LADY. Where did Absalom place himself? Absalem and David? A great battle. LITTLE Lillie D., just four years old, was Beside the road to the gate. Who were defeated? The Israelites looking out of the front window the other Why did he do this? To meet the under Absalom. day, and hearing some of the company people going to the king. Who was killed ? David's son, Absalom. around her remark on the handsome ap-What did the king hold by the gate early Where was David watching for news of pearance of some passing person, gave her in the morning? A sort of court to grant the battle? In the tower-house between opinion on this wise : "I sinks any gemman

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