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WHAT MARY GAVE

The money is not their gift, but that the kitchen fire while she was away.

their father and other. They have net as much to perd for pleasure a they had before. nd to I once heard kind-hearted girl omplain that she ad nothing of her wn that she could iva I will tell you hat she gave in ne day, and you and see that she nistaken. She aver an hour of atient care to her tiesister, who was atting teeth. She a string and a ooked pin and a est deal of advice the little threebarcld brother ho wanted to play fishing. She gave Hen, the maid, the di ecious hour to go id visit her sick eriby at home; for Hed was a widow.

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with its grandmother while she worked to When the collection is taken up in get bread for both. She could not he eseen harch, boys and girls put in money which them very often if our generous Mary had heir parents have given them for that pur- not offered to attend the door and look after

But this was not all that Mary gave. She dressed herself neatly and looked so bright and kind and obliging that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she caught sight of the pleasant face. She

wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business, in which she gave him all the news he wanted in such a frank, artless way that he thanked his daughter in his heart She gave patient attention to a long, tiresome story from her grand mother, though she had heard it many times before. laughed just at the righttime, and when it ended made the old lady happy by a good-night kiss. Thus she had given valuable presents to six people in one day; and yet she had not a penny in the world. She was good; and she gave something of herself to all those who were so happy as to meet her.



MOTHER'S KISS.

GOOD-NIGHT, good night! the silver tone is ringing, Like'a sweet bell that chimes at eventide; And round my neck the childish arms are clinging, With the soft clasp that none can turn aside.

Watch her to-night for me, thou dear Redeemer; Give her thine own best gift of sweet repose; Let angel-guards surround the little dreamer, With folded wings, and eyes that never close.

Thy blessing maketh rich, nor addeth sorrow: Thy love can turn life's darkness into day. Be with my child when she shall wake to-morrow, And keep her feet from every evil way.

Then, when the last grey shadows have descended Over the lonely valley still and deep, Let angels whisper, "Lo! the toil is ended; Good-night; he giveth his beloved sleep."

BABY BOY.

BY REV. T. C READE.

MERLLY a plaything, just a toy,
Yet half supreme though tiny, small,
We toss and catch him as a bail —
Our darling baby boy.

The cat can rob him of his breed—
O, charming, helpless infancy—
Yet in our little family
He is the chief and head.

A rare buffoon, a wit complete,
He makes us merry all day long
With five short words and one wee song,
So simple, yet how sweet!

An orator of matchless skill;

We note each look, each word, each tear,

And ily with mingled love and fear

To do his sovereign will.

O, should we, in our rapture wild,
Great, gracious, glorious Deity,
Enthrone our boy instead of thee.
Chastico us, Lord, but spare the child.

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HAPPY DAYS.

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A JEWEL FOR HEAVEN.

A LEGEND tell us that an angel was commissioned to go to earth and search for a jowel unknown in heaven. He wandered through the earth and over the ocean, but could find none that he had not seen in his own home. Discouraged, at last he was about to take his departure from earth and go back empty-handed to heaven; but just at that moment he met a penicent returning to his home in tears. Unseen, the angel reached forth his wing and caught a falling tear. This he bore up to heaven and presented it before the throne. God's greeting was, "Behold a jewel rarer than any of carth or Leaven-the tear of a sinner's repentance!"

A PROFOUND SECRET.

"CAN you keep a secret, Daisy?" asked Nell Clay of her younger sister.

"Yes, indeed!" replied Daisy, trying to look digmined.

Nell bent down and whispered something in Daisy's ear, to which Daisy clapped hands, and cried, "O goody!"

"Remember, it's a profound secret," said sister Nell.

Daisy ran off to school, feeling very important, and overtook Conny Travers on the way.

"O Conny," she said, "I know something awful nice!"

"What is it?" asked Conny, opening her eyes very wide.

"Oh, I musn't tell," said Daisy, screwing up her lips. Sister Nell told me this morning. It's a profound secret."

"Oh, my!" said Conny. "Can't you just tell me?"

"Nell wouldn't like it."

"She wouldn't mind me," pleaded Conny.

"Won't you never, never, never tell?" whispered Daisy.

"Never, 's long as I live!"

"Honest and true?"

"Truer'n steel!" declared Conny.

"Well, Sarah Beli's father is going to give her a piano for her birthday to-morrow, but they wouldn't have her know it for anything until she comes home and finds it in the parlour."

"How splendid!" exclaimed Conny.

"It's a profound secret," said Daisy.

A few days later, Mrs. Bell called upon Mrs. Clay.

"I suppose Sarah was surprised and delighted about the piano," said the latter.

"She was delighted enough," was the reply. "But she wasn't a bit surprised. She heard it at school."

"That Conny Travers must have told," said Daisy indignantly, after Mrs. Bell had gone home.

"But who told Conny?" asked Nell.

"I did, but I didn't s'pose she'd be mean enough to tell."

"And I didn't think you would," replied

"Well, children," said Mrs. Clay, "it's an old saying that 'if you can't keep your own secret, nobody else will keep it for you." If you will remember this it will save you a good deal of trouble."

"There's an older sentence that I like much better," said sweet Aunt Peace from her window. "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips."—
The Myrtle.

OBSERVE THE BIRTHDAYS

Let the birthdays of each member of family be always remembered when comea. Let there be something a little of the ordinary routine in the arranger of the table; cookies fashioned as John likes them best; one of Frank's favour flum-puddings, or Julia's special liking loaf of ginger-cake; or a wonderful lempie, such as only mamma can make.

Then there must be presents; sometice people may think they cannot be afforded but reflect. The little one needs shot dresses, aprons, and many other things.

Purchase one or more for the birthd It will seem just as much a present tolas though she were not obliged to have

Next come school books and story box a set of furs and a pair of skates (should a birthday occur in the winter), a prelittle dinner basket, or, if the parents a afford it, a little gold band for one of a white fingers, a necklace, a watch with shining chain, or the pony that has ke wished for so long.

Encourage the little ones in giving each other, and remember father's mother's birthday too, and, believe medwill be bread cast on the waters; the diwill only be a few ere some returns, at there will be a never-failing supply as he as you and your children live.—Memple Baptist.

ONE DROP OF EVIL

"I no not see why you will not let i play with Will Hunt," pouted Walter Kr "I know he does not always mind i mother, and smokes cheap cigars and pip and once in a while swears, just a lix But I have been brought up better that. He will not hurt me. I should this you could trust me. I might do him so good."

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

"Oh, mother! who would have thou one drop would blacken a whole glass so

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

"Why, mother, you are laughing at a Not one drop, nor a dezen, nor fifty, will that."

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



THE CORNSTALK'S LESSON.

BY MRS. CHRISTINE CHAPLIN BRUSH.

ONE single grain of corn took root Beside the garden walk; Oh! let it stay," said little May, "I want it for my stalk."

And there it grew until the leaves Waved in the summer light; All day it rocked the baby ear, And wrapped it warm at night.

And then the yellow corn-silk came-A skein of silken thread · It was as pretty as the hair Upon the baby's head.

Alas! one time, in idle mood, May pulled the silk away, And then forgot her treasured stalk For many a summer day.

At last she said, "I'm sure my corn Is ripe enough to eat;

In even rows the kernels lie. All white, and juicy sweet."

Ah! me, they all were black and dry, Were withered long ago;

What was the naughty corn about," She said, "to cheat me so!"

She did not guess the silken threads Were slender pipes to lead The food the tasselled blossom shook To each small kernel's need.

The work her foolish fingers wrought room talking. Was shorter than a breath: Yet every milky kernel then Began to starve to death!

So list, my little children all, This simple lesson beed: That many a grief and sin has come From one small thoughtless deed.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY.

A young Christian traveller found himself in a commercial room one night, where, the party being large and merry, it was proposed that each gentleman present should give a song. Many of the usual character on such occasions were sung. It came to the turn of our young friend, who excused himself on the plea that he knew no songs they would care to In decision a gentleman present asked if he could not give them one of Sankey's hymns, and several others cried out that they would join in the chorus. He decided to take them at their word, and choosing one

of the well-known hymns, with its simple gespel teaching, and with a silent prayer that God would use it for his giory, he sang as perhaps he never sang before. All present joined in the chorus. Before its ciose there were moist eyes and troubled hearts. The spirit of jollity and fun was gone, but the Spirit of God was there. Several gathered around our young friend thanking him for his song. He retired to rest, grateful for grace given.

He had not been long in his bed-room when he heard a knock at the door. It was opened by a young traveller who requested permission to come in. He was in deep trouble. The song had brought back to his memory the strains he had heard a deceased mother sing. He knew his life had not been right, and the inquiry had been upon his lips, "What must I do to be saved?" He was pointed to Christ, and retired with a brighter hope. Scarcely had this inquirer left than another knock was this friend is?—Selected.

heard at the bed-room door. This time it was an elderly traveller. The song reminded him of lost peace and joy. He was a backslider, and the singer had the joy of pointing another sinner back to a loving Saviour. It was nearly two o'clock before he could lie down, but it was with heartfelt joy and gratitude to him who had thus honoured his personal testimony for Christ.

WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE!

SOME little children were in the school-

Said Sue Langdon, "I wish I had a new dress all silk and velve, like Amy John's. It's lovely !"

"I wish I had a bag full of money," said her brother Tom, "and I'd buy it for you; and lots of things for myself too."

"Books, and sleds, and tools, and everything," put in little Johnny. So all were telling what they wanted most. One girl in the group said nothing, till the question was put right to her. Then she answered softly, "I'd rather have a clean heart. Mamma says that's worth more than silver and gold and diamonds, and we can get it by just asking for it."

The little girl was right in her choice, and right in her thought as to how it could be obtained. Of all the blessed things Jesus said we could have, none is more precious than this. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

BIBLE GUESSING STORY.

ONCE there were two boys who were very warm friends. One of them was a king's son. The other had been a shepherd-boy, but he had fought a great battle, and had come to live at the king's house. He had also been anointed with oil, showing that some day he was to be king.

The man who was king then did not like the shepherd-boy. He was afraid that the people would love him more than they loved himself. So he tried hard to kill him. But God took care of him; for he had a great work for him to do.

But the king's hatred did not turn away his son's love for the shepherd-boy. It made him love him all the more. He knew that his friend would be king instead of himself some day, but he did not get angry because of this. He also warned him of danger and did all he could to help him. Can you tell the names of these friends?

There is a better friend than either of these. He is a king, but he laid aside his kingly dress and suffered shame and pain and death for us. He even offers to make us kings and priests. Do you know who

THE LOST DREAM.

I found our baby one evening, With her eyes all full of tears, Grieving, I thought, o'er dolly, Or perhaps some childish fears.

"What is it, little Blue-eyes?" I asked her with a smile. "I've lost my dream," she answered, "I'm thinking all the while.

" Twas so much nicer, Aunty, Than any you've ever told; Full of angels, and flowers and fairies, And palaces all of gold.

"I'm thinking of it always. But I can't remember yet, And I s'pose the nicest, Aunty, I always shall forget."

Ah! dear little blue-eyed baby, We all must lose our dreams; And just the "losing" of them Is harder than it seems.

We strive hard to remember. We only catch a gleam; The best and grandest of it Is always in a dream.

-The Golden Rule

GOD'S MESSENGER

Into a very elegant palace car entered a weary-faced, poorly dressed woman with three little children, one a baby in arms. A look of joy crept into her face as she sat down in one of the luxurious chairs. But it was quickly dispelled as she was asked rudely to "start her boots."

A smile of amusement was seen on several faces as the frightened group hurried out to enter one of the common cars. Upon one young face, however, there was a look which shamed the countenances of the others.

"Auntie," said the boy to the lady beside him, "I'm going to carry my basket of fruit and this box of sandwiches to the poor woman in the next car. You are willing, of course."

He spoke eagerly, but she answered: "Don't be foolish, dear; you may need them yourself, and perhaps the woman is an imposter."

"No, I'll not need them," he answered, decidedly, but in a very low tone. "You know I had a hearty breakfast, and I don't need a lanch. The woman looks hungry, auntie, and so tired too, with those three little babies clinging to her. I'll be back in a minute, auntie. I know mother Dr. Stephens wrote for us to recite. If you

word to the 'least of there' when I meet them."

The worldly aunt brushed a tear from her eyes after the boy left her, and said, audibly, "Just like his mother."

About five minutes later, as a lady passed the mother and the three children, she saw a protty sight—the family feasting as perhaps they never had before. The dainty saudwiches were eagerly eaten, the tempting fruit-basket stood open.

The oldest child, with her mouth filled with bread and butter, said, "Was the pretty boy an angel, mamma?"

"No," answered the mother, as a grateful look brightened her faded eyes, " not now; but he will be on the other side, bless his dear heart!"

And we, too, said, "Bless his heart!"

A BIT OF LOGIC.

RUFUS lay at full length on the sofa, and puffed a cigar, back parlour though it was; and when Mr. Parker reminded him of it, he said there were no ladies present, and puffed away. Between the puffs he talked:

"There is one argument against Foreign Mission work which is unanswerable: the country cannot afford it. Two millions and a half of money taken out this year and sent to the cannibals or somewhere else. No country can stand such a drain as that upon it with everything else it has to do Foreign Missions are ruinously expensive."

The two young sisters of Rufus, Katie and Nannie, stood on the piazza and laughed.

"O Rufus!" said Kate, "you won't take a prize in college for logic I'm sure."

"What do you mean, little monkey? And what do you know about logic?"

"More than you do, I should think. Just imagine the country not being able to afford two millions and a half for Missions, when just a few years ago it paid over four millions for Havana cigars. Have you thought of that, Rufus?"

"And I wonder how much champagne is a bottle?" chimed in Nannie. much is it, Rufus? You know about ten million bottles are used every year. And O! why, Rufus, don't you know that we spend about six millions for dogs! Something besides Foreign Missons might be given up to save money, I should think."

"Where did you two grow so wise? Where did you get all those absurd items?"

"We got them at the Mission Band; Kate is Secretary, and I'm Treasurer, and these figures were all in the dialogue that

poso you can; but he is a graduate in College, and a Theological Seminary besid I mean to tell him that you think millions and a half for Foreign Missi will ruin the country; I want to hear laugh." And then the two girls laugh merrily.

"You needn't tell him anything ab it." said Rufus, sharply. After the gi ran away he added thoughtfully:

"How fast girls grow up. I thou these two were children, and here they with the Mission Bands, and their la words about 'Sccretaries and Treasuren

"And their embarrassing facts ab money," interrupted Mr. Parker. "The girls have the best of the argument, Rufu and then he, too, laughed .- The Pansy.

THE BABY IN THE STORM.

AFTER a great wind-storm in Texasstorm that carried off roofs of houses, u trees out of the ground, and did a greatd of damage-some men started out to see anybody was hurt. This is what one them tells: It was near night, and qui dark in the woods, when they heard a c They stopped to look about and list They heard the cry again and then they s some dark thing up in a tree. "It's a p ther," said one. "Stand off; I will sh it." "No; stop," said another; "it is; a panther, I will climb up and see what is." Up he went; and what do you this he found lodged in the tree? A cradle wi a dear little baby in it. The wind h blown down the baby's home. It had a ried off baby, cradle and all. The cra was caught by the branch of a high th Then the wind blew against it so hard the the cradle was wedged in a crotch of f tree. It was so fast that the men had saw away the boughs to get it down. The was the dear baby, all safe and some in its cradle nest. You may be sure bab mamma was glad enough to find the list one, as she did the next day.—Examiner,

THE GOOD-NIGHT KISS.

Whatever cares may trouble your mi give the dear child a warm good-night h as the little treasure goes to its pillow. The memory of this in the stormy years of a certain future, may be like Bethleher star to the weary, travelling shephed and looming up in the heart will rise sweet memory of mamma's and papa's god night kiss. Never send the little ones bed with a scold; possibly before morni you may regret the hast reprimand. Ki the little bud before it goes to sleep wouldn't like it if I didn't speak a kind choose to call what he says absurd, I sur | part for the night with a tribute of love