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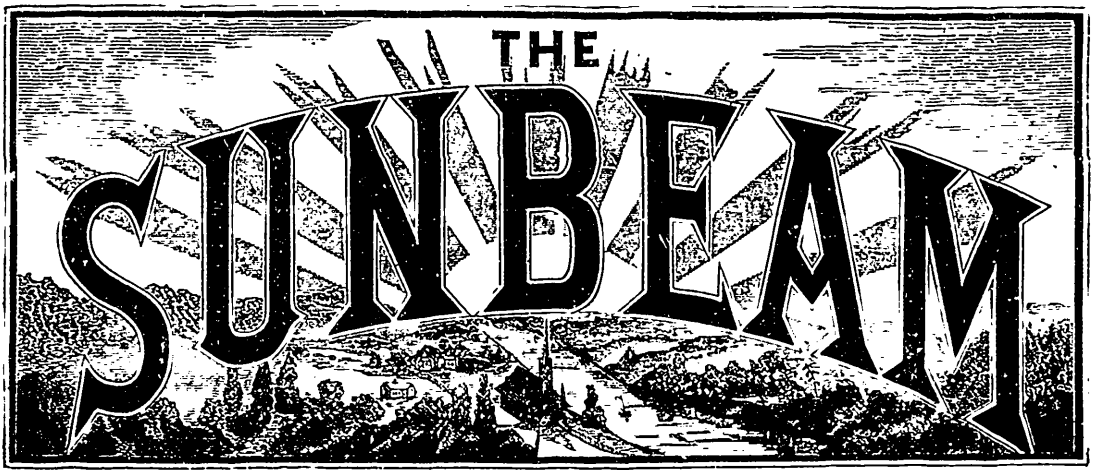
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SYMPATHY. (See next page.)

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SYMPATHY.

CLARA GRAHAM, the little girl in the picture, dressed in black, has had the misfortune to lose her best earthly friend, her dear mamma. Her cousin, Mary Graham, has come to see her for the first time since her mamma's death. As soon as she sees her mourning dress, her little heart is touched with sorrow, and bursting into tears she throws herself in her cousin's arms, crying,

"Oh, Clara, dear, I'm so sorry." And she could say no more.

Clara folded her fondly in her arms, and said, "Yes, dear, it is a sad, sad, loss: I feel as if I had no friend left me."

"But, Clara," answered Mary, "God is not dead, you know, and He has promised to be your friend."

Was not that a comforting thought for the poor orphan girl? And her heart was comforted and she learned to go to God in prayer and grew up a noble Christian. I hope all my dear young readers will do the same.

THE TWO GEORGES.

I WAS visiting a friend last winter, when her little boy rushed into the sitting-room, his face pale, and his eyes flashing.

His mamma was not there, and I said, "George, what is the matter?"

"I'm mad!" said he, with a look that really frightened me.

"Why, George!" I exclaimed, "what can have happened? Don't look so."

"Father won't let me go down on the pond and skate; and I want to," he said.

"Well, my boy, you should obey father."

"Of course I shall—I have to; but it makes me mad."

It was a terrible word for a child to use, and I hope I shall never see such a face or hear such words again.

To-day I am visiting another friend. She has a boy of the same age and name as the other. His mother wanted him to help her, while he was busy with a new book.

"I don't want to, a bit, mamma," he said, but he spoke pleasantly. "Won't it do just as well by-and-bye?"

"No, dear."

"O mamma, why must I?"

"Because it is right, George."

"Would the Lord like me to?" he asked, after thinking a little.

"Yes, dear."

"Well, then, I will;" and off he started.

After he had gone out his mother said, "That always settles George. Just tell him it is right, and he does it."

I said to myself, that must be the meaning of the verse, "Children obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right." And I thought of the other George. He obeyed because he had to, but with a very naughty spirit. Surely it was not "*in the Lord*." But this George obeyed, and pleasantly, too, because he loved to do right.

MAMMA'S KISS.



KISS when I wake in the morning.

A kiss when I go to bed,

A kiss when I burn my finger,

A kiss when I bump my head.

A kiss when my bath is over,

A kiss when my bath begins;

My mamma is full of kisses,

As full as nurse is of pins.

A kiss when I play with my rattle,

A kiss when I pull her hair;

She covered me over with kisses

The day I fell from the stair.

A kiss when I give her trouble,

A kiss when I give her joy;

There's nothing like mamma's kisses

For her own little baby boy.



CHINESE LADIES.

PEOPLE of all nations do not have the same manners and customs, and they do not all dress in the same way. The dresses of Chinese ladies seem very strange to people who live in this country; and when ladies from this country go to China their dresses seem to the people there quite as odd as the dresses of the Chinese ladies appear to us. We should not laugh at people merely because their dresses are not like those which we are in the habit of seeing; our own fashions sometimes change very much in a short time.

A LITTLE boy who had been lost in one of the dense forests of the West, and was out all night, gave the following account of his conduct at the approach of darkness: "It grew dark, and I kneeled down and asked God to take care of little Johnny, and then went to sleep."

FALSE SHAME AND TRUE.

WILLIE JOHNSON attended the board school in S— Street. He went to school one day with his trousers mended. One of the boys pointed at them, and called him "Old Patch."

"I would not stand that," said Tom Parks; "I'd fight him."

"Why?" said Willie.

"Because it's a nasty, mean thing to remind a fellow of a thing he's ashamed of," said Tom.

"But I am not ashamed of it," said Willie; "I am proud of it."

"Proud of it! Well, you must be a curious kind of fellow to be proud of that."

"I'm poor, I know," said Willie, "but I can't help that, and mother can't help it. I'm proud I've got a mother that sits up at night when I'm in bed and mends my clothes, and won't let me come to school in rags like Dick Purkiss;" and Willie rubbed something away from his

eye with his jacked sleeve.

Willie was a little philosopher, and understood the difference between true and false shame, which many boys do not. To be in good circumstances may be no credit, but to make the best of poor circumstances always is. Poverty that cannot be helped is no disgrace whatever, but rags and dirt always are, for they can be helped. The neatness and cleanliness of some very poor people reflects far more credit on them than the fine clothes of certain other well-to-do people do to their wearers.

NEVER lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Beauty is God's handwriting—a wayside sacrament; welcome it into every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower. And thank Him for it the fountain of all loveliness, and drink it in simply and earnestly; 'tis a charmed draught, a cup of blessing.

LESSON NOTES.

B.C. 1706.] LESSON VIII. [Nov. 21.

JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN ; or, The Generous Brother.

*Gen. 44. 30-45. 8. Commit to memory verses 1-4.***GOLDEN TEXT.**

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom. 12. 21.

OUTLINE.

1. Judah's **G**rief, v. 30-34.
2. Joseph's **G**race, v. 1-18.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *Judah's grief*, v. 30-34.—For whom did Judah plead with Joseph? For Benjamin. For whose sake did he ask that he might be spared? For the sake of his father, Jacob. What did he say? [Read verse 31.] What offer did he make? To become a slave himself in Benjamin's place. What did this show? His love for his father and his brother.

2. *Joseph's grace*, v. 1-8.—How did Joseph feel while Judah was speaking? He could not keep from making himself known to his brothers. What did he do? He sent everybody out of the room except his brothers. With what words did he make himself known? "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" How did his brothers feel when they knew him? They were filled with fear. What did he say to comfort them? [Read verse 5.] For what purpose had God sent him into Egypt? To save his family from the famine. How did he treat his brothers? He was kind and forgiving to them. What does the GOLDEN TEXT say? How did Joseph overcome evil with good? By his kindness to his brethren.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Remember that wrong to others will bring trouble to the wrong-doer.
2. Be forgiving to those who have injured you.
3. See God's hand in your life.
4. Make use of every chance to do good to others.

B.C. 1706.] LESSON IX. [Nov. 28.

JACOB AND PHARAOH ; or, A Patriarchal Blessing.

*Gen. 47. 1-12.**Commit to memory verses 7-10.***GOLDEN TEXT.**

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. Prov. 16. 31.

OUTLINE.

1. A brother's request, v. 1-6.
2. A Patriarch's blessing, v. 7-10
3. A king's favour, v. 11, 12.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.

1. *A brother's request*, v. 1-6.—What did Joseph tell Pharaoh? That his father's family had come to Egypt. What did he do with five of his brothers? He brought them before Pharaoh. What did they tell the king? That they were shepherds. What did they ask of Pharaoh? To have a home in the land. How did Pharaoh receive them? He gave them what they asked for.

2. *A Patriarch's blessing*, v. 7-10.—What is a patriarch? A very old man. What patriarch is here spoken of? Jacob, the father of Joseph. What did Joseph do to honour his father? He brought him before Pharaoh. What did Jacob do? He gave his blessing to the king. What did Pharaoh ask Jacob? "How old art thou?" How did Jacob answer him? [Read ver. 9.] To what did he compare life? To a journey. What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT?

3. *A king's favour*, v. 11, 12.—What led Pharaoh to favour Jacob and his sons? The request of Joseph. What did this show? Joseph's forgiving spirit. Where did Joseph place his father and brothers? Near the city of Rameses. In what part of Egypt was this? In the land of Goshen. What did Joseph do for them there? He kept them through the years of famine.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Always return good for evil.
2. Be kind to your brothers and sisters.
3. Be respectful to the aged.
4. Make your parents happy