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PROTECTING PUSSY.

LITTLE Hallie Barton has a beautiful Maltese kittie, that gambols and plays with her all day long. It

loves to chase a rubber ball across the room. One afternoon her little cousin George, whose papa had made him a present of a pretty little cane, went to see Hallie, and show her his gift. His little dog, Snap, followed him, and the first thing Hallie and George knew, Snap was chasing poor Kittie all over the house. Hallie ran to the rescue; and now you see her in the picture, comforting poor Kittie, and holding her well out of Snap's reach, who frisks about her feet.

MISSIONARY TALK.

WHY do we bring our pennies to put into the missionary box? Far, far away, there are many poor children who have never heard of Jesus. It is because we know Jesus that we are happy, and so we want these children to know him too. Men and women are willing to go and teach them how to love Jesus, and we bring our pennies to help to send these kind teachers, and to help buy Bibles and good books and papers. Oh, how glad we ought to be to help such a good work! It is the work that Jesus did when he came to this world to teach people the way to heaven. Shall we not be glad to give our pennies, and our prayers, too, to help on this good, and great work?

The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, APRIL 2, 1881.

THE SONG OF THE SANDMAN.

AN old, old man, with whiskers white,
Flies over the earth as the night comes
down,

And softly sings in his gentle flight, [night,
As he winds his way through the shades of
"Close, little eyelids! close up tight;
For the Sandman is in town."

He comes to the babe while yet 'tis light;
But on all at last the shower comes down,
And the eyes of blue and brown so bright
Must close when he sings, as he comes at
[night,—

"Close little eyelids! close up tight;
For the Sandman is in town."

He knows what makes little eyes so bright
So he pours the showers of bright sand down,
And sweet Sleep lingers till broad daylight;
Then flies to him who sings each night,—

"Close, little eyelids! close up tight;
For the Sandman is in town."

JAMES CLARENCE HARVEY.

SIGNAL LIGHTS.

IONCE knew a sweet little girl called
Mary. Her papa was the captain of
a big ship, and she sometimes went
with him to sea; and it was on one of these
trips that the accident of which I am going
to tell you happened.

One day she sat on a coil of rope watch-
ing old Jim clean the signal lamps.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I am trimming the signal-lamps, miss,"
said old Jim.

"What are they for?" asked Mary.

"To keep other ships from running into
us, miss; if we do not hang out our lights
we may be wrecked."

Mary watched him for some time, and
then she ran away and seemed to forget all
about the signal lights; but she did not, as
was afterwards shown.

The next day she came and watched old
Jim trim the lamps, and after he had seated
her on the coil of rope he turned to do his
work. Just then the wind carried away
one of his cloths, and he began to swear
awfully.

Mary slipped from her place and ran into
the cabin, but she soon came back and put
a folded paper into his hand.

Old Jim opened it, and there, printed in
large letters—for Mary was too young to
write, were these words:—

"Thou shalt not take the name of the
Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will
not hold him guiltless that taketh his name
in vain."

The old man looked into her face, and
asked: "What is this, Miss Mary?"

"It is a signal-light, please. I saw that a
bad ship was running against you, because
you did not have your signal-lights hung
out, so I thought you had forgotten it," said
Mary.

Old Jim bowed his head and wept like a
little child. At last he said: "You are
right, missy, I had forgotten it. My mother
taught me that commandment when I was
no bigger than you; and for the future I
will hang out my signal-lights, for I might
be quite wrecked by that bad ship, as you
call those oaths."

Old Jim has a large Bible now which
Mary gave him, and on the cover he has
printed, "Signal-Lights for Souls bound to
Heaven."—*N. Y. Observer.*

A man in New York, wishing to be witty,
accosted an old rag-man as follows: "You
take all sorts of trumpery in your cart, don't
you?" "Yes; jump in, jump in!"

Next to acquiring good friends, the best
acquisition is that of good books.—*Colton.*

PLAYING
GRANDMOTHER.

YOU see little Susie Ellis in the picture; she has put on her grandmamma's cap and glasses, and has her mother's parasol, and is playing Grandmother. Of course she cannot see through the glasses, but looks over them.

Susie is very fond of dressing up; she sometimes puts on an old coat and hat and comes to the door as a little beggar; but her mamma generally knows who she is, because of her merry laugh, for she cannot help laughing when her mamma looks so pitying

at the poor little beggar. One day when she put on a long dress and hat and veil, her little brother Ben would not kiss her, because he did not know who she was.

A bright little girl, who had successfully spelled the word "that," was asked by her governess what would remain after the "t" had been taken away? "The dirty cups and saucers," was the reply.



PLAYING GRANDMOTHER.

SULKY SAMMY.

FIE! for shame, you naughty fellow,
All the livelong sunny day
You have either sulked or quarrelled,
Spoiling all our merry play.

Come, come! still the sun is shining,
Thrush and linnet carol gay;
'Tis no time for fretful whining—
Drive that angry frown away!

LESSON NOTES.

A.D. 28.] LESSON II. [April 10.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN; or, Love thy Neighbor.

Luke 10. 25-37. Commit to memory verses 32-37.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
Lev. 19. 18.

OUTLINE.

1. The Law of Life, v. 25-29.
2. The Law of Love, v. 30-37.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Law of Life*, v. 25-29.—What question did one man ask Jesus? How he might get to heaven. What did Jesus say to him? "What is written in the law?" What law did he mean? The ten commandments. What did the man give as one part of the law? "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thine heart." What did he give as another part? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What did Jesus say in answer? "This do, and thou shalt live." What question did the man then ask? "Who is my neighbor?" Whom did he suppose to be his neighbors? Only those who were Jews like himself.

2. *The Law of Love*, v. 30-37.—How did Jesus answer his question? By a parable or story. About whom was this story? About a man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. What sort of a road was this? Very lonely and full of danger. What happened to this man on his journey? A band of robbers came against him. What did they do to him? They cut him, and took away all that he had. How did they leave him? They left him bloody and almost killed. Who came along and saw him lying in the road? One of the priests. Did he help the poor man? No, he went by on the other side of the road. Who next passed by? One of the Levites; or people who helped the priests in the temple. What did this Levite do? He looked at the poor man and went by. Did either of them treat the man as a neighbor? No, they left him to suffer. Who came by afterward? A Samaritan. Who were the Samaritans? People whom the Jews hated as enemies. Did this Samaritan treat this man as an enemy? No; but as a friend.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Seek to have eternal life.
2. Read God's word, and obey it.
3. Have pity on all who suffer.
4. Do all you can to help them.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Human brotherhood.

TINY TEXT

Love is the fulfilling of the Law. Rom. 13. 10.

A.D. 27.] LESSON III. [April 17.

THE PHARISEES REPROVED; or, Saying and Doing.

Luke 11. 37-47. Commit to memory verses 39-41.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. Matt. 23. 3.

OUTLINE.

1. Wickedness, v. 37-41.
2. Woe, v. 42-47.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *Wickedness*, v. 37-41.—Who were the Pharisees? A people who tried to appear very holy. Were they as good as they appeared? Their hearts were bad, and they hated Jesus. What did one of the Pharisees do? He asked Jesus to dine at his house. Why did he do this? To watch Jesus and find evil in him. What did the Pharisees always do before eating? They washed their hands. Why did they do this? Not to make them clean, but as a part of their religion. What did Jesus say they were like? Like a cup or plate, clean on the outside, but full of dirt within.

2. *Woe*, v. 42-47.—Who spoke woe, and to whom? Christ spoke woe to the Pharisees and all who are like them. What was one of the sins of the Pharisees? They were careful of little things, but neglected great ones. What did they fail to do? To do right and love God. For what also did Jesus rebuke them? For their pride in making a show of their worship. How did they do this? By praying in places where all could see them. What did Jesus say they were like? Like graves that were covered so that they could not be seen.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Aim to be good in heart as well as in appearance.
2. Aim for the favor of God and not the praise of other people.
3. Be just and right in all you do.
4. Do not expect others to do more than you are willing to do.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Righteousness of the heart.

TINY TEXT.

Provide things honest. Rom. 12. 17.

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