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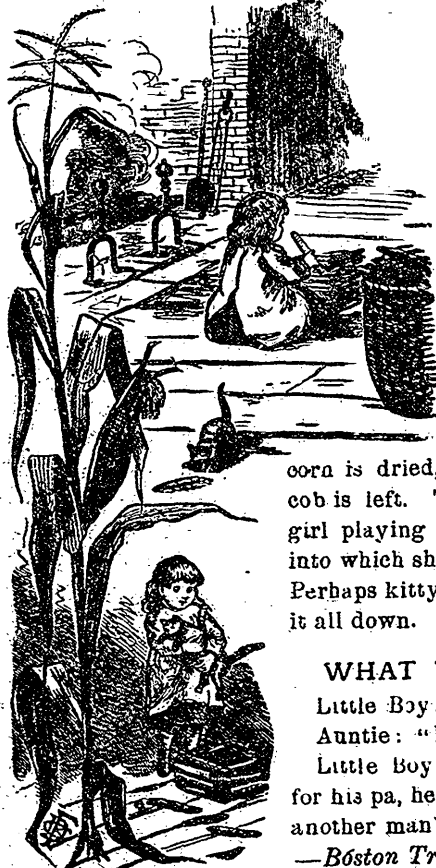
DEW DROPS

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CORN-COBS.



I wonder how many of my little readers have ever been in a corn field, and walked between the rows of tall corn, which would be much higher than any little boy or girl? If so, you have noticed the corn in the ear wrapped around with something that looks like beautiful silk floss. When the corn is plucked this is all taken off, and the corn on the cob is found. When the corn is dried, it is shelled off, and just the cob is left. This is what we find this little girl playing with. She is building a pen, into which she is trying to put her pussy. Perhaps kitty won't like it, and will knock it all down.

WHAT THE BOY THOUGHT

Little Boy: "Aren't fathers queer?"

Auntie: "In what way?"

Little Boy: "When a boy does anything for his pa, he doesn't get anything; but if another man's boy does it, he gets a nickel."

—*Boston Transcript.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 5]

THE UNJUST STEWARD.

[Nov. 4.

Luke 16. 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Ye cannot serve God and mammon.—Luke 16. 13.

MEMORY VERSES 10-12 —He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

In several of the parables of Jesus he speaks of "a certain rich man." It is God who owns all the riches, and anything that we have is lent to us by him to be used for him. One who has goods to use which belong to another is that one's steward. So each one to whom God has trusted some of his goods is his steward. The steward in the story thought he could do as he pleased with the things which belonged to his master, and he wasted them shamefully. When his master knew this he told his steward that he must send him away because he had not used his goods rightly. The story shows how the unfaithful steward began then to manage so as to be taken care of. So Jesus tells us to be wise about preparing a place for ourselves in the heavenly world. If we use what God gives to our care faithfully, God will be pleased and will welcome us to heaven some day.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What is a steward?
A kind of servant.
2. What did this steward do?
Wasted his master's goods.

3. What is meant by the rich man?

God.

4. What should we do with all he lends to us?

Use it for him.

FOUR LITTLE MARYS.

They all live in the same house; they all have the same room; and the fact is, they are all in the same body; but they do not think the same thoughts or want to do the same things.

In the morning the rising bell rings.

"We must get up," says Mary Loving.

She always wants to please her mother, and she has not told anybody, but she has promised Jesus she would try to serve him.

"I do not want to get up," says Mary Lazy.

"O, never mind the bell!" says Mary Selfish.

"I will not get up," says Mary Wilful.

So they all lie together a while longer. Then the mother calls.

"Yes'm," says Mary Loving.

"O, I hate to get up!" says the other three.

But they all agree that they must mind mamma; so they slowly arise.

"We must put in a new shoe-string," says Mary Loving.

"O, knot the old one!" says Mary Lazy.

"No; we must have a new shoe-string," says Mary Loving.

So the rest let her put it in; but Mary Wilful will not stop to sew a button on her dress, and Mary Lazy thinks the hair will do, if it isn't quite smooth.

Did you ever meet these little girls in your travels? It may be they live in the same house with you. I wish you would find out and let me know.

FENELON'S RULES.

Be content to lead a simple life where God has placed you.

Be obedient; bear your daily crosses; you need them, and God gives them to you out of mercy.

We can only "fulfil the law of Christ" by bearing one another's burdens. There must be mutual love and forbearance.



AUTUMN DAYS.

Who does not enjoy the beautiful autumn days, when the trees are turning to bright, gorgeous tints, and the luscious, ripe fruit hangs upon the branches and the vine?

Miss Maisie is fond of the autumn. She loves to sit by the brook in the woods and watch the little squirrels, who are scampering up and down and around the ground in search of nuts.



HER ONE TREASURE.

The teacher of a girls' school away in Africa wished her scholars to learn to give. She paid them, therefore, for doing some work for her, so that each girl might have something of her own to give away for Jesus' sake. Among them was a new scholar, such a wild, ignorant little heathen that the teacher did not try to explain to her what the other girls were doing.

The day came when the gifts were handed in. Each pupil brought her piece of money and laid it down, and the teacher thought all the offerings were given. But there stood the new scholar hugging tightly in her arms a pitcher, the only thing she had in the world. She went to the table and put it among the other gifts, but before she turned away she kissed it.

There is One who watched, and still watches, people casting gifts into his treasury. Would he not say of this African girl: "She hath cast in more than they all?"