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THE TOOTHACHE.

Poor Hattie! She has a very bad toothache. Don't you feel sorry for her? She wants to learn her lessons and do her writing, but the pain is so great she cannot do it. She has to keep her hand up to her face to try to ease the pain. I hope it is not the "jumping" toothache she has. I once heard a minister preach about the riches of this world. He said: Let a man have all the pleasures and luxuries of this life, and at the same time a terrible jumping toothache, and he will not care much for all his wealth could give. After all, there are times when earth's riches cannot give us joy.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.

LESSON 4.]

THE PRODIGAL SON.

[Oct. 28.

Luke 15. 11-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I will arise and go to my father.— Luke 15. 18.

MEMORY VERSES, 20-24.—And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

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

LESSON STORY.

One of the parables that Jesus taught that day in the house of the Pharisee is so beautiful that it may be called the "Pearl of Parables." The lesson is the same as that taught by the "Lost Sheep," and the "Lost Coin." We may call this "The Lost Boy." It is the story of a boy who cared more for himself and his own pleasure than for his dearest friends, or even for his God. He wanted the best things to eat and drink and he wasted his money on all sorts of foolish and wicked things. He had let selfishness grow until it was his master and he was a poor slave. By and by his money was all gone, and he was hungry and without a friend. Then he began to want his father. But he was afraid and ashamed to go home. However, when he did go home he found his father overjoyed at his return. So is our Heavenly Father joyful at every sinner's return.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What does prodigal mean?

Wasteful and foolish.

2. Why did this young man go away from home?
So as to have his own way.
3. What did he do with his money?
He spent it foolishly.
4. What happened then?
He was poor and hungry.
5. What did he do?
He went to his father.
6. Of what is this a story?
Of a sinner away from God.
7. Who always welcomes a lost sinner home?
The good God, our Father.

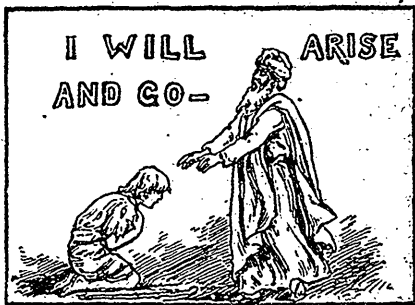


O loving, patient Father,
When I am far from home,
I will arise and seek thee,
If thou wilt whisper "Come!"

A FINGER FABLE.

A lazy little girl asked her fairy godmother to give her a good genius to do everything for her. So the fairy called ten dwarfs, who dressed and washed the little girl, and combed her hair and fed her. All was done so nicely that she was happy, except for the thought that they would go away.

"To prevent that," said the godmother, "I will place them on your two pretty little hands;" and they are all there yet.—Selected.



Said a mother to a little girl, who evidently objected to seeing another child petted: "Why, Susie, I believe that you're jealous!" "No, mamma," she replied; "I'm not jealous, but I don't feel com'fable."



Halloo! What has happened to our little man, who appeared so happy and triumphant on top of his basket in last Sunday's picture? He has met with an accident. In swaying to and fro, he overbalanced, and so over he goes. Let us hope he will not be hurt.

"DOG'S HOLIDAY."

The following was said to me by a little boy patient of mine seven years of age, and of very poor parents. I was putting him to bed in the ward above the room where the matron was playing a hymn. He remarked that he liked the harmonium better than the piano, and was keeping time with his foot.

"There, now; they are going to sing the dog's holiday!"

"Sing what?"

"The dog's holiday!"

"Who told you that, Abel?"

"O, that is what the clergymen all say in church: 'Now we will sing the dog's holiday!'"—*Exchange.*