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girl sighed and one girl smi'ed rough all their lives together; lo't come from luck or fate, m clear or cloudy weather. eason lay within their hearts, And color dall out ide; chose to hope, and one to mope, d so they smiled and sighed -Priscilla Leonard.

### A Certain Potato

BY HARRIET C. BLISS.

as a hot day, and Mr. Ball and boys, Tom and Joe, had been potatoes all the morning. at noon, they sat under the big brother. out-tree eating their lunch. we work smart, we shall get 'em

up by three o'clock,' said Tom. the afternoon to work on our asked Joe.

ick so close to this job, and I you deserve a little play spell.' wish we could afford to keep a grumbled Joe.

Jack hadn't got loose that night, uldn't have eaten meal enough to imself, and we should have had wo hundred dollars for him the day,' said Tom; 'then we should had a man this summer.' e; a harvest

year for us; but you boys have is like.' brave, and we shall soon be on

Tho's that climbing over the fence? | corner of the house. sked, sitting up.

se she wants?' said Joe. said Mr. Ball, anxiously. her would never send her so far

unless it was something imhem to see that she had a letter

er hand. coming that very day, and must finished my work. net at Centreville, the nearest rail-

ncle Timothy had not visited his asked, with a quizzical smile. ther before since the twins were ies, and it was an open secret that rich city uncle, who had no son of own, wanted to take one of his hews to educate and train up in his

I'm sorry to leave you, boys,' said Ball, but you can get the potatoes ked up by six o'clock, and your play ll will have to come some other day. That's all right, father,' answered n, cheerfully.

oe dug his bare toes into the soft und, and said nothing.

Oh! by the way, boys,' called Mr. ll, as he started off across the d, 'there is a certain potato I

What do you s'pose he meant by

at? asked Tom. Oh! it was just one of his jokes,

ing to find out what, if I can, said

Come on, Joe, let's get at it.

e supper-time.

d then his work was 'steady by all be done over elsewhere? s' as his brother told him. At last om Centreville came the faint sound Edith, tearfully. the six o'clock whistles.

'Why, we can't quit till the potatoes Ith one hand on his stiff back.

ncle Timothy ain't going to catch me npressions, you know.'

om, 'but father expected us to finish his job. Come on, Joe,' he added, through this wonderful question. paxingly, 'it won't take long now.'

he climbed the fence. 'You'll be it out: sorry you didn't come too when you House price..... \$1,200

see me start for the city.' Poor Tom! He did want the prom. By not working Mondays for ised education, and Joe would certainly five years, at \$1.50 per day.. 390 get ahead of him in his uncle's favor Four to five cigars each day for if he was neatly dressed, and ready to, five years..... greet the travellers.

It was slow work, this picking up, and Sunday, \$2 each week for potatoes one at a time. The sun seemed hotter than ever, if it was near

Altogether, Tom's thoughts were Mean rate of interest, 4 percent. gloomy, but he kept bravely on, and at last had the satisfaction of tying the last bag, and starting faithful Dobbin toward home.

The long-expected uncle had just arrived as Dobbin plodded up the lane Tom could see Joe shake hands, and then jump to get satchel and umbrella from the carriage.

Really the bright, manly-looking fellow, in his best clothes, was so attractive that Tom felt sure the choice was made already.

'Ready-made boys don't grow on every bush, but it looks as though you had the one I want right here,' said Mr. Timothy Ball quietly to his

'Wait till you've seen the other one,' was the answer.

'Where's Tom?' he asked, turning father! if we do, can we have the to Joe. 'Why, there he is now!' he exclaimed, without waiting for an answer. 'How is this, Joe? Why are hy, yes; you've been good boys you here with your clothes changed, and Tom only just coming home!'

'I thought you'd want me here to meet Uncle Timothy,' said Joe, his I worked as we did for this one. But face flushing a little under the steady it's small encouragement, father.' gaze of the two men.

asked his father sternly.

rather defiant answer. Come, James, don't be hard on the

es, said Mr. Ball. Jack made it a boy; let us see what the other fellow And, suiting the action to the word,

Uncle Timothy disappeared around the Thy, it's Jennie! What d' you head and hands and feet at the pump

in the yard. and now, in spite of bare 'm afraid something's wrong at feet and overalls, it was a bright, healthy, good-natured looking boy who came to speak to his uncle. 'Well, young man, why weren't you

here with your brother to meet me? this time Jennie was near enough | This is a cool reception for an uncle who only comes once in fifteen years.' 'I know it, uncle,' said Tom, giving

om ran to meet her, and in a few his hand. 'I was dreadfully sorry not utes they knew that Uncle Timothy | to come up sooner, but I've only just 'And you never leave your work

until it is finished?' Uncle Timothy

'Oh, yes! I might if 'twas my own work,' laughed Tom.

'Yes,' said his uncle, 'I see ' A week later, when Uncle Timothy started for his Western home, Tom was the boy who went wir im.

'You see, Joe,' he explained, the night before they left, 'I want a boy who will look after my interests, one who is willing to work evertime, if need be. The surest way to advance number one in this world is to forget all about him. Look out for your father, Joe, and perhaps your turn

will come yet. 'Father,' asked Joe one day a week later, 'what did you mean about that ant to look for. Bring it home if special potato you wanted us to look

> 'Oh!' laughed Mr. Ball, 'the last one was the one I wanted, and Tom found it.'-S. S. Times.

No, he meant something, and I'm Why the House Was Not Bought.

BY MRS. J. M'NAIR WRIGHT.

Yes it was hard to leave that cot-Go chase yourself!' answered Joe, tage. Five years they had lived there; bssly. 'I'm hot and tired, and I'm but the landlord had sold it, and they ing to get good and rested before I must go. It was such a home! Harry Well, then, good-by lazy-bones, for marten-house, and the hen-house. His Several bags were filled and tied up flower garden. And what nice vege-

'Pa, why didn't you buy it?' said

Joe straightened himself up, and to shoe, said he crossly.

Was that so? There were only five dren, Well, it must be so.

Harry went to school, and there he noon! e all picked up!' answered Tom, heard that Bob's father earned a dollar a week less than Harry's father could, 'Can't! What's to hinder, I'd like and had four children, but he was pay- far. know? Father didn't say they'd ing \$1,200 for his home. And Harry ot to be done to-night, and besides knew that his mother, by embroiderney'll be home pretty quick now, and ing, earned all the money spent on books, presents, or nice articles of oking like this now, I tell you! First clothing; but Bob's mother earned nothing. How was this ? Harry thought 'Ma says he was always awful par- hard until school was out. When the cular about his clothes,' admitted room was empty he got his slate and sat down in a corner to see his way

Harry was his father's idol; the first slipping the spo s in amonia water No, siree, not if I know myself. father thought his smart boy would and then washing them in warm water so fast that she really has had a great m going to look out for number one.' make a great man. The smart boy had soapsuds.

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Balance that might te.... \$1,500 Harry drew all this out on a sheet of paper, went home and laid it with his books on the table. Then he went about his evening work.

'What's all this?' cried his father, with the paper in his hand.

'It's a sum I made and worked out this afternoon,' said Harry, dauntlessly, as he filled the teakettle. His father sat down, looking blankly

at the paper. Harry, he called out. 'Yes, sir,' said Harry from behind

his geography. 'I've hired Pepper's cottage. Think we can make it look as well as this one

'We might, if mother and Edith and

'Try it again, Harry,' said his 'Did you do your share of the work? father. 'I'll pin this sum up before my bed, and, please God, we'll own 'I worked till six o'clock,' came the Pepper's house at the end of five years more, my lad.'-Nat. Advocate.

### ----One Way to Manage

Ted and Patty perched on the woodpile, and watched the frantic attempts of Hiram, the hired man, to drive six Tom had just finished scrubbing little pigs up a broad plank into the

Neighbor Billman had bought the pigs that morning, and Hiram had promised to deliver them by noon, but he soon found that was easier said than done. They had made up their piggish little minds that they wouldn't be delivered to neighbor Billman, so they dodged, and squealed, and ran between Hiram's cowhide boots, and stepped on his toes, and nearly tripped him up, until at last the poor fellow dropped down on the saw-horse, and, wiping his crimson face vigorously with a crimson handkerchief, exclaimed

in despair: 'Well, I'm beat !'

The provoking little scamps trotted off to a pile of refuse po atoes, and began to munch them contentedly. giving vent to many saucy squeaks, and casting numerous defiant side glances at their defeated tormentor, as they doubtless considered Hiram.

'Must you give in up, Hiram? queried sympathetic Patty.

'I'd make 'em go in !' exploded Ted, kicking at a maple log with his copper 'Make 'em! That's all you know

about it !' responded Hiram, in an injured tone.

'I'll go in and get mamma to make you a glass of lemonade, Hiram,' said Patty, 'and p'a'aps she can think of some way to help you.'

'I'll be thankful for the lemonade, replied Hiram, much mollified, 'but I guess p'r'aps your ma hain't made a study of the best way to get pigs into

But Patty had flown, so this doubt-

ful speech remained unanswered. Presently she returned with a pitcher and glass and a pla'e of cookies. She also had a look of mysterious satisfaction on her kind face, which was blue. had made the pigeon-house, and the explained when, just as Hiram finished the lemenade and cookies, mamma right out of them !' said her mother, shall have to sprint if we finish be- sister and mother had trained those appeared with a pail of something throwing a loving smile over to the vines, planted those trees, made that steamy and savory smelling. She car- corner where the baby sat among her ried it over near to the suspicious little | dells and blocks. fore Joe felt rested enough to help, tables and small fruits they had! Must pigs. They stopped munching apples, and sniffed appreciatively. Then she Aunt Susy in a minute. 'Don't you walked along to the wagon, set the pail know that pretty little woman round on the plank, and pushed it slowly up on Damon street? Her husband hasn't 'Too many mouths to fill and feet into the wagon. And, honor bright, had any work for four months, and I trotted briskly after it! Up they come in handy. Six o'clock, Tom! I'm going to in the family, parents and three chil- went, straight into the wagon which they had been 'dodging' all the fore-

more about pigs then I give 'er credit

mamms, 'but I do know that gentle ways are best, and that coaxing is much wiser than driving.'

larger folks. - Ex.

for wall paper in the kitchen. Remove grass stains from linen by

'Miss Angeline,' called Therese, 'there's an organ man at the gate with

a real, live monkey !' Angeline jumped up so quickly that she nearly upset her doll-house, and ran cut upon the veranda. She loves animals dearly; and, when she saw the odd little creature at the end of a long string c me bowing and bobbing up the gravel walk toward her, she aughed aloud in delight.

'Mamma! mamma!' she cried. Come and see the funny monkey!' Angeline's mamma came to the door; romantic history. The largest diamond

could not help laughing, too. He was | weighs 1,680 carats in the rough. It dressed in a long scarlet gown, belted | was found in B-azil and is now in the around his waist, and a little black Portuguese treasury. The finest and velvet cap with a gil: band, which he | certainly the most famous diamonds in took off when he made his odd little the word came from India. At the

The organ man was playing 'Dixie,' Mogul, his treasures were scattered, and the monkey began dancing to the and the 'Koh i-nur,' 'Orleff,' and the music very prettily. When he had 'Moon of Mountains' came from this done dancing, he turned a half-dczen somersaults in the grass, rolling over and over lke a ball. Then he sprang up, made a very low tow to Angeline 1665. It is possible that it has ceased and her mamms, and held out his cap to exist in its original state. The for a penny. When Angeline had 'Koh-i-nur,' which now weighs 1023 dropped the penny into the cap, he carats, has a history which goes back took it out quickly with his little black to 1526, while tradition gives it a fingers, and stuffed it into a tiny career of 5000 years. It was seized in he climbed on Angeline's lap, and looked in her face with round, black, from 186 1-16 carats to its present

'How much he looks to know ma'am!' said Therese.

mamma; but neither Therese nor Angeline quite knew what she meant. 'Mamma,' cried Angeline, suddenly, 'I wonder if he would like to see my monkey-doll! Would you show it to

held it at arm's length, looked it quite over again, and kissed it twice on its odd puckered mouth i

When his master called the monkey he tried to carry the doll with him,

'Lay it down !' said the organ-man, sharply.

The poor little fellow dropped the doll; but, as he rode away on the top

'Therese,' sa'd she, 'do you suppose

'How should know, Miss Angeline? said Therese, laughing. And, for that matter, how should anybody know? - Mary A. P. Stans-

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'Four pairs of little baby stockings, and not a hole in one of them !' said the mother, sorting out the clothes from the wash, and laying the feu: dainty pairs across her lap. They had pretty li-tle pink heels and toes, two pairs of them; the other two pairs were

'This bouncing little girl has grown

'I can tell you what to do!' said every one of those 'mulish' little pigs | can't help thinking such things would

'Do you suppose she would take them?' asked mother doubtfully. 'She has a little pride, I think, and I 'Well,' said Hiram, 'your maknows | wouldn't like to hurt her feelings.

'O'as she would,' spoke up the baby eagerly. 'She'd say 'Fank you,' if I 'I don't know much about pigs,' said | gived 'at baby all my pink stockings 'Cause she'd like the kisses in 'em.'

As she spoke the baby jumped up and ran over to her mother's lap and Remember that, little folks-and picked up all the stockings, one by one. Into the top of each she dropped a mouthful of kisser. Aunt Susy Table eilcloth is a sanitary substitute | looked up with her eyes full of ques-

> 'lt's a little way we began long ago, said mother, answering. 'She grows many things v) give away in her four

'Good by, old plodder,' he called, as an idea in his head, and thus he worked The Monkey and the Monkey Dolls. | little years of life. I have always tried to make her feel that 'the gift without the giver is b re.' I don't know but the darling is right. I am sure she would be if the baby's mother could see her putting in the kisses.

'I'll tell ter,' said Auot Sue, getting up to put on her hat and cloak, and taking the tiny bundle. - Weekly

Great Diamonds.

At least seventy diamonds are in existence which have a long and and, when she saw the monkey, she in the world is the 'Braganza,' which break-up of the empire of the Great collection. The 'Great Mogul' is now believed to be last. It weighed 7872 carats, and it has not been seen since pocket in the skirt of his gown. Then | the Lahore jewel chest and was brought to England. In 1852 it was reduced weight. The 'Orleff' diamond, which is the chief ornament in the imperial scepter of the Cz.r, is the largest dia-'Too much!' answered Angeline's mond in Europe, weighing 193 carats. It formed one of the eyes of an idol. It was sold in Amsterdam for \$450,000 and an annuity of \$20,000 to Count Orloff. The 'Moon of Mountains' is also among the Russian crown jewels. The gem of the French regalia was the Therese ran to fe'ch the doll. It was famous 'Piz' diamond, which was almost as large as the live monkey, found in the year 1701 and was reand looked as like him as one pea to duced from 410 to 137 carats. It was another. And, when the monkey saw bought by the Dake of Ocleans in it, what do you suppose he did? First, 1717 for \$675,000. It has been valued he caught it in his queer little arms, at \$,400,000. One of the largest diastared into its black face, felt its head monds ever found was that picked up eyes and its small, wrinkled cheeks, by a negress in Brazil, which is known and hugged it with all his might to the as the 'Star of the South,' and weighs breast of his scarlet gown. Then he | 254 carats. The 'Star of South Africa, whose history we have already noted in a previous issue, begins the history of the rush for the diamond fields in South A rica. The English Illustrated Magazine, from waich we glean our tripping over his gown as he dragged facts, recently had an article upon this subject illustrated by actual photographs of the diamonds. -Ex.

There is only one thing the servant of the Lord Christ cannot do; he canof the organ, he looked back so wist- not stay; he cannot linger, forever fully that Angeline was ready to cry. looking up into the Master's face. The world calls him. The word of the the monkey thought the doll was his | Master rings out like a clarion, "Go ye!"—David J. Burrell, D. D.

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