

The Little Word that was Lost.

I lost a very little word Only the other day; Only a very naughty word I had not meant to say.

How Tom Ricker Brought the 'Portland' In.

Let me fire for you this trip, Don, said Tom Ricker, stepping into the cab of the engine attached to the White Mountain Express.

A Penny.

'Where are you going, Mab? Stop a minute,' cried Nettie Ford, tapping vigorously on the pane and flinging the window up.

The Bear and the Boy.

About two hundred years ago a rich and powerful nobleman named Leopold was duke of the province of Lorraine.

Dick's Fact.

'Teacher told us,' said Dick, quite out of breath from running so fast, 'to bring a fact to-morrow to school to tell about.'

The New Boy.

The "new boy" is of later origin than the "new woman." He can make his own bed, sew buttons on his own clothing, cook his own breakfast, and wash the dishes, if necessary, and he is no longer considered a "sissy" for so doing.

A Dog Story.

A writer, John Clark, in the Advance, tells the story of a Kansas dog. His name is Nep and he lives in Dayton.

Don't Forget.

Don't forget to give your canary the best of water and seed every day. See that he has a good fish bone. Clean his cage every day.

Home Hints.

Try walking with your hands behind you if you find yourself becoming bent forward.

The Healthful Bedroom.

A lady noted for her good taste and her unusual ability as a housekeeper says that everything about a sleeping-room should be simple, immaculate, and easily kept so.

The Health Problem.

Is much simpler than is sometimes supposed. Health depends chiefly upon perfect digestion and pure blood, and the problem is solved very readily by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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again holding to her course under a full head of steam, breasting the storm bravely. All that night the volunteer fireman worked in the engine room, and when the ship put into Portland the following morning, three hours late, no one aboard, save the crew, knew of the peril that had threatened the boat.

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The steam Portland left its berth, one night, several years ago, and steamed out of Boston harbour on its way to Portland. The company had decided to burn soft coal in place of hard coal that had been used in the past.

A storm had been brewing for several days, and this night, an hour out of port, it broke. The sailors were used to storms, however, and little would have been thought of the matter, had not a strange thing happened.

'I should like to, but—' 'But what?' interrupted Mabel. 'Make haste; I'm not going to be late. I want to see, and I don't mean to sit at the back!'

'I can't very well come,' said Nettie, hesitating: 'I haven't any money.' 'That won't matter. What's a penny?'

'If twelve people said that, it would make a shilling less in the plate,' returned Nettie practically. 'Well, please yourself; I shan't wait,' said Mabel, and she ran off.

Nettie stood fingering the tassel of the blind. 'A penny isn't much,' she mused. 'I do want to see those things; but it looks so mean not to put anything in the plate. I wish I had a penny.'

Then she ran upstairs, put on her hat and cloak, and taking her gloves in her hand ran out.

'I'll put my next penny in the missionary box,' she said to herself. 'After all what does it matter what the others think?'

'Nettie and her brothers were all allowed a penny per week for pocket-money, and Nettie generally spent hers in sweets or cakes.

Now and again she put a halfpenny or, if she could get one, a farthing into the missionary-box when it was handed round, but this was a special appeal for funds.

'One penny won't make much difference,' she said to herself for the twentieth time, as she came breathlessly up to the school-room door; but as she said it she heard her own answer to Mabel not so many minutes before— 'Twelve pennies make a shilling.'

'I want to see the things, but I don't quite like to go in,' she thought. She had stepped on the mat and was insensibly getting nearer to the door, when it opened and the superintendent beckoned her in.

'Come along,' he said. 'You're rather late, but I'll find you a place.' And in a minute more Nettie was sitting right up at the front, where she could both see and be seen by everybody.

The lady who was to speak was just standing up, and before Nettie had time to wonder what she should do when the plate came round, she was listening with both ears.

Then there were the things the lady had brought—curious little baskets, caps, spoons, native dresses, and

charms, and, above all, the beautiful needlework done in the native schools by girls and women, and pictures of those who had done them, who, but for the noble men and women who had left home and friends to tell them of the redeeming love of the Lord Jesus Christ, would still have been in heathen darkness.

Marco was housed in a rough hut in a corner of his royal master's park. He was supplied with the best of food by the keeper of the animals; and on state occasions he was led out by a big iron chain, and made to dance for the amusement of Leopold's friends.

Marco did not know who this new comer might be, but he was so surprised that he quite forgot to growl. Then a strange thing happened—so strange that, if this were not a true story, I should not ask you to believe it.

The bear Marco did not understand what the boy said, but he understood the kind hand that stroked his head. That hand meant, "I love you."

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He did not have far to go, for a few stalks of wheat grew among the thick weeds near at hand. The mouse was so large that he could probably have bent the stalk down and brought the grain within reach.

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