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## The Boy Who Laughs.

know a funny little boy, The happiest ever born : s face is like a beam of joy, lthough his clothes are t rn.

naw him tumble on his n se, And waited f r a groan ; at how he laughed! Do you suprose He struck his funny bone ?

pere's sunshine in each word he speaks, His laugh is something grand ; ripples overrun his checks Like waves on snowy sand.

e laughs the moment he awakes, And till the day is done : ations it is. he school room for a joke he takes; ul what he His lessons are but fun. sary when a

matter how the day may go, nitations of You can not make him cry, ket-some le's worth a dezen boys I know, nat we ask Who pout and mope and sigh. the full nan Taple Leaf ithout this y

A Peck of Trouble. re cases of

sht! Don't make any noise. This in a whisper from Jack bury. The two boys were play-

ruant. They had strayed beyond mits of the town into some woods bordered on the highway. hose coat is that on the bush

er ?' whispered Jack. 'Looks like Nelson's,' returned Jamie, in the ay Styles d low tone. The companions crept thily along, now crouching be-RAP the bashes, now dodging from to tree, both of them cowardly in best onsciousness of wrongdoing. Gifts e careful,' warned Jack again, as

ch that crecked in the breaking. S. S TON ning. He'd snatch us up in a kling if he should see us.' t. the stear St John for and Boston

nd he'd have a good right to---'s certain. But I don't believe DAY, and o'clock (stan coming now, and I'm going 'to

without it. Ins.cad of entering as Tony, inspired with a sudden thought. had swellowed them up. This must ) usual with a call for 'Mother' at the 'Let's be a parliamittee !' front door, he skulked around to the

the cook informed him that Mrs. work at once, with all due solemnity, back by the road; for 1 can never sorryful for Bobby !' called Majorie Nelson had gone for a drive with an- Mamie taking the chair.

supper time. E1 considered that he sternly. 'Ladies and gentlemen, the fall n lit le maid. had had a fortunate es ape from subject under dis-" reproof, and went into the sitting-room

to amuse himself with a new book. At any other time it would have fasci- i woman. nated him, but on this unhappy day it had no power to charm.

He was an only child, and, without any p'aynates in the house, was accustomed to find his principal divertime on the piano and then varied the amusement by drumming on the wirdow pane. The sounds he succeeded in making did not drown the voice of Conscience, which reproached him so loudly that it seemed as though he

those of his own voice. The thing was getting to be almost unberrable when, at length, his mother returned, bringing her friend into supper. Soon came his father from business and the home-coming was followed by the evening meal.

Remarking afterward that he was tired, Ed went early to bid, while his mother was still chatting with her friend. Somewhat later he heard the shutting of the front door and knew that his father had gone out.

unintentionally broke a small El was usually a sound sleeper. He had only to lay his head on the pillow, Sudbury, the new superintendent close his eyes and float off into dream. sent will be a real surprise for New hoels, drives along this road every land. But on the particular evening Year's Day.' the case was different. He tossed and tossed, but slumber would not come. the carriage come for his mother's laughing with delight. friend, heard her leave-taking and

This brilliant idea was greeted with rear and went into the kitcher. There shouts, and the parliamittee set to

other lidy and would not return until "Silence !" called the chairwoman wil making say ?" thought the crest-

'This cushion-' suggested Mattie. 'Don't interrupt !' said the chair-

plain, or me and Ferdie won't under-

stand. 'Very well,' replied Mamie ; I'll say ously dowr, all by itself, and was wait it simple enough for a baby. We want | ing patiently to be let in. sion in books. This resource proving, to give mother a present for New unsatisfactory, he daummed for a short | Year's Day, all out of our own money. And we've made a parliamittee to settle what to get. Now please we'll

> hear the 'pinions of the press. 'What's that ?' questioned Fan.

'I don't know,' replied the chairwoman ; 'our press downstairs hasn't could almost hear it speak in tones like got any ; but the words are out of dad's papers, and they sound fine.'

> 'Let's div mummie a gee-gee and a reller-cart !' cried baby Ferdie.

'That's sdic'lous !' said Tony. 'Mother isn't a baby like you.'

'Give her a vewy nice bwush, and some waspbewy drops,' suggested Fan.

'Nonsense !' cried Mattie. 'I have it !' said Mamie. 'Mother's

old sofa in the work-room is awfully shabby. Let's buy some bright chintz, and nurse's brother Tom will come and put it on for us. We won't buy any

sweets or toys for all the time that's left, but save our money. and our pre-

This proposal was hailed with applause, and the parliamittee dissolved, He heard the clock strike eight, heard the members shouting, stamping, and

Early on the morning of the first of

be just such a case. Wel', I will shde down as far as dear ?'

Aunt e Hopper's house, and then walk cl mb the hil on the crush. Oh, what | back.

She muted Reindeer, and in a trice had coased right into Auntie Hopper's do syard, and stopped right beside the ham, which had wasted no

'Oh, bother !' cried Tony. 'Say it | time on the road, bu', when it found itself without a vehicle and deserted Youth's Companion.

by its friends, had coasted courage-

H.w Auntie Hopper laughed, as Susie sat by the big, open fireplace, with a doughnut in one hand and a mammoth red apple in the other, and old of her funny adventure !- Minnie L. Upton, in the Youth's Companion.

# The Little Helper.

'Why are you in such a hurry ?' queried I, as my wee friend halted just long enough to leave a message.

"Cause our maid's sick, an' I'm going to help mamma. She says she's glad it's Saturday, so's I can be at home all day.'

help mamma ?

'Why, I've cleared off the table an' wiped the dishes, already, an' now I must run back an' dust the parlors. think it's nice to be a big girl, so's I can help mamma.

As the little speaker bounded away, with a happy smile lighting up her sweet face, I was reminded of the many children who count it other than 'nice' to be able to help their mothers, and as she vanished from sight, I sighed to think how rare it was to see a child so eager to be helpful.

Later, as I availed myself of the last mild day to rake leaves from our lawn, I heard, 'Now I'm going to help you, and, looking about, I saw the one who regarded herself as a 'big girl ;' and in her hand was a broom with which she began making a great rustling among the leaves, as she added, 'Tll sweep, an' you can rake, so's it won't take so

'Majorie ! Majorie !' mamma called ; why don't you come down and play

'I guess I can't, mamma ; I feel so

'You mustn't feel so bad, dear. Bobby was naughty, and ought to cry.

'Yes'm, I know it,' the sweet, shaky little voice called down to mamma ' but - but you see, I have to feel bad. You can't do it well's I can, for I've been there and know how it feels.'-

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#### ----Tricks of Parrots.

A fine tame, gray and scallet parrot escaped from her cage and flew into 'What can such a mite as you do to far away Buckinghamshire, where she alighted on the roof (f a cottage in an out-of-the-world hamlet. Polly was absolutely the first bird of her species that had ever been there ; and a yokel, in wonder and admiration, declared he would make a capture. He brought a ladder and mounted up.

Polly watched his advance quite imperturbably, and did not move, even when he was quite near. The countryman at last cautiously put out his hand, and Polly spreading out one wing only, and setting up her neckfeathers, screamed, "What do yer siring to invest their money on want ?' The man nearly lost his balance ; his lower jaw dropped; his dull eyes gazed, managed not to fall to the ground After a silence, doffing his cap, he said, "Beg yer pard'n, surr ; I thought you was a bird !" Having made his apology, he retired by the way he had come, and Polly chuckled gleefully, in that rational way so mystifying (to mortals) in parrots (because so apropos) I am making the acquaintance of a taking pie in this valley. His various phrases were being quoted, lately by an admiring neighbor, and I said "But do you think he means what he says ?' and the answer came promptly and full of conviction, "Why to be

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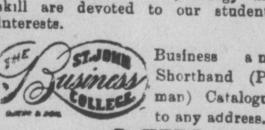


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h, nothing. She won't care." amie was an orphan. An uncle O AL for his board with Mrs. Elmer, rwise called by the boys 'the old PLATED )T.

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pento be hanging in the grove on its owner was in school ? Need I wear my coat to-day?' Ed al son had asked of this mother after

akfast. CO weather for making a change in did." s clothing.'

> But you said last week that you ught I might leave it off now." So I did, but mother couldn't fore. the state of the meather. Wear it the longer. Then when there les a milder day you may go with

d put on the coat, not without constrances and complaints. Then tarted off for school.

hin him that merning. It is one of worst feelings that boys and girls quered Ed, because he allowed hunto be conquered. He didn't fight than pain itself. ard enough. He went down the feeling cross and sullen. Soon nust pass the woods in which Jack Jamie were hiding ; though he w nothing of their presence there. Take off your coat and hang it on of these trees,' whispered the bad it in his heart. 'Don't do it,' said it. 'You can easily put it where on't be seen from the road and get gain on your way home. Your ther'll never know the difference. on his way with less weight on his mother.-Chris. Intelligencer.

departure. Still the time dragged on January, mother received a mysterand at lest the clock struck nine Later his father returned. E1

listened guiltily while Mr. Nelson told his wife a strange tale. 'What do you think I have here, Nellie? It's our Ned's cost. I recognized it on a boy down town and took it from him at once. He owned to have found it in

the woods to day and appropriated it he coat was packed by Jamie in a which he was in the habit of earryhim arrested, but he begged so haid in his pocket and which often that I finally let him off. How do you red acconvenient receptacle for any suppose he got the thing?

sures he might happen to find. 'I'm sure I don't know,' said Mrs. ie would not have liked to have Nelson. El certainly wore it to called a young thief, yet such he school, for I buttoned it on him myself.'

nd about the cost? How did it "You don't suppose that he would have been guilty of disobeying you by And here's a happy New Year to you, and cold morning of the early spring taking it off and leaving it in the woods, do you ?'

'Ob, no,' replied Mrs. Nelson. The father and mother were just then interrupted and startled by Dh, yes, Ned. This isn't the sort about from Ned. "I did, father, I

> They beth hurried upstairs to their son's room, where they found a frightened and penitent boy. They were ready to forgive him when he begged triumsph was complete. with tears for their pardon, but it was a long time before he became sufficiently quiet to sleep.

The next morning he awoke with a of having suddenly become about a know, mamma, when Roy took his he spirit of disobedience was strong for a physician, who pronounced the queer bed-fellow. Well, I think case a serious one.

Then came days and weeks of suffere to contend with. This time it ing, followed by a feeble condition

Through all his mother attended him to ride. Tell Auntie Hopper it him with marvelous sweetness and is a ham from the spotted nosed pig, watchfulness. At length, when the -the one that used to get out and run brees were green with foliage; when away and rost in her garden. Tell grass covered the fields and dowers her she's getting back some of the were blooming in the garden; when turnips and carrots that he stole, poor overcoats and all winter wraps were little scamp !'

safely packed away from the ravages of science. 'Harry up,' said the bad moths Ed took once more the familiar crust smooth and slippery this mornroad to school.

had last trodden that way, for he had I get fixed just right, so that I can learned that it is a very foolish as well hold my sled-fellow on safely. Goodd yielded to the temptation and as a wicked thing for a boy to cisokey by, mamma. I'm off!'

ious message to dress quickly and come into her work-room-so called because it contained her sewing-machine and mending-basket.

Obedient to orders, she soon made her appearance, when she suddenly found herself confronted by a brightlytinted sofa-back, behind which peered long. five bonny, expectant little faces, full

to his own use. I threatened to have of the joy of a giving that had cost needs your help more than I do.' them something.

And while she stood and gazed the childish voices broke into song--'Five times one are five, little chil'en what

loved their mother. Because in all the world there wasn't quite

such another. So they bought some flowery stuff, and gave it to Tom to fit on.

a sofa to sit on.'

"We buyed it wis our own pennies. lisped baby Ferdie.

"Did dad and you, mother, ever get a sofa-cover out of your meetings ? inquired Mattie. And when mother, suppressing her laughter and wiping away an unbidden tear, was in all can-

dour forced to acknowledge that they never had, the children's New Year's

### Susie's Sled-fellow.

"Won't it be fun?" chirped Susie. sore throat and fever, and with a sense hopping around on one foot. 'Yeu hundred years old. Mrs. Ne'son sent soldier back to bed, you said 'twas a smoked ham will be a queer sled fell w 'I think so myself; but it will be a very quiet one, and won't kick and that tried Ed's patience even more try to roll off when the sled begins to go rapidly, as Roy did when you took

'Yes'm, I'll tell her. Oh, isn't the ing? We'll just fly! Won't we. Mr. He was a wiser boy than when he Ham? Whos, Reindeer! Wait till

Yes, so they were 'off,' but not in

"But, dearie, I fear your mamma

'No, she doesn't,' was the emphatic answer. 'She said I'd done every single thing I could to help her. an' that now I must play.

'Ah, I see why you count helping me as play; you think it will hasten a bonfire. I felt ashamed of having jumped to

such a conclusion, however, when the child stoutly said : "I never once thought of a bonfire ! I just wanted to help you."

Still I could not quite comprehend the unselfish spirit of my little helper, who plied her broom until, looking up at the leafless trees, she said, gleefully, 'Now you won't have to rake another leaf until I'm ten years old.'

Then, acting upon the false impression, born of my experience with selfish children, I said, 'You have helped me some pennies with which to buy candy.'

But to my surprise the little broom wielder, with a hurt look, retorted : 'I sha'n't touch a penny ! I don't want any pay : I just wanted to help you. Her sincerity was evident, but still I could not see clearly why she should relished the joke immensely. work for me so diligently, with no thought of reward, so I ventured to say, 'I could understand your willingness to help at home. for every child should count it a joy to be able to lighten the burdens of the parents who do so much for them, but what put it

into your head to help me ? Then, as the rosy cheeks grew more rosy, she made answer : 'Well, help ing mamma had made it such a lovely Saturday that I wanted to keep right on helping somebody. So when I saw you raking leaves, an' thought how you hadn't any little girl to help you. I come right over.

The way she said it went straight to children were as thoughtful and un

sure be does !" I have told you elsewhere in print of a parrot I knew well, who used to call to the goodwife of the house : "Milk !' "Baker !" "Butcher !' and always at the moment of the arrival of the proper tradesmen.

Sometimes, when the butcher had disappeared indoors, the parrot would sharply imitate the driver's "click ;" and would do it so well that the smart pony in the shaft always started off at a rattling trot. The noise of the departure would bring out an angry, redso much that you must let me give you faced and startled tutcher's boy ; and the parrot would then fing herself back in the cage in fits of the heartiest her own Lead," and she evidently

Surely that was a "practical joke,"

rence Co. Lim.

The DEM N, DYSPEPSIA.-In olden time it was a popular belief that demons moved invisibly through the ambient air, seeking to enter into men and trouble them. At the present day the demon, dyspepsia, is at large in the same way, seeking habitation in those who by careless or unwise living invite him. And once he enters a man it is difficult to dislodge him. He that my heart, and as I stooped down to finds himself so possessed should know kiss the winsome face, I said, 'If all that a valiant friend to do battle for him with the unseen foe is Parmelee's

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