

A Hard Disease.

not homesick, dear mamma, on the farm, how could I be? The chickens and the pretty lambs, and everybody good to me.

When I saw the chickens run and cuddle in their mother's wing, and heard the mother-bird at night, in the nest begin to sing, and a great lump in my throat, and tears kept coming fast and thick, I must have had, mamma, that hard disease called mother-sick.

Papa And the Boy.

harming as is the merry prattle of recent childhood, it is not particularly agreeable at about one o'clock in the evening, when you are 'dead for sleep,' wouldn't give a copper to hear Gladstone himself talk.

One morning, in the spring, Sydney came into the house and called, 'Jake!' No answer. 'Jake, Jake, you rascal! Grandma will scold you if she finds you in her bonnet-box.

Jake was wide-awake in an instant, and, jumping out of the box, ran out of the door and seated himself on the wheel, as much as to say, 'If you please, Sydney laughed heartily, and off they started.

Up and down the street Sydney looked, whistling and calling; but no squirrel appeared. Then he looked up in the trees near by, down in the gutter, and, finally, went down a side street, and got Bob Jones to join in the search.

A happy thought came. Perhaps he would find him at the house, but neither mamma nor sister Flora had seen anything of him.

How he jumped as he touched something soft and furry! and then—dear me!—Jake sprang right out of the pocket on to the table, and sat there, blinking his funny little eyes, as much as to say: 'What in the world is all this fuss about? Such a header as that was, Master Sydney, was too much for me.

Don't hitch me to an iron post or railing when the mercury is below freezing. I need the skin on my tongue.

Don't leave me hitched in my stall at night with a big cob right where I must lie down. I am tied and can't select a smooth place.

Don't whip me when I get frightened along the road, or I will expect it next time and maybe make trouble.

air once or twice, a warm, moist little hand reaches out and touches your face to make sure that you are there, and the boy is asleep, with his heels where his head ought to be.

The Squirrel and the Bicycle.

I cannot tell which Sydney thought the more of, his bicycle or Jake's.

He had found the squirrel in the hollow of an old oak-tree, while chopping in the woods one day; and, as winter was coming on, and the little fellow might be cold, he carried him home to Sydney.

Sydney taught him many tricks. He would say, 'Jake, let me see you crack this nut;' and Jake would sit up on his hind legs, and hold it in his paws, and crack it with his teeth.

Determined to Succeed.

The following is one of the traditions of a manufacturing firm in Glasgow, Scotland. Thirty years ago, a bare-footed, ragged urchin presented himself before the desk of the principal partner and asked for work as an errand boy.

'There's a deal o' running to be done,' said Mr. Blank, jestingly affecting a broad Scotch accent. 'Your qualification ud be a pair o' shoes.'

'Oh!' Mr. Blank with difficulty recalled the circumstances. 'You want a place? Not in those rags, my lad. You would disgrace this house.'

'It is necessary that you should do both before we could employ you in carrying home packages,' he said. 'We have no place for you.'

The lad's face grew paler; but without a word of complaint he disappeared. He now went fifteen miles into the country, and found work in stables near to a night school.

'I can read and write,' he said, briefly.

'I gave him the place,' the employer said, years afterward, 'with the conviction that, in process of time, he would take mine, if he made up his mind to do it.

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The little fellow scratched his head and replied: 'I am not a very good boy. I cuss a little sometimes.' The candid answer inspired the bishop with confidence, and then he said, after giving his name and address: 'I want you to go there and get a bundle for me, and bring it to my hotel.

There will be a change of 88; here is the money to pay it, and a half dollar which you will keep for doing the errand.'

On his return to the hotel, the bishop's friends laughed at him for his credulity, telling him that he would never see boy, bundle, or money again; but in half an hour the young chap returned bringing the bundle and a receipted bill for \$8.50, the bishop having made a slight mistake as to the amount that was due.

And I have no doubt the confidence that was reposed in that boy did him good as long as he lived. Put more confidence in your children.

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Don't forget to file my teeth when they get jagged and I cannot chew my food. When I get lean, it is a sign my teeth want filing.

Don't put on my blind bridle so that it irritates my eye, or so leave my forehead that it will be in my eyes.

Don't be so careless of my harness as to find a great sore on me before you attend to it.

Don't lend me to some blockhead that has less sense than I have.

Don't forget the old Book, that is a friend to all the oppressed, that says: 'A merciful man is merciful to his beast.'—Farm Journal.

Elephant Refuses to Work Overtime.

A bishop tells a story of a civilian elephant that was employed in a timber yard. A number of logs had to be moved by him, and only one remained when the bell rang for ceasing work.

Next day, to the foreman's astonishment, when the bell rang for beginning work, the first elephant marched straight up to the log, lifted it quite easily, and carried it to its proper place.

To what port is a man sailing when he is like an importunate lover? When he is bound to Havre.

What class of men are always open to conviction? Those who have violated the law.

What is the difference between an auction and seasickness? The one is the sale of effects, and the other is the effects of a sail.

Home Hints

Refrigerators should be thoroughly cleansed once a week, everything removed, shelves and racks washed in warm soda water, wiped dry and then sunned, if possible.

The best remedy against ants is cayenne pepper. Spread it on the shelves of the store closet under the paper that covers them.

Markers that have been made on paint with matches can be removed by rubbing first with a slice of lemon, then with whiting, and washing with soap and water.

Dried orange peel allowed to smolder on a piece of red-hot iron or on an old shovel, will kill any bad odor in existence and leave a fragrant one instead.

Dainty orange wafers are exceedingly nice to pass with tea. A ginger or cinnamon wafer should be served with chocolate, and a plain unflavored one with coffee.

Confidence in a Boy Rewarded.

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Children Should be Taught to be Thrifty.

A saving bank account is a great incentive to thrift in children. If one is begun for the baby, even with a very small sum, and added to through childhood and youth with a certain proportion of the money that otherwise would be spent carelessly and thoughtlessly by the child, there will be a very respectable amount on the credit side of the ledger when the depositor is eighteen years old.

Never criticise the church in any point until you have done your best to remedy that defect; for after that you will not want to criticise.

UNEQUALLED—Mr. Thos. Brunt, Tyendinaga, Ont., writes:—

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