

The Lost Cap.

He hunted through the library, He looked behind the door, He searched where baby keeps his toys Upon the nursery floor; He asked the cook and Mary, He called mamma to look, He even started sister up To leave her Christmas book.

Our Blind Ned.

Five-year-old Ned came down the stairway one morning singing. "What makes you so happy, my boy?" his mother asked, as she kissed him. "I ought to be happy, mamma. Jesus forgave all my sins last night." His mother smiled. He was such a little sinner. "What are your sins, Eddy?" she asked. "Oh, ever so many! I tease grandpa, and I don't go to bed when you tell me to, and I don't mind Aunt Ellen, and I pull kitty's tail till she squeals, and—"

let God darken her eyes, if she could bring back yours. "I wouldn't like that, mother dear," he said bravely. "If I could only see how it could work for good, I think I could bear it." "Suppose it should be the means of saving papa?" "The boy drew a breath. "Do you suppose God could save him?" "With God nothing is impossible," the mother said. "All things are possible to him that believeth," the boy repeated. They were silent a long time, then Eddy said: "Mamma, I have asked Jesus to let my being blind save my papa, and I believe he will. I shan't care so very much then. Write to him, please."—The Revivalist.

Be Slow to Accuse.

"Mother, I can't find my seventeen cents anywhere," said Arthur, coming into his mother's room with quite an anxious face. "I put it right here in my overcoat pocket. It had been hanging up in the hall all day, and I do believe that new girl has taken it out. She saw me have it last night and put it away." "Look in your pockets, Arthur. A little boy who is so apt to forget things must not be so positive that he put his money in his pocketbook. And never accuse anybody of stealing without a shadow of evidence. This is very sinful as well as unkind. What if Susan should lose her money and accuse you of stealing it? Remember the Golden Rule."

Some Hints.

Convulsions may be frequently cut short like magic by turning the patient on his left side. The nausea as an after effect of chloroform or ether narcosis may be generally controlled in the same manner. When chilly from exposure breathe deeply and rapidly, and the increase in bodily warmth will be surprising. Vomiting after the administration of chloroform may frequently be prevented by replacing the inhaler with a linen cloth steeped in vinegar, allowing it to remain over the face for some time. People who have weak hearts should always have their principal meal in the middle of the day, and with as little water as possible. Crude petroleum poured upon a burned surface and covered loosely with cotton will subdue the pain almost at once. Strong spirits of ammonia applied to the wounds of snake bites or rabid animals is better than any caustic. It neutralizes the virus. Carbolic acid poisoning can be quickly cured by giving cider vinegar diluted with equal parts of water in half a tumblerful dose every five or ten minutes for a few times. Cocaine poisoning is antidoted well by strong coffee. Potassium permanganate is an efficient antidote if taken while morphine is still in the stomach. Grain for grain it will completely decompose morphine. A typhoid fever patient will do well upon a diet of rice water. A baby may be filled up to the neck with milk and still be hungry. In prescribing infant foods it is worth remembering that rice is an astringent and farina a laxative. A towel dipped in boiling water, wrung out rapidly, folded to proper size, and applied to the abdomen, with a dry flannel over the hot towel, acts like magic in infantile colic.—M. E. Douglass.

A Little African Animal.

"Wouldn't you think yours was a long tongue if it was as long as your whole body?" asks Olive Thorne Miller, who knows so much about animals of all kinds. "Well, odd as it seems, there is a little fellow that lives in Africa, with just such a tongue, and you cannot imagine how useful it is to him. You see, he is a dignified, slow-moving little creature, and he lives on insects and such lively game. He could never catch them, and might starve to death, if it were not that he can dart out, quick as a flash, a tongue fully as long as his body. The end of the droll weapon is sticky, and holds fast any unfortunate insect that it touches. "The little animal of which I speak, is the chameleon, and his tongue isn't the only droll thing about him. His eyes are very curious. To begin with, they are very large and round, and stick out like big beads on the side of his head; and the funniest thing is that he can turn them different ways, so as to see all round him. He can turn one up and the other down, or he can turn one forward and the other backward, and thus see everywhere. It must be a very small fly which can escape these sharp eyes."

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We all know of his ability to change his colour; and another writer tells us that the chameleon, when agitated or in a hurry, sometimes breaks or casts off his long tail. This seems to cause no physical pain, but the lizard is evidently ashamed of his awkward appearance afterwards, and hides himself in corners. As he uses his tail as a sort of spring by which to leap, the loss of it makes a good deal of difference to the little creature. The chameleons make very gentle and interesting pets. They will run over one's hands, and watch eagerly for one to catch flies for them. They love sunshine and fresh air, and will swallow in the latter occasionally in great gulps, expanding a sort of pouch under their neck by the process. Although gentle when kindly treated, they will show anger if teased, opening their mouth in a ludicrous way, and assuming what they evidently think is a threatening attitude.—Morning Star.

Faithfulness in Small Things.

A poor, lame, weak-minded man worked twelve hours daily in a cleft, hot room as a saddler's apprentice. He had heard a minister say that the humblest work could be performed to God's praise, but he had never understood the meaning of his words. One day he looked out of the window and saw a runaway horse passing by, drawing a wagon in which sat a pale, frightened woman and her child. A gentleman ran up to it from the pavement, caught and held the bridle till the horse stopped, and mother and child were saved. Then the poor old cobbler thought: What if the bridle on that horse had not been sewed well or poor thread had been used? The bridle would have broken and three human beings would have been made unhappy. Who knows but what I sewed that bridle! Filled with this thought, he performed his work with special diligence and faithfulness after this time.—Lutheran.

The more we demand of ourselves, the more we get out of ourselves. You can squeeze an orange dry, but not the spirit of a man. Thy friend hath a friend, and that friend hath a friend; wherefore be discreet.—Talmud.

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