

ain't that your boy?" the one suddenly exclaimed in an undertone.

"Guess I'll have to claim him," the other replied with a grim smile. "Why Tom, what does this mean?" he asked in surprise.

Tom looked around half-frightened, for he stood in awe of his father.

"Why, I didn't go to the excursion. I gave my ticket and lunch to a poor boy, and his little brother who had to sell peanuts all day, and never get anywhere, and I'm selling them for them until they

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get back. I really didn't want to go so bad when I found that Ben wanted to go so badly and take Teddy," he said earnestly.

Judge Strong smiled.

"I don't believe that this is the boy who was so anxious to get off he could scarcely eat his breakfast this morning. You must come with me and have luncheon."

Tom hesitated a moment.

"I can't leave here, and, besides, Ben left his lunch and he'd think it wasn't good enough if I wouldn't eat any of it."

"Have it your own way, my boy. Here, Drummond, I know you like peanuts; we ought to patronize the boy a little."

Tom almost regretted that he had not gone with his father, when he opened the little package of lunch that Ben left—dry bread and a few cold potatoes—but he tried to eat it bravely.

"I know how it is to be poor," he thought.

That afternoon business became quite brisk, and when Ben and Teddy came back, all happy and excited over the day's pleasure, Tom was entirely sold out and waiting for them.

"Well, my boy, are you tired?" Judge Strong asked, putting his hand on Tom's curly head as he lay on the sofa in the library that evening.

Tom looked up with a bright smile.

"A little—but what a good time Ben and Teddy must have had."

"Do you think so?" and Judge Strong pushed the hair from Tom's face and stooped and kissed him, and Tom felt that he was repaid.—N. Y. Observer.

### BLOWING BUBBLES.

Sammy was blowing bubbles.

"Oh, mamma! Do come and see how beautiful they are."

Mamma came and watched while the little boy blew a large bubble. He clasped his hands as it rose slowly in the air.

"See the colors in it!" he cried, "Red and purple and green and gold. Why, mamma, they are like flowers—or the birds. The colors are just as bright."

"Yes," said mamma, "there are many bright-colored things in the world."

"I think," said Sammy, "it is very good of God to make so many pretty things for us to look at."

He went on blowing, thinking each bubble brighter than the last. Soon he heard a voice at the door: "Let me blow!"

It was Willie, a little boy who lived next door.

"Yes," said Sammy, "we'll take turns."

But very soon he saw that Willie did not like to take only his turn, he wanted all.

At last Sammy went to his mother. "Mamma," he said, "I wish you'd tell Willie to go home. He wants to blow all the time."

"I am sorry," said mamma, "but don't you think you can bear with Willie a little? He has been ill a long, long time, and has forgotten that he ought to do his share of giving up."

"I don't think it is fair that I should do it all," said Sammy.

"That is true," said mamma. "But we all sometimes have to submit to what is not fair. Now listen, my child. You thing it is good of the Lord to make the bright things for us. It pleases you to see them. Just so it pleases God to see a little heart for his sake is willing to show loving patience to others."

"I think I'll do it," said Sammy with

a smile. "I've had two good times this morning," he afterwards said to mamma.

"First it was the pretty bright bubbles, and then it was being too good to Willie."—London Sunday-school Times.

### MERRY, HAPPY BABIES.

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### THE SUNSHINE OF RELIGION.

Our Lord when on earth was not a friend only for dark days. He could stand by the grave of Lazarus and weep with the sorrowing sisters, but he could also be present at the wedding at Cana of Galilee, an honored and welcome guest.

In our deep realization of the solemn mission of our Lord to this sinful world, we are apt to forget that he came as an image and expression and embodiment of the God of love. The morose Christian is not likely to be bidden to feasts where his presence is only a gloomy shadow and his countenance as a threatening cloud. We may be sure that even in this holy purity this was not the impression made by him whose "compassions are new every morning." There was sunshine about him, or the mothers would not have thronged around him with their little ones; the despised sufferers would not have looked trustfully to him for help; the outcast sinner would not have turned to him for pardon.

We seem to fancy that God made our eyes for tears, and that from some other power came their glad twinkle of merriment or their expression of innocent joy in the midst of social converse. Who wreathed the mouth with smiles that answer to smiles? Who made the dimples in the baby's face? Who lit the glad, loving light in the eyes as it begins to be aware of the tender care of its mother? Why will we not remember that joy is as much the gift of God as sorrow, and to be as freely accepted in his presence?—Churchman.

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