

eral times, pecking at it in a quick, nervous fashion.

"She soon spied a tiny hole near the top, and springing up, gave a quick peck which caused several grains to fall to the floor. This was repeated three or four times, when she left the barn, and went directly to where her mate was scratching.

"Walking up to Priscilla, she uttered a soft 'caw, caw, caw;' then they put their heads down close together for several seconds, and were motionless as they did so. Prudence then led the way the barn, followed by Priscilla. She hopped up and rattled down some grain and Priscilla ate it, and when she had learned how, Priscilla rattled down the grain for herself.

"I am firmly convinced that Prudence told Priscilla about that grain, and showed her how to get it out of the sack. I should have 'shooed' them out of the barn and closed the door, but they were so cute that I left them to eat their fill."—S. S. Times.

Grease Spots.—Hot water and soap generally remove these. If fixed by long standing, use either chloroform or naphtha. Both of these must be used away from either fire or artificial light, because they are explosives.

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THE IRON BOOT.

"There's poor Jonny Truman with his iron boot. I think it is really cruel in his mother making him wear it when he hates to."

An iron boot! It must be terribly cramping. How hard to the soft flesh; how rigid to the flexible muscles! Can the joints turn on their sockets? With an iron boot on, can a boy play? Can he run? It must be dragging work even to walk. Poor Johnny!

"O mother," cries Johnny, "do take this boot off. It almost kills me. I don't care if I am lame. I don't care if my legs are crooked. I don't care if my ankle is out of joint. I don't care how I am when I grow up. All I want is to get this off now;" and Johnny worried and fretted until almost the whole house was out of patience. He behaved as if his mother made him wear it on purpose to trouble him. Did she? Oh! no, no. The bones in the boy's left foot and ankle were soft. He had a disease called the rickets. The bones bent and were growing out of their proper proportions when his mother consulted a physician, who put his foot into this iron boot. It was done to support the bones, and keep them in place, until they should grow strong and healthy as bones in general. But Johnny had no faith. He did not believe it would do any good. He was sure, he said, it was no use; and therefore instead of trusting his mother and the doctor, and trying to be patient, he kept complaining. "Why don't you pull it off, and let him take the consequence?" said a woman quite worn out by Johnny's unreasonable conduct, "I would."

His mother looked grieved, but with eyes of pitying affection she stroked her little boy's hair, and said: "I must act for the future good of my child. Johnny will one day thank me for it. If he would not dwell on it so, it would not be so hard to bear. Johnny has a great deal to make him good and happy, in spite of his iron boot, and that won't last long."

Johnny hung his head. He felt a little ashamed, for he well knew how many thousand ways his mother tried to soothe and make him happy; and as for the boot, it was only for his good.

This year of sorrow and discipline at length passed away, and Johnny grew up to be a tall, handsome man, with strong limbs and a firm tread. And what do you think he very often said to his mother? "Mother, I can't be too thankful that you persisted in making me wear that iron boot. I should have been a poor cripple today but for you, mother, who bore so patiently with my complaining."

Have you an iron boot on, my dear child? Every little trial which you have—and children have their trials—is the iron boot which your Father in heaven puts on you. Many a time you feel it pinching and are ready to cry. Do you fret and worry, and try to kick it off? Such conduct grieves God. He wants you to trust Him and be patient. And as in numberless other ways he tries to make you happy, he desires you to dwell on the mercies which crown your days. That will cause you to exclaim, "Bless the Lord, O my soul! and all that is within me, bless His Holy name," and make me happy, very happy, in spite of trial. By and by you will know why He tries you, and see and acknowledge how good and how gracious were His purposes in every iron boot he caused you to wear.

HIS MENU.

An eight-year-old lad was asked to write out what he considered a good dinner bill of fare for Thanksgiving. The *Western Christian Advocate* gives his menu:

"Fust corse—Mince pie. Sekund corse—Pumpkin pie and terkey. Third corse—Lemon pie, terkey, cranberries. Fourth corse—Custard pie, apple pie, mince pie, chocolate cake, ice cream and plum pudding. Desert—Pie."

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Mildew.—Soak in a weak solution of chloride of lime for several hours. Rinse in cold water.

Blood Stains.—Soak in cold salt water, then wash in warm water with plenty of soap; afterwards boil.

Soot Stains.—Rub the spots with dry cornmeal before sending the clothes to the wash.

Ink Stains.—Soak in sour milk. If a dark stain remains, rinse in a weak solution of chloride of lime.

Sewing-Machine Oil Stains.—Rub with lard. Let stand for several hours, then wash with cold water and soap.

Iron Rust.—Soak the stain thoroughly with lemon juice; sprinkle with salt and bleach for several hours in the sun.

Hot Tea and Coffee Stains.—Soak the stained fabric in cold water; spread out and pour a few drops of glycerine on each spot. Let it stand several several hours; then wash with cold water and soap.

Pitch, Wheel Grease, Tar Stains.—Softens the stains with lard, then soak in turpentine. Scrape off carefully with a knife all the loose surface dirt; sponge clean with turpentine, and rub gently till dry.

Fruit Stains.—Stretch the fabric containing the stain over the mouth of a basin and pour boiling water on the stain. In cold weather fruit spots can frequently be removed by hanging the stained garments out of doors. If the stain has been fixed by time, soak the article in a weak solution of oxalic acid or hold over the fumes of sulphur.

EASING THE CHEST.

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