

BENNY'S THANK-YOU BOX.

They were going to have a thank-offering meeting at Benny's church. He knew, because his mamma was president of the big society, and Sister Gertie attended the Band. Benny went, too. He "belonged to both," he said, and he had a mite-box of his very own, and he put a cent in whenever he found a white one in papa's pocket. He had one of the thank-offering envelopes, but it wasn't large enough to suit him, so he begged a box from Gertie, and Bennie was happy.

One night as papa opened the front

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door, a little boy and a rattling box danced down stairs.

"Do you feel thankful, papa?" "What for?" asked papa, tossing the questioner up to his shoulder. "Cause you are home, and I'm kissing you."

"Indeed I do," laughed papa. "Then put a penny in my thank-you box!" shouted Benny.

Mamma had to put one in because she was thankful that the spring cleaning was done. Brother Tom put in five, because his suit came home just in time for a party. Bridget had the box presented to her for an offering when she said she was glad Monday was such a fine drying day for washing; and Gertie gave him pennies twice for two pleasant afternoons spent in gathering wild flowers. So many things to be thankful for seemed to happen that the little box grew heavy—it was so full it wouldn't rattle.

But one night soon after, Tom and Gertie were creeping around with pale, frightened faces and speaking in whispers. The little "thank-you" boy, as Benny liked to be called, was very ill—croup. The doctor came and went, and came again; but not until daylight broke could he give the comforting assurance: "He is safe now." In the dim light Tom dropped something into the little box as he whispered: "Thank you, dear God." Somehow everybody seemed to feel as Tom did, and when Benny was propped up in bed next day and counted his "thank you" money, there was \$2.50 in it, which papa changed for a gold piece that very day.—Children's Missionary Friend.

BRAVE BOSSY.

"Usually a cow does not stand much chance when she engages in hand-to-hand conflict with a grizzly bear," said Michael Ayres, a Colorado stockman; "but several years ago one of my cows killed one of those animals and came out of the struggle without a scratch. The cow had recently given birth to a calf. It being her firstborn, the mother was exceedingly vicious, and it was unsafe for a stranger to approach her, as her horns were long and pointed. The cattle-shed had a thatched roof, and was scooped out of the hillside a short distance from the house.

"One night a bear, having smelt the presence of a cow and calf, mounted the roof of the shed and proceeded to force an entrance by scratching through the thatch. The cow at the same time detected the presence of the bear, and held herself in readiness to receive the intruder. The noise of a terrible struggle aroused me, and grabbing a lantern I rushed from the house, and opening the shed door found the cow in a frantic state, butting and tossing to and fro some large object, which evidently had lost all power of resistance. It turned out to be a good-sized grizzly, which had been run through and through the body by the courageous mother. The little calf was nestled in a corner, sleeping peacefully, and seemed unmindful of the maternal struggle. I suppose that as soon as the bear gained an entrance through the roof it was pinned to the ground by the cow's horns before it had time to do any damage.—Selected.

Life is more than a mere competition as between man and man; it is not who can be done first, but who can work best; not who can rise highest, but who is working most patiently and lovingly in accordance with the designs of God.—Joseph Parker.

THE CARE OF CHILDREN'S HAIR.

Mothers should teach their children to care for their hair as early as possible.

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HELPING THE HORSE.

That was a thoughtful little boy of whom I read the other day, and it would be a splendid thing if some men would learn to show the same spirit as that little boy.

It was cold, wintry weather, and the street had become coated with ice. This made it very hard pulling for the horses, especially up the hill near where Robbie lived.

"Papa," said Robbie, when his father came home that evening, "I helped a horse to pull a load of coal up the hill today."

"How did you do that?" inquired his father.

"Why, it is just this way, answered Robbie. "The hill was covered with ice, and the horse was slipping all around; but I went and got some ashes and sprinkled them under the horse's feet, and all the way to the top of the hill. The driver thanked me, too, and said that I helped to pull that load of coal up the hill."

"Well, I think you did, myself," was the reply, "and I'm very glad my little boy is ready to help in a case like that. Keep that up as long as you live, Robbie, for it's a noble thing to help even a poor, dumb animal."—Apples of Gold.

There is only one way to appear interested in people and that is to be interested in them.

IF YOU CATCH COLD.

Many things may happen when you catch cold, but the thing that usually happens first is a cough. An inflammation starts up in the bronchial tubes or in the throat and the discharge of mucus from the head constantly poisons this. Then the very contraction of the throat muscles in the act of coughing helps to irritate so that the more you cough the more you have to cough. It is, of course, beyond question that in many cases the irritation started in this way results in lung troubles that are called by serious names. It is in this irritated bronchial tube that the germ of consumption finds lodgment and breeds.

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