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Is cheapest bought with pain; An humble lot, A cosy cot Have tempted even kings, For station high, That wealth will buy, Not oft contentment brings. It never pays! a blunt refrain,

Well worthy of a song, For age and youth must learn the truth That nothing pays that's wrong; The good and pure Alone are sure To share prolonged success, While what is right In Heaver's sight Is always sure to bless

### The Fireside.

A BRAVE BOY. (A True Story.) BY FANNY BARROW.

A little white farm-house stands all alone on one of the Berkshire Hills in Massachusetts. It is built close upon the edge of a wood, so that the barr and all the fields are on the other side of the road in front of the house. Here lived Farmer Scott, his wife, their pretty daughter Hattie, and Ben, their son, who was twelve years of age, and a very handsome boy spite of freckles, sunburn, and never-ending scratches on his face and hands; for his eyes shone large and bright, with an honest, fearless look, and his well-shaped mouth disclosed teeth so white and even that it was quite delight-

Ben wore neither stockings nor shoes in summer, and except on Sunday, with regard to his clothes. he was a perfect ragamuffin. His father was a hard fisted farmer, who meant that Ben should earn his own living, and had no intention of wasting good clothes upon him every day until he could earn enough to pay for them. So Ben drove the oxen, crying, "Whoa! haw, there!" for hours together, and he went after the cows and helped to milk them. He caught the old gray horse when he chose to kick up his heels and race wildly around the field, preferring to eat clover to plowing up the ten-acre lot. And Ben helped bind up the thistly wheat, and get in the hay, and the harvesting of the corn and oats, and worked as hard as anybody on thrashing days. And in the winter he went to school, and chopped wood in the early mornings and late afternoons, and helped to kill the pigs-which last was such horrible work that the supper of delicious tenderloins hardly paid for it; and all this he did so cheerfully and steadily that at last even his father admitted that he had earned a suit of "store clothes," while his mother and Hattie, who loved him dearly, had thought so for a very long time.

So one happy afternoon early in October Ben arrayed himself in his well-worn, home-made Sunday clothes, which had been pieced down in the legs of the trowsers and sleeves of the jacket more than once. They were to become an every-day suit as soon as the "store clothes" were finished, and he was going this afternoon through the woods to the village, four miles away, to be measured by the tailor, to whom his father had given him an order. "But look here, mother," said Ben, "I ought to have new boots, too, oughtn't I? My Sunday

boots are going to split very soon." "Yes, my lad, and here's the money to buy them," and she took down the old cracked tea-pot in which she kept her own private egg and butter money and took three dollars out of it, " Mind, Ben," she said, " to buy a stout, double-soled pair, with plenty of squeak in 'em; and here are ten

cents besides for peanuts, and be sure you are back by sundown." Ben thanked his mother, giving her a hearty hug and kiss, and started off barefooted and as happy as a bird in spring. He went whistling through the woods, stopping sometimes to es

checker-berries or chew birch bark. He chused a little chipmunk up into a tree, and carefully avoided stepping upon a big spider because old Miss to bring rain. He took out his jackknife and cut grow up and have children and grandchildren he sand or powdered plaster, and shake it down gentit, and at last arrived at the village four miles be equally sure that the rattlesnake will never tell Ben soon reached the tailor's shop. He found

him with his back to the door, sitting on the counter crosslegged like a Turk, stitching on a air, only to go on faster at the next verse. This is the kitchen window. the song: In good old colony times,

When we lived under the king, Three roguish chaps fell into mishaps Because they could not sing-Because-they-could-not-sing!

The one he was a miller, And the other he was a weaver. And the third he was a little tai-lor And three great rogues together! And-three-great-rogues-together!

The miller he stole wheat, And the weaver he stole yarn, And the little tailor he stole broadcloth, To keep these three rogues warm,

To-keep-these-three-rogues-warm? The miller-was drowned in his dam! And the weaver—was hung in his yarn!

And the sheriff clapped his claw on the little tailor, With the broadcloth under his arm !

With-the-broadcloth-under-his-arm! And the tatlor, in making an extra flourish, kicked the scissors off the counter, and, jumping awe. down to get it, he spied Ben with his hands over his mouth bursting with laughter. "Hallo!" he

How's your pretty sister ?" The tailor was dreadfully in love with Hattie, so and then throwing his rake he drew Johnnie to there was a great deal of talking to do before Ben's | wards him, and continued:

smooth as a billiard ball. ed to take the tailor's kind regards to his sister, wear and tear; the only trouble is to keep it, Nick built. he went to the store to get his boots. Of course Johnne." you all know that a village store is a sort of connium gatherum, where calicoes and codfish, mackerel and mushum, boots, butter, blacking, sugar, silk, soap, peanuts, pails, tea, tea-cups, and everything else is, or ought to be, for sale. Here the dapper clerk fitted Ben with a famous pair of boots, that almost screamed, they squeaked so loud, advised him to wear them home, "so's to limber 'sm," he said, which seemed to be such important the stared straight down into uncle Job's Spirits Turpentine. For every how strained the poles spirits of gentle and still that a reves the smith to work with a will to work with a wil or rather his boots, screamed out of the store, like eyes. No mischief there; rather an samestness, and a half years he completed the Old Testament; quired. Prepared by HANINGTON BROS., CHEMISTS. a pair of hoarse, quarreting old katydids.

Now, all this buying and measuring and talkits growing dark so rapidly if he had not promis- minute he turned, his blue eyes brimming with ed his mother that he would be home by sundown, curiosity. So the good little fellow hurried on and on, while "Show it to me, uncle Job, please." the sun sank low behind the grand Berkshire hills, world good-night. Outside of the wood it was simply:

still light, for gold and crimson clouds were sailing across the sky, but before long Ben could not see the end of his own nose, and soon all sorts of queer sounds came to keep company with the quarreling old katydids in his boots. The coons belief that a great disappointment was in store for scuttled past him into the thickets; the bats whiz- him. zed to and fro; and a great goggle-eyed owl sat in | "But the present," he gasped. the fork of a tree and cried "tu whit! tu whoo!" at Ben as he hurried along. But never a bit did ed his arms around Johnnie, and kissed his sad he care for any of them. They were all old ac- little face. "My boy," he said, "will you say those words

quaintances, and he just kept his hands in his pockets and walked as fast as he could, whistling | with me?" "We'll rally round the flag, boys !" to cheer him At last, through a long vista in the trees, Ben

caught a tiny gleam of light. He gave a glad unto you." hurra, for he knew that it was a candle which his kind mother had lighted for him and placed in a him to death. He knew by the suffocated sound Johnnie was moved to a merry laugh. of the hiss that his foot was upon the snake's head, Johnnie had great faith in uncle Job. He could round which its body was tightly coiled.

deadly peril. If he could only have seen! but it towards him. was pitchy dark. Only God could save him; and

As if in instant answer to this prayer, his only ceased to sound its dreadful rattles, and now re The Methodist. doubled them. Taking out his jack knife, and steadying himself by feeling for and grasping tightly a stout twig, Ben leaned over. It was so atterly dark that he could only hope that the snake's head was not free enough to make a dart irmly, he cut down and round both feet, through and through, round and round, until the rattles faltered, grew fainter and fainter, and then ceased. Great drops of perspiration fell from his brow, and when it was over, and he felt that his enemy was vanquished and dead, he could scarcely raise himself upright, for he was so sick and dizzy. The knife dropped from his hand, and a great sob broke from his breast. But with a violent effort he darted forward, and in five minutes more he was at the edge of the wood, and in the house, and the next instant he had thrown himself upon his mother's neck in a passion of tears.

"Why, Ben !" she exclaimed, terribly frightened what has happened?" "I'm ashamed to cry, I just am," said the boy

truggling with his sobs, and at last laughing and crying together-" but when a fellow steps on a rattlesnake in the dark, and has got to kill it or be killed, I tell you it's no joke!" "Oh, oh!" screamed his mother, hugging his

tight, "are you sure it did not bite you?" "Not a bite," he answered; "thanks to you mother, for my new boots saved me."

"But why did you not come home earlier?" "Oh, because the tailor kept me so long talking about Hattie, and he sent his kind regards to

"Well," said Hattie, "I never could bear him, thedral is a chime of ten bells, the heaviest of and now I hate him ! but come, Ben, and eat your which weighs 6,043 pounds, and their aggregate

What a fine supper he had, to be sure! for several extra goodies were added-on account of the rattlesnake adventure-and his mother was so know how to show it.

old, as the rattles increase with the years,

#### UNCLE JOB'S GIFT.

coat and keeping time with his needle to such a his hands thrust deep down in his pockets, his are dug out, as they will rot soon after exposure funny old song that the boy crouched down on the blue eyes wide-awake with wonder. A novel to the light and air. In order to pit apples, door-step to listen. The last line of every verse position for Johnnie; ordinarily his brisk little select some dry spot where there is no possibility was repeated and bawled out in a long, slow way, body bobbed to and tro like a windmill; and no of water filling the pit, and dig a hole three or and then the needle gave solemn flourishes in the wonder aunt Martha regarded him amazed, from four feet deep, and of any required size; place

His soberness dated back to the early morning. to make you a present."

Such future to an eight-year old boy! Johnnie's this way." joints stiffened instantly; he could not cat his dinner, much less eke out the interval with his his blue eyes wide open with wonder, his fingers | become a household favorite : hammering great holes in his trouser's pocket. Clang, clang-the town-clock struck three.

him no more; straight westward he trotted his the fire that old Nick built. brisk little body till, breathless, he stood in the meadow, where uncle Job was diligently stacking

Johnnie approached the hay-rifts with a kind of

"Please, uncle Job -." That gentleman looked up with a smile; it seemcried, " who'd a thought of seeing you, my fine ed like dinner to Johnnie, when he was impatient

young Scott! Come in, and tell all you know. for dessert. "On time, eh, my boy ?" said uncle Job cheerily .

measure was taken. "I'll make you a tip top fit, "I was to make you a present, I believe, John-edge of steel that batters the stone that grinds the 25 BBLS, SUPERPHOSPHATE; Ben," he said; "you'll cut a greater dash than old nie. And so I will—the grandest one you ever axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that old Deacon Button, for whom I am just finishing this had in your life. You may not like it at first. It Nick built. coat," which speech caused the boy to shake his ain't a top, nor a jackknife, nor any thing like that; Temperance Pledge. This is the smith that curly head and laugh, for Deacon Button was a but it's so beautiful that it shines all over; and works with a will to give force to the blow that low. grandtather, and had a bald head as white and though it is easily broken, you can break it ten we quietly deal to fashion the sledge with its times a day, and yet use it again whenever you face of steel that batters the stone that grinds the After Ben had been measured, and had promis- like. It is meant for use, too; it thrives better by axe that cuts the wood that feeds the fire that old

deep and solemn.

The boy seemed bewildered. He was familiar ing had taken a great deal of time, and it was late with rules masculine, feminine, and neuter, but in the afternoon when Ben entered the wood for golden ones were strange to his experience. For, his four-mile walk home. He knew every step you see Johnnie was a little waif that uncle Job of the way, besides which there was a narrow foot-path which went straight through from one end had not favored these extra buds and blossoms. to the other, and the boy would not have minded Still, Johnnie knew what gold was, and after a

Uncle Job made no movement towards his and in a little while more bade that part of the pocket, though Johnnie eyed it closely. He said,

"Do unto others as you would have them do Johnnie's lip quivered. There was no beauty to him in the unfamiliar words. He seemed lost in the

A big tear rose in uncle Job's eye. He tighten-

Johnnie complied, wonderingly; and out on the summer air floated like a hymn: "Do unto others as you would have them do

Then continued uncle Job softly "Johnnie, this is all I have for you to-daywindow of the farmhouse. "Almost home!" he | these dozen words. No gift at all, you think it joyfully shouted, when he stepped upon some- now; but if you resolve to keep it, it will make thing soft, yielding, wriggling. A strangled hiss you so rich and happy that you won't wonder -a sharp, quick, angry rattle! The boy's face uncle Job thought it worth a half-mile trip to the urned to an ashen white, and his heart almost meadow. And, Johnnie,-you know one gift don't stopped beating He stood perfectly still, not hinder another,-there are hosts of tops and jackdaring to move lest the rattlesnake-for it was one | kuives yet to get, and hosts of days to get them in, of those terrible reptiles-should instantly bite and uncle Job's eyes twinkled so mysteriously that

not understand it, yet he believed implicitly all he He tried to cry out, but his voice was gone-his had heard, and that, if he kept the golden rule, he All the very best Goods and Newest Styles, from the first mouth dry and parched. Home so near; the light would be the richest and happiest boy in the n the window gleaming a welcome, and his world. So he listened eagerly to uncle Job's exmother, he knew, waiting for him with a nice planations, and resolved to try always to act to upper, while he stood there so helpless, in this ward others just as he would like them to act

I wish I could tell you all the wondrous trials folding together his trembling hands, he simply he made, and how bravely he strove to reach the said: "O God, help me, help me! Show me what promised good. For it was not always smooth Ex 'ALEXANDRIA' and 'CASPIAN walking in Johnnie's path; he had his trips and tumbles; he turned sometimes to the right and way of escape from almost certain death came like left. But by effort he grew strong, and his reward a voice to him, and he acted at once upon its was rich indeed. No boy was loved like Johnnie; counsel. Drawing his other foot up carefully, he none had so many friends. And, manhood grown, pianted it firmly close to the first, and now both no gift does he regard more gratefully than the were holding down the snake, which had never one uncle Job gave him that summer afternoon. -

THE GREAT BELLS OF THE WORLD. The great bell of Moscow, called the Tsar Kole kol or the King of Bells, is the largest in the world. at his hand. He could see nothing whatever, and It is nineteen feet three inches high, and measures the knew not where to begin. Clasping the knife around its margin sixty feet nine inches. It is DRESS GOODS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c. estimated to weigh 443,772 pounds, and the metal in it is valued at \$300,000. The bells o China rank next in size to those of Russia, but Peking, it is stated by Father Le Compte, there are seven bells, each weighing 120,000 pounds. One in the suburbs of the city is, according to the testimony of many travellers, the largest suspended bell in the world. It is hung near the ground in a large pavilion, and to ring it a huge beam is swung against its side. A bell taken from the Dagon pagoda at Rangoon was valued at \$80,000. Among the bells recently cast for the new Houses of Parliament, the largest in England was cast in 1845 for York minster, and weighs 27,000 pounds, and is seven feet seven inches in diameter. The ACTUAL BUSINESS COMMERCIAL COLLEGI Great Tom of Oxford weighs 17,000 pounds. The bell of St. Paul's in London is nine feet in diameter, and weighs 11,500 pounds. One placed n Paris, in 1680, weighs 37,000 pounds. One in Vienna, cast in 17,11, weighs 40,000 pounds; and in Olmutz is tional advantages, but also to those whose education is another weighing about the same. The famous bell called Susanne of Erfurt is considered to be of it was cast in 1467. At Montreal, Canada, is a laws which govern trade, and possess a clear and comprhensive knowledge of bookkeeping, which will enable him, in after years, so to arrange and classify his transaction. pounds; it was imported in 1843 for the Notre Dame Cathedral. In the opposite tower of the ca-

weight is 21,800 pounds .- Appleton's Cyclopedia. KEEPING APPLES THROUGH THE WINTER .- Mr. proud of him !-his father, too, though he did not Alexander Hyde, a well-known agriculturist of Massachusetts, communicates to the New Yok The next morning the whole family went into | Times some useful suggestions in regard to keepthe woods to see the dead reptile. There it lay, ing apples through the winter. One method is to cut four times through, with Ben's knife, which he wrap each apple in a bit of old newspaper, the had dropped, resting upon its ugly head. It had paper serving both to keep out the air, and to nineteen rattles, which indicated that it was quite prevent the apples from bruising in transportation. A method more effectual still is to fill the barrels woman, British Messenger, Cottager and Artizan, Child's Companion, Childrens' Friend, &c., each per annum, post You may be sure that if my friend Ben lives to grow up and have children and grandchildren he will tell them this story many times; and you may have children and grandchildren he will tell them this story many times; and you may have children and grandchildren he will tell them this story many times; and you may have children and grandchildren he will fill up all the interstices between the less than five papers sent to one address at those rates. nearly full of apples, and then put some dry fine apples, and keep them fresh indefinitely. Another All may be different. Circulars with list and prices in mode is to pit the apples in some dry, sandy, or gravelly soil, just as turnips and potatoes are pitted. On this point Mr. Hyde says: "They will keep splendidly through the winter, thus pitted, Johnnie sat perched up on the barnyard fence but must be used speedily in the spring after they some clean dry straw on the bottom, and on this Jas. A. Van Wart, A. M. Wesley Van Wart, A. M. feb6-tif The fact is, Johnnie was thinking—as only boys the apples, to the depth of two feet, covering can think when some great surprise is upon them. the whole with a layer of straw, and then a layer of dry earth, raising the latter above the general "Come down to the meadow," uncle Job had level of the ground, and sloping it roof-fashion, so The Blue Black Copying Ink is recommended for gensaid, "when the clock strikes three. I am going that it will shed rain. The apples will come out eral purposes; writes at first blue, turns black when dry, "Come down to the meadow," uncle Job had level of the ground, and sloping it roof-fashion, so in the spring as crisp as cabbages when pitted in Also—A small lot of RED INK PENS, for Ruling, -do

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