

## THE LITTLE OID MAN IN THE FOREST.

The story I am about to tell is well known the collier, "but when my wife and I first along, with his cap drawn over his eyes, "Can The story I am about to tell is well known to German children, all of whom go tripping through fairy land in the golden days of child-hood. It was written by a good German Baron, Frederic de la Motte Fouque, who wrote the brautiful fairy story "Undine," about which all of our readers have heard. translations of the works of the delight- I remained. Red Mantle-for such is his Yankee boy. fui old baron. It is quite a romance in the name-appeared to us continually; but we "Whistling as merrily as a lark, his hat on one brief and simple story.

Fans Christian Andersen loved them, de- in a family who had loving hearts and lived clares that this is a story that ought to be pure lives. So Red Mantle at last became told. He does not say why; he leaves his my little ones' playmate. We restrained readers, young and old, to guess that by their our dispositions, we guarded our thought, look; 'tollow your nose, and you'll be there afore lar way to find it out.

Berthold was a German merchant. He until he became the dwarf you saw when he "I next stopped a finely dressed boy, and asked travelled much from city to city. In Ger- came in the evening to prayers. All evil dis- him to direct me. many, there are long, dark forests, through appeared from his face, and we all loved him "B. Street? It's three or four or five streets which he often journeyed.

One evening, he became bewildered in one pected that he would soon be released of these forests. He was riding on horse-back, and, just as the far sunset was flaming over the tail tops of the trees above him, he was startled to find he had ridden out of his from city to city, and into countries remote civil. way. Ile carried great treasure in his saddle- from Germany; but he never forgot the ex- "I next stepped in front of a plainly dressed lad, bags-jewels, ready money and bills of ex- periences of that night. change. In the recesses of the forests there were robbers.

after nightfall, he espied a man walking in the defile and see what had become of the up this street three blocks, sir, till you come to the toot-path before him. He called to him, good collier family. saying:

"Who are you ?"

"I am a collier. I live with my family entered. They were singing, "Now all the apart from the world, in this forest." woods are sleeping." It was the hour of

"Can you give a stranger, who has lost his prayer. way, a night's lodging ?"

"I have no right to refuse hospitality to

chant told stories of his journeys, and soon felt at home among the children gathered collier; "but it can only now make its prelovingly around him.

At last, it was proposed that they should strain of music, sweet and low. We have sing. The sweet voices of the children were subdued him by innocence and prayer." just joining in a merry roundelay, when a sudden and lond knocking was heard at the door. The children stopped singing, and the collier said, firmly: "In the name of God, come in !'

amily .- St. Nicholas.

TRUE COURAGE.

Mrs. Manton had observed that her son Jamie

Upon this, the door slowly opened, and a little old man, of gentle appearance and manners, came stealing in, greeting the family courteously, and taking the lowest place at the table. His garments were of some did not appear as cheerful as usual on his return sucient pattern; he seemed wan and woe- from school, and, and on questioning him, he said : begone, as though reduced by disease. Berthold gazed at him with a feeling of great do not believe in going to church and the Sabbath curiosity and surprise, but said nothing. He School, because their parents do not ; and they Looking out from his burrow to take a short play, once met his eye; there was something in it make all manner of fun of those who do go, ing over him, and he began to be restless and especially to Sabbath School. Quite a number of ill at ease.

At last, the little old man folded his hands, contact with them. To-day I came upon a crowd and, turning to the collier, said :

And now," said the good woman, we who was visiting in Boston. "I was looking nust live all those years over again." for the residence of a friend, and holding the ad-"This may all seem strange to you," said dress in my hand, I asked a stout fellow who came

It does not appear, however, in the popular not overcome me. So, in the name of God, and cobble stones about him. That was the surly

original, but we have reduced it to a very ceased to fear him. I brought up my litle ear, and his pants tucked into his boots, a boy ones to believe that nothing could harm them came towards me, of whom I asked the same The nobleman who wrote it, and who loves while they trusted in God, and that my question. The fellow looked up, and with a good people and children almost as much as spectre would grow less and less who dwalt glance took in my size, my dress, my nationality, my profession, and almost my name !

own firesides. So, you see, the story is some- we loved each other. We prayed together you know it.' This was 'Young America ;' and thing of a riddle-one must live in a particu- much, and the spectre began to grow more as he passed on, I heard him mutter, 'A Johnny gentle, and to shrink in size, year by year Bull clargy ! What a 'at !"

as a meek and harmless house-spirit, and ex- beyond. Any boy there will tell you;' and he

with books and a lunch box,-I had found this One afternoon, near sunset, he found him- the only way of stopping a Yankee boy. When I self on the borders of the same forest as be- asked him the question, he lifted his cap, and As he was proceeding along a lone defile, fore, and he resolved again to strike down turned and walked a few steps with me. 'Pass It was somewhat late when the cottage which crosses this at that point is B. Street.' that large tree before a drug store. The street

appeared before him. He dismounted and "This was the little Yankee gentleman, although he had no sealskin cap or gloves like the boy I adressed just before. "III had dared, I should have offered him an

The merchant knelt down beside the whitehaired old man, expecting every moment the English crown; but there was a nobility in his Fredericton, Nov. 5, 1875. a stranger. In God's name you are wel-come." Berthold followed the man till they came shed abroad amid the shadows of the room, stranger meets from boys in the street helps to to a little cottage. The good wife met and a sweet, low melody arose, like the touch form his estimate of a nation; and no Yankee boy

The evening passed pleasantly. The mer- had all these years lived pure and holy lives. kindly feeling for the stranger within their gates-"That was once our house-spirit," said the THE SILLY YOUNG RABBIT. sence known to us as a gentle light and a

There was a young rabbit A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF Who had a bad habit-Sometimes he would do what his mother forbid, And one frosty day, His mother did say, My child, you must stay in the burrow close hid ; Wool and Paisley SHA WLS, For I hear the dread sounds Of huntsmen and hounds, DRESS GOODS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, Who are searching around for rabbits like you. Should they see but your head, ABERDEEN WINCEYS, They would soon shoot you dead, And the dogs would be off with you quicker than Berlin Goods, Hosiery and Gloves,

boo !" "You see, mother, there is a clique of boys who But poor, foolish being,

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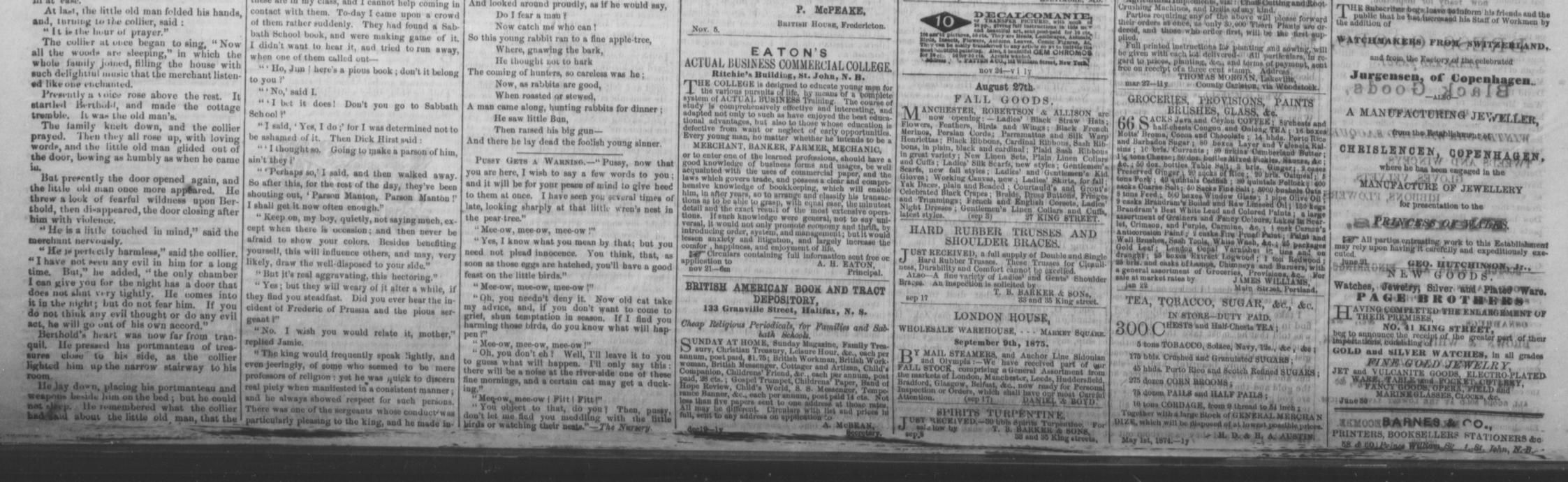
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