She glared at the mud on her doorstep-'twas And this was her wail as she wielded her broom : "Oh, life is a toil and love is a trouble,

And beauty will fade and health it will flee ;

And nothing is what I could wish it to be. "There's too much of worriment goes to a bonnet, There's too much of ironing goes to a shirt; There's nothing that pays for the time you waste on it,

There's nothing that's lasting but trouble and dirt. "In March it is mud, and slush in December; The midsummer breezes are loaded with dust; In fall the leaves litter-in muggy September The wall paper rote, and the candlesticks rust.

"There are worms in the cherries and slugs in the

And ants in the sugar and mice in the pies; The rubbish of spiders no mortal supposes, And ravaging reaches and rummaging ties. "It is sweeping at six and dusting at seven, It is breakfast at eight and dishes at nine; It is potting and panning from ten to eleven; We scarce break our fast ere we plan how to dine.

"With grease and with rime from centre to centre; Forever at war and forever alert, No rest for a day lest the enemy enter-

I spend my whole life in a struggle with dirt. "Last night in my dreams I was stationed forever, On a bare little isle in the midst of the sea; My one chance of life was a ceaseless endeavor, To sweep off the waves ere they swept over me.

"Alas, 'twas no dream for again I behold it! I yield! I am helpless my fate to avert!" She rolled down her sleeves, her apron she folded, Then she laid down and died and was buried in dirt.

"Here lies a poor woman who always was tired; Who lived in a house where help was not hired; Her last words on earth were : " Dear friends I Where washing ain't done, nor sweeping, nor

For where they don't eat, there's no washing up I'll be where loud anthems will always be ringing; But, having no voice I'll get clear of the singing, Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me | She had learned where to look for

But everything there is exact to my wishes

I'm going to do nothing, for ever and ever.' "

"WAITING FOR THE MORNING. "I am waiting for the morning," The languid sufferer said, As, worn with pain and weariness,

She lay upon her bed; "I am looking at the eastern skies, To watch the early dawn; Oh, give me patience, blessed Lord, While waiting for the morn.

To-night I can not sleep; I'm listening for the first bird-note To break the silence deep ; I am watching for the twitter On leafy bough and spray, And praying still for patience,

"I am waiting for the morning;

"I am waiting for the morning, I long to see the sun Come forth in golden glory, His daily course to run-

While waiting for the day.

To watch him from the hill-tops Dispelling shades of night, And beaming on my patient eyes, While waiting for the light."

And thus, "waiting for the morning," The weary sufferer lay, Aud saw the golden glories Of a never-ending day. While gazing at the eastern skies,

Before the early dawn, Her Saviour sent and called her home, While waiting for the morn.

-- American Messenger.

The Fireside.

SADIE'S WEAPON. BY SADIE'S UNCLE. Sadie was eight years old. She was usually a

old sister Ray, and was obedient to her mother, and studied her lessons perseveringly, exen when they were hard, and practiced half an hour on the was even a help to the minister in his preaching. "Mrs. Wentworth, your little girl was a great help with whipped cream. to me this morning.' How was that ?"

She was so attentive. She kept her eyes fixed Yes, when things went smoothly, Sadie was a

very good girl, indeed. But she seemed to have a special aversion to

not even to her dog, Ponto. you! shut that door!" and in the next breath to vanilla. No dish is more generally admired. the little sister, softly and sweetly;

"Ray, hand Sadie that pair of scissors, please, that's a darling !" She would grow angry with the servants at the smallest provocation, and they seldom considered

that she was only a child, and were often cross and Only, Sadie should have remembered that she

But on the morning of which I write the fault was really Sadie's. She was out of humor because Ellen insisted that she should wear a white apron

to cover the new dress which she had just put on. "You mean, horrid old thing, you," she said,

angry, she was never deceitful. She stood by her mother's side at the breakfast

table, and whispered :

Mamius, I broke grandma's picture." " How, Sadie ?"

" I threw the brush at Elien."

"Sadie Wentworth, you deserve a good whipping! Papa, she ought to be whipped! She has broken mother's picture throwing the brush at " Why, Sadie !"

By this time the tears were running down Sadie's cheeks, for she was sensitive to reproof, and could not remember when she had ever been whipped. "Did you say your prayers this morning?" was

her mother's next question. Sadie shook her head. "That is the reason you lost your temper. Will you promise me never to throw a brush at any one gain if I do not punish you this time ?" Very soberly and positively Sadie promised.

But she broke her promise in less than a month

One morning, when Ellen came up to dress her, she insisted upon putting on her cardinal stockings, though her mother had sent word that she was to wear her navy blue ones, and she would button her shoes herself, though the breakfast-bell had already rung, and she knew it took her longer than it did nurse. But, at length, she was all ready except tying the ribbon on her hair, and Ellen, in doing

that, pulled it. She jerked herself away from the girl, caught up the same heavy hair brush, and threw it at her. "Och! and ye'el bay the dith of me yit," Ellen And pleasures they dwindle, and prices they double, commenced; but the words ended in a frightened cream, for the brush had flown past her and struck Baby Ray right on the temple.

The child neither screamed nor spoke. The scrap-book, which Sadie had helped to make for her, and at which she had been quietly looking, dropped from her hands, and she would have fallen from her chair if Ellen had not quickly caught her. "O! I've killed her! I've killed her!" cried the emorae-stricken child.

She went to the hall, and, leaning over the banister, called : "Mamma, come quickly; I've killed Ray! I've

killed her !' They laid the senseless baby on the bed and sent for the doctor, who, fortunately, lived next door. "O, doctor!" Sadie said; "bring her to life

again ! you must bring her to life again ! I have killed her with the brush !" "She isn't dead, darling; she is only stunned We will have her all right in a few moments." Then to her mother: "You must batho her head

in ice-water and put mustard draughts to her feet.' Presently Ray opened her blue eyes and smiled, and Sadie breathed freely once more. "I'll never throw any thing at anybody as long

as I live," she said, as she kissed her sister repeat. But misfortunes and sorrows and narrow escapes

do not teach us to control our angry tempers, and I am afraid Sadie would not have remembered but for the lesson she learned on the following Sunday. She had just been promoted from the infantclass, and was fond of her teacher. The Golden Text was, "He that overcometh.

the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life." Sadie's faithful teacher endeavored to impress upon the hearts of her young pupils the truth that prayer is the weapon with which we overcome bad habits and evil tempers. She taught them the difference between "saying prayer" and praying. And Sadie is trying to be gentle and patient, for the other day she stopped in the midst of an angry sentence and went softly away to her room. Silently Mr. Wentworth followed her, and saw her kneeling reverently by the bedside and praying.

Strenth for to-day in house and home To practice forbearance sweetly; To scatter kind words and loving deeds, Trusting in God completely.

WORTH WINNING.

The following story of an honest boy is told in Good Words;

There was a boy who "lived out," named John. Every week he wrote home to his mother, who lived on a small farm away up among the hills. One day John picked up an old envelope from the kitchen wood-box, and saw that the postage-stamp on it was not touched by the postmaster's stamp to show that it had done its duty, and henceforth was "The postmaster missed his aim then," said

John, "and left the stamp as good as new. I'll use it myself." He moistened it at the nose of the tea-kettle. and very carefully pulled the stamp off.

"No," said John's conscience, "for that would be cheating. The stamp has been on one letter it ought not to carry another.' "It can carry another," said John, "because,

you see, there is no mark to prove it worthless. The post-office will not know.' "But you know," said conscience, "and that is enough. It is not honest to use it a second time. It is a little matter, to be sure, but it is sheating. God looks for principle. It is the quality of every

action that He judges by." "But no one will know it,' said John, faintly. "No one!" cried conscience. "God will know it, and that is enough; and He, you know, desires the truth in the inward parts."

"Yes," cried all the best parts of John's charac ter; "yes, it is cheating to use the postage-stamp the second time, and I will not do it.'

John tore it in two and gave it to the winds. And so John won a victory. Wasn't it worth winning?

HOME HINTS.

One unquiet perverse disposition distempers the peace and unity of a whole family or society, or one good child. She was kind to her little three-year- jarring instrument will spoil a whole concert. FARINA JELLY. - Boil one quart of new milk ; while boiling sprinkle in slowly a quarter of a pound of farina; continue the boiling from half an hour to piano, every afternoon, without complaining, and an hour; season with a teacupful of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla; when done, turn out into For Dr. B said to her mother, one Sunday: a mold and place it on the ice to stiffen. Serve it To BROIL HAM NICELY. -Slice the meat from the

ham raw as thin as you can, then put it into a pan on me and seemed trying to understand every word let it come to a boil; then have your griddle hot, of cold water; set it on the stove in a stew pan and and broil the meat with a little butter dropped into the pan and a plentiful sprinkling of black pepper. TRIFLE .-- The term trifle is applied to a bowl of servants, and spoke to them in a tone which she | boiled custard into which has been cut up several would never have thought of using to any one else, slices of stale sponge cake; cut the cake into inch squares; heap them up in the bottom of the bowl; It made you feel like orying and laughing to. intersperse with the cake thinly pared slices of citgether to hear her say to the servant in a loud and | rou; now nearly fill the bowl with custard, and top commanding tone, "Ellen, shut that door! I tell off with whipped syllabub as usual; flavor with

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YOUR IMMORTAL SOUL LOST, STOLEN, STRAYED LOST, Luke xv. 4, 8; Matt. xviii. 11. STOLEN, 2 Tim. ii. 26. STRAYED, Isalah lili. 6; Psalm cxix. 176.

FOUND, REDEEMED, RESTORED. FOUND, Luke zv. 5, 9; John ix. 35.

REDEEMED, Isaiah xliv. 22; liii. 6. RESTORED, Luke xv. 22, 24 : Gal. iii. 26 . Vortenia Signian

BEAUTIFUL BY CHARLOTTE MURRAY. Oh beautiful, so beautiful, these early, bright spring

With diamond dewdrops sparkling forth their modicum of praise ; With tiny snowdrops peeping up into the world

And thrushes pottering about so glad of last night's rain ! let beautiful, more beautiful, the warmer summer

When earth is covered with her wealth of ferns and

When God is showering down His gifts with such a royal Hand, And teiling of His Father-love through all the

sunny land. But beautiful, most beautiful, the time when we shall be As perfect as the beauty which shall last eternally; When winter storms, and cold, and teat, thall

never more be known, And everything reflects the light from God's resplendent Throne!

"MY SON. IF SINNERS ENTICE THEE, CONSENT THOU NOT,"

Contributions from Young Folks. THE MYSTERY

No. 99. -BIBLE QUERY. FROM JUDSON HOLMES, CARLETON. Who was the first artificer we read of in the

No. 100 .- PYRIAMID PUZZLE. FROM LOTTIE R. STEEVES, ST. JOHN. A liquid consonant. A transgression of the law. A musical instrument. . . . * . . . A bituminous fluid. . . . * A book of the Bible. The centrals, read downwards, form an emblen much used in the language of Scripture.

No. 101 .- SQUARE WORD, FROM "PRAIRIE," CANNING, N. S. One who lived before the flood. A fabulous monster. An open surface. A part of the human frame.

No. 102. - BIBLICAL ACROSTIC. FROM "BRUCE," PORTLAND. 1. Mountains mentioned in the Bible.

2. The son of Barachel. 3. A city of Philistia. 4. The son of a king. 5. A brook in Palestine. 6. One of the Patriarchs. 7. A Biblical animal.

8. A berdsman. 9. A mount. 10. The father of Ephron.

11. A man who was sick with pafsy. 12. An ancient measure. The finals, read downwards, form a name given

(The Mystery solved in three weeks.)

THE MYSTERY SOLVED. (No. 19.)

No. 86. - Palm, oak, pine, fir, fig, willow, ash cedar, olive, cypress. No. 87 .- Gaash, gash. - See Josh. xxiv. 30. No. 88. - A-ban -A L- ookin -G P-heb-E

H-ira -- M A-bedneg-0 OMEGA. ALPHA. No. 89. regem Melesh sheb Emiah mak Tesh ja Haz r E i

jAh zi M ri she Mida asht Aroth beths Hittah CHAT.

BIBLE STUDY.

TOPIC : COME TO JESUS.

COME IN FAITH.

In the New Testament we read very much about

faith. We are said to be "justified by faith," and

saved by faith," and are told to "believe in the Lord Je sus Christ, that we may be saved." Faith is confid ence, reliance. Suppose I am hungry, and a kind friend offe s me something to eat. He says | manner it is bre ad-but it is dark, and I cannot see; yet. if I begin at once to eat it, this is faith. I trust in his word l. If I am sick, and medicine is given me, which I am told will do me good, and I drink it, this is f. with. I believe or have confidence in the doctor's skill. Jesus came into the world to die for sins ters. He says, " Believe in me. I have purchas ed a full pardon for you and you may go free. It cost my own blood to obtain it, but you ORIGINAL PUZZLES WITH SOLUTIONS, ORIGINAL are free ly welcome to it. If you will obey me, and was a little lady, and ladies never speak in a loud, or Selected Stories, and Solutions to The trust im me, I will engage you to save you from None other are genuine.

WM. PARKS & SON. death and hell : I am quite able to do this. Here is bread to eat, which will make you live for ever, if you eat it : here is a medicine which will so cure your soud's sickness that you shall never die. Come unto me; believe in me, and you shall be saved ! It is a sin to neglect it. It is to disregard a Faith is just trusting to what Jesus says. Faith is and catching up the hair-brush threw it at the girl. Father's kindness. It is to dishonour and slight simply coming to Jesus. He has died for thee. Eller dodged and escaped, but the glass which the Saviour of whom it tells us. It is to grieve the Believe it, and take the benefit of his dying. He sovered Grandma Wentworth's picture was badly Spirit by whom it has been given to us. A man has opened the prison door for thee. Believe it, once wrote "S. S." on a dusty Bible. When asked and make thine escape. He is willing to hear thy With a seber face this naughty girl went down what he meant, he explained it thus "S. S." burden for thee. Believe it, and cast thy sins upon 290 Pair of Super. Witney Blankets, to her mother, for, though she might be cross and stands for "SLOTHFUL SERVANT." He who reads Him! He has paid all thy debts. Rejoice! He not Ged's Word cares not to know or do God's brings salvation to thee, and says, "It shall be thine, if thou art willing." Stretch forth thy hand, "S. S." stands for "SEARCH THE SCREPTURES." and take it with a grateful heart! Like the prodi-Whatever you have done in the past, henceforth | gal, in the parable, thou hast wandered far from home; but Jesus has obtained for thee permission "S. S." stands for "Saviour or Sinners." to return. Thy Father, for his sake, is willing to The Bible was written to reveal Him to us, and if welcome thee back. Believe it, and say, " I will arise and go to my Father." You desire to be trusted; you would feel hurt by the doubting of your word. So Jesus wishes to be believed when He says, " Poor sinner, I am able and willing to save thee. Come unto me!" Do not grieve Him by distrusting his word. If you do not come, because you think you are too great a sinner, you say, in effect, that He is not able to save you, though He tells us "He is able to save to the uttermost ALL who come !" You make Him a liar ! Believe that He really will do what he promises. Go to Him at once. Say to Him, " Lord, I be-

lieve ; help Thou mine unbelief ! Thou art able to

See John iii. 14-18; Acts xvi. 30, 31; Rom. v

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