

The Grumbler.**HIS YOUTH.**

His cap was too thick, and his coat was too thin,
He couldn't be quiet; he hated a din;
He hated to write, and he hated to read;
He was certainly very much injured indeed!

He must study and toil over work he detested;
His parents were strict, and he never was rested;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be,
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

HIS MANHOOD.

His farm was too small, his taxes too big;
He was selfish and lazy, and cross as a pig;
His wife was too silly, his children too rude,
And just because he was uncommonly good!
He hadn't got money enough to spare;
He had nothing at all fit to eat or to wear;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be,
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

HIS OLD AGE.

He finds he has sorrows more deep than his tears;
He grumbles to think he has grumbled for years;
He grumbles to think he has grumbled away
His home and his children, his life's little day;
But alas! 'tis too late! It is no use to say
That his eyes are too dim and his hair is too gray;
He knows he is wretched as wretched can be,
There is no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

—Western Plowman.

A Regular Boy.

He was not at all particular,
To keep the perpendicular,
While walking, for he either skipped or jumped.
He stood upon his head awhile,
And, when he went to bed awhile,
He dove among the pillows, which he thumped.
He never could keep still a bit;

The looker on thought ill of it;
He balanced on his ear the kitchen broom;
And did some neat trapezing,
Which was wonderfully pleasing,
On every peg in grandpa's harness room.

From absolute inanity,
The cat approached inanity
To see him slide the banister so rash;
But once on that mahogany,
While trying to toboggan, he
Upset his calculations with a crash!

And since that sad disaster
He has gone about in plaster—
t of Paris, like a nice Italian toy;
But the kind doctor uses
When the bumps and cuts and bruises
Overcome a little regular live boy!

—George Cooper in St. Nicholas.

Alice Learned To Help.

One cold day in April, Alice Weeks sat quietly reading in the front parlor. The other children had gone to the sugar camp in the maple orchard. When wild little Alice said, "I am going to stay at home, and finish my book," Hal had laughed and this made Alice feel very dignified, so she walked straight to the front parlor, where, curled up in a large chair, she soon became absorbed in her story.

Mrs. Weeks and Aunt Kate, sitting in the back parlor, never dreamed of this, so they talked together very confidentially, as mamma and aunties usually talk when they consider themselves quite alone. It was not until Alice stopped to turn a leaf that she noticed what they were saying. Then she heard Aunt Kate say:

"I wish you would let me take Jenny home with me. I will take the entire care of her clothing for the summer."

"If you will take Alice instead of Jenny, I will willingly consent," replied Mrs. Weeks with a sigh Alice distinctly heard.

Aunt Kate hesitated.
"Alice is a dear little girl," continued mamma, "but she is very wild. Jenny is a help to me. I hardly know what I should do without her."

"Well," replied Aunt Kate, not enthusiastically, "I will take Alice." Alice left her chair very quietly, but before she reached the hall she heard mamma say:

"She will give you trouble, I fear; her mending is quite an item in my work. She is very careless."

Alice could hardly contain herself until she reached her room. "How could mamma say such things about her?" Nobody loved her; mamma wanted to send her away and Aunt Kate didn't want her! She wouldn't go with Aunt Kate, no indeed!

Alice's tears flowed freely for a time, but soon her sensible little head conquered and she felt that mamma was right. She remembered the new dress that she tore at school, the cloak, apron and stockings that mamma mended only yesterday, and she knew why mamma sighed. She would go with Aunt Kate, but she would not be a trouble. "I will not tell mamma, now that I heard what she said; I'll wait until I come home, but I'll never, never be a trouble to her again," declared Alice as she wiped away her tears.

When Aunt Kate asked her if she would go home with her and be her little girl for the summer, Alice gave a ready consent.

"You don't seem a bit glad," said Hal.
"You can't look into my heart," she said, but her pleasure was indeed lessened by the thought that she was not her aunt's choice.

"Auntie," she asked, soon after her arrival at her aunt's house, "will you teach me how to mend and darn while I am here?"

"Mend and darn! Why, yes, child," replied Aunt Kate.
"I want to learn to do all kinds of mending—stockings, boys' clothes, white aprons and everything."

"A very sensible idea. What has put it into your little head, my dear?" asked Aunt Kate.

Then Alice told her of the conversation she had overheard.

"I didn't mean to listen, auntie; I went out very soon, but I think I shall not make you so much trouble as mamma thought," said Alice tearfully.

Aunt Kate kissed her and called her a dear child, assuring her that she would not have liked Jenny better, and Alice was comforted. The lessons in mending began immediately. It was very tiresome at first, but Alice soon felt pride in joining together slits cut in cotton or wool for purposes in practice, and if by chance a rent was made in dress or apron, Alice noted the fact with apparent satisfaction.

She enjoyed her summer, and when her aunt said, "I am sorry to lose you, my darling; you have been a real comfort to me," Alice felt sure she had not been a trouble.

Mamma thought her little girl greatly improved by the visit. The children were wild in their delight at her return, and Allie was in danger of drifting into her old thoughtless, careless habits.

"Mamma," said Hal one morning, "I've torn my jacket on a nail in the barn, see!"

The jacket held up for inspection displayed a rent that drew from mamma a sigh as she said, "Put it on the sewing machine, Hal; I will mend it this evening."

Now was Allie's opportunity. Taking the jacket from the sewing-room she went to her own room, where, with the door safely locked, she began her task. Her little work basket, presented by Aunt Kate and stocked for any emergency, was there, and Allie patiently watched the jagged edges, fastening them with tiny stitches, sponging and pressing the rough seam as Aunt Kate had taught, until she felt almost satisfied with her work.

"I'm glad it isn't his very best one," said Allie, as she viewed it critically.

When mamma brought the jacket to the sitting room that evening, Allie for a moment almost regretted her work.

"Why, where is the rent, Hal?" she inquired. "I find none."

Hal took the jacket, but was not more successful than his mother. Mrs. Weeks finally discovered the neat mending, and with much surprise inquired who had anticipated her work.

"It's Allie's work," cried Hal.
"Look at her!"

Allie hid her face in her mother's lap.
"Aunt Kate taught me; I wanted to surprise you," she explained.

"You have surprised us," replied her mother, and the praise bestowed upon her work more than satisfied wild Alice.

"I want to help you all I can mamma, besides doing my own mending. Aunt Kate says I can be trusted."

"Alice is a great help to me," wrote Mrs. Weeks to her sister. "I am very grateful to you for the care you have given her!"

But Aunt Kate said that Allie gave no trouble, and it was a pleasure to teach one so desirous of learning and so patient in mastering the details of such homely work. —*Christian Herald.*

Young Folks' Column.

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The Mystery Solved.

(No. 14.)

No. 60.—1. Joshua 24:12.
2. Garden of Eden, by Adam.—Gen. 3:8.
3. Let there be light.—Gen. 1:3.

No. 61.—Matt. 5:8.

No. 62.—Herod, hero, her, he.

No. 63.—1. Mersey.

2. St. Lawrence.

3. Danube.

4. Volga.

No. 64.—2 Samuel 17:18, 19.

The Mystery.—No. 17.

N. B.—Contributions for this
"Column" respectfully solicited.

No. 75.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.

(FROM "A FRIEND," DEER ISLAND.)

1. Where are "bonnets" found?
2. Where is "viol" found?
3. Find a mention of "mufflers."
4. Find a mention of "plumb-line."
5. Where is the verse: "Ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them?"
6. Find a mention of "helmet."
7. Where is "scape-goat" found?

No. 76.—ENIGMA.

(FROM "SNOWFLAKE," AVONPORT, N. S.)

In vice, but not in crime;
In mine, and in thine;
In cake, but not in pie;
In try, but not in cry;
In snow, but not in mud;
In river, but not in flood;
In iron, but not in gold;
In pleasure, but not in scold.
My whole is an English Sovereign.

No. 77.—BIBLE QUERIES.

(FROM "KIT," WOODSTOCK.)

1. What mountain was purchased by a king of Israel upon which he built a city?
2. On what occasion was a firmly fortified place taken by a mere ceremony?
3. On what mountain did a king of Israel commit suicide?
4. In what city and where does the Bible say that gold and silver were as plentiful as stones?
5. Where is the only mention of "ferry boat"?

No. 78.—HIDDEN ANIMALS.

(FROM "BLUE JAY," JOHNSTON.)

N. B. Two in each sentence.

1. A people that can go at their work without trouble.
2. Caesar ran to battle.

No. 79.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.

(FROM "HARVEY," DEER ISLAND.)

1. Where do we read of red, white and speckled horses?
2. Who gathered up the arrows?
3. Who said, "Run, speak to this young man?"

The Mystery solved in three weeks.

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No. 11.—SCRIPTURE ENIGMA.

The initials supply some comforting words which Christ at one time addressed to His disciples.

1. A Governor before whom Paul was brought.
2. The mother of John the Baptist.
3. A noted historical mountain.
4. A portion of the gospel armour.
5. Where a father took his young child and his mother after the death of a certain king.
6. That which a certain prophet told a widow should not fail.
7. He who from a child knew the Holy Scriptures.
8. A place noted for its fine cedars.
9. A name given by God to a certain man, when He appeared unto Him and blessed him.
10. An unbelieving disciple.
11. The mountain upon which Barak assembled his forces.
12. One restored to life by Jesus.
13. He upon whom the Spirit of a good man rested.
14. What Paul said he had kept.
15. He who when he saw the poor man lying wounded, passed by on the other side.
16. The name of the Mount of Ascension.
17. One who was warned by an angel to send for one of the disciples.
18. The sign by which Christ was betrayed.

The Mystical Circle.

"TINY," Kings, is the first to send us a correct solution to the "Prize Bible Questions," and, unless our friend (B. V. C.) received an answer previous to April 12th, "Tiny" carries the laurels.

"HARVEY," Deer Island, has our thanks for the puzzles which we publish this issue. No. 61 is correctly answered.

"KIT," Woodstock, will accept our hearty thanks for the nice batch of puzzles. We wish all when writing us would do as you. Nos. 60, 61, 62, 63 (1, 3) and 64 solved correctly.

HELEN S. BRIGGS, Bloomfield, C. Co., sends correct answers to Nos. 57 and 58 (1).

"Greeley," Johnston, has accurately answered Nos. 54 (1, 2), 55, 61, 62 and 64.

HATTIE STEEVES, Sussex, answers No. 64.

"CARNATION," Lockport, N. S., sends us a right answer to No. 58. Thank you kindly for the excellent puzzles. We will publish them ere long. Please keep all puzzles on paper apart from solution to Mystery or "Prize Competition."

The following have sent solutions to the "New Prize Competition":—

Third Instalment Geo. N. Brewer, San Francisco, Cal., U. S.; Eliza A. M. Marshall, Paradise, N. S.

Fourth: Helen S. Briggs, Bloomfield; Eliza A. M. Marshall; Della M. Haney, Deer Island.

Fifth: Della M. Haney; E. A. M. Marshall; Hattie Steeves, Sussex; "Kit," Woodstock; Dora M. Barker, Bath; Geo. A. Riecker, Belleisle Bay; "Greeley," Johnston; Eddie V. Smith, Port La Tour; Flora E. Hart, Jacksonville; Melissa Pinkney, Melbourne, N. S.; Emeline L. Hammond, Lockport, N. S.; solutions without a name, probably from Chas. A. Patterson, Patterson Settlement.

We have not time to add anything more to our India notes this issue. A rush of business prevents us writing any more this time. We shall introduce a new and pleasant feature ere long.

Geo. E. Frye, Halifax, N. S., who has the conduct of "THE CHILDREN'S HALF-HOUR" in *The Clarion*, the official organ of the Sons of Temperance, Nova Scotia, has our thanks for copies of that paper. Good, noble brother!

UNCLE NED.

Our Letter Box.

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Dear Uncle Ned,—I see by last issue that the numbers of your "nephews and nieces" have increased about four-fold. If I were not so far away, you would get my answers sooner. I try to answer as soon as I receive the paper. I am glad so many have answered your *Prize Queries*, and wish they could all be rewarded with a prize. Yours Respy.,

Geo. N. Brewer.

Uncle Ned,—As I failed on my first effort, I thought I would try again. I wish you much success. I remain yours truly,

"HARVEY."

Deer Island, N. B.
April 7th, 1888.

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