

## Four Little Fair Heads.

BY MADAME HYACINTHE LOYSON.

One—two—three—four,—  
With plenty of love and room for more—  
Though the cottage was small,  
And labor was all;  
A boy and a girl, then a girl and a boy;  
The latest one born the sweetest the joy.  
There was Tommy and Bessie and Arthur  
and Sue.  
With two pairs of brown eyes and two  
pairs of blue,  
And four little fair heads from nut-brown  
to gold.  
Ah! good farmer Brown, you have riches  
untold.  
Though you work for their bread from the  
morning till dark,  
And are weary at evening, you're up with  
the lark;  
In plowing and sowing,  
In gathering and mowing,  
In the winter and spring, in the summer  
and fall,  
You're the busiest, happiest farmer of all.  
On Sunday alone have you time to think  
over  
Your babies, your harvests, your kine and  
your clover;  
To mark down the "hiring," the "gain"  
and the "shares";  
With small time for reading and less time  
for prayer.

"Make haste, little fingers, the berries to  
gather,  
For a change in the moon will bring change  
in the weather."

Ah! that summer was rainy—cold night  
and hot day—  
There was mist in the meadow, there was  
mould in the hay;  
And the doctor came down from the village  
that way;

And a small hand lay limp in the father's  
all night,  
While the mother's turned pillow, gave  
draught, shaded light,  
Quick pulse and parched lips,—brave Tom-  
my went first,  
And Farmer Brown's wife cried, "Our  
labors account."

There were four—then three—then two—  
then one;  
Then another wee coffin for Susie—then  
none!

One—two—three—four little hillocks of  
clay—  
Empty house—broken hearts—and much  
time to pray.

Years are gone, and late wisdom has come  
to their door,  
Though the prattle of children is heard  
there no more.  
But the old couple tottering to church, as  
they pass,  
Bow their heads to the four little graves in  
the grass.

—Vigile de La Toussaint.

## About Sharing.

BY S. ROSALIE LILL.

"Girls, I cannot stay to-day," said  
Bessie Carmon, throwing down her  
croquet mallet, and turning to leave.

"But why not?" asked Kittie Dun-  
ham.

"Because I happen to remember  
that mamma said, at dinner, Hannah  
had to go home this afternoon, and  
that, in consequence, she would be so  
busy she feared grandma would be  
lonesome. Perhaps you may have heard  
she has badly inflamed eyes, and gets  
very lonesome."

"Oh, it is only just because Bessie  
wishes to spoil our good time!" broke  
in Lena Ayres. "Just as though a  
grandmother was not old enough to  
rely upon her own resources for a  
moment. I think Bessie very dis-  
obliging."

"I'm sure she can never be sorry. I  
wish I had the precious privilege of  
making things pleasant for my—my"  
—and then Kittie broke down; and  
all remembered that her grandmother  
had, not many months before, been laid  
away in the silence of Lawnwood  
Cemetery.

Bessie turned to go, and Kittie,  
recovering herself, ran after her to  
say:

"I will come over, by-and-by, to see  
you if you wish."

"I shall be only too glad to have  
you. I can then take out the baby to  
amuse, and mamma can rest for a  
little."

"What a perfect grandmother  
Bessie is herself!" said Lena. "The  
idea of a girl shutting herself up on her  
half-holiday, to play nurse. I would  
not be so poky for the world!"

But no one of the half-dozen girls  
assembled on the lawn to have a "good  
time" that sweet June afternoon,  
made reply. In fact, all, excepting  
Lena, were convinced of her loving un-  
selfishness. With a half-suppressed  
ripple of a song, Bessie tripped across  
the lawn and in at the hall-door. She  
was just going up the stairs when Mrs.  
Carmon said:

"The mail was just brought in, and  
you may take up grandma her Watch-  
man and this letter. But, come to  
think, she cannot read them;" and  
Mrs. Carmon heaved a little sigh as  
she thought of all the many cares of  
the afternoon.

"But I can be her eyes this time,  
mamma."

"How kind of you, darling—leaving  
your playmates to amuse her! I am  
sure God will remember it of my little  
girl."

How light Bessie's heart was as she  
sprang up the stairs. Going softly to  
her grandmother's room, she laid the  
mail beside her, and, kissing the faded  
cheek, said:

"Do you wish me to read to you?"  
"Why, yes, dear. I was just think-  
ing how long the time seemed; yet I  
never once thought of your leaving  
your playmates to amuse an old  
woman."

"And did a certain grandmamma  
never leave her pleasures and needed  
rest to care for a troublesome little  
midget, I should like to know?"

An hour afterwards, when grandma  
wished to rest, Bessie ran down stairs,  
and was met at the hall-door by  
Kittie.

Together they went to the nursery,  
where Mrs. Carmon was trying to  
soothe baby Lena. Bessie carried  
her to her cab, and they went out into  
the large, shady garden for a ramble.

Some time after, as the girls were  
returning, Mrs. Carmon said:

"I was trying to get time to set the  
table out on the lawn, as a treat for a  
very obliging little daughter; yet I find  
so much to do I have failed."

"But grandmamma could not come  
down, could she?"

"No, dear. But why?"

"Do you care if Kittie and I should  
carry up our supper, and spread grand-  
mamma's little round table, and eat  
with her, mamma?"

"I know she would be pleased, dear.  
How kind of you to think of it!"

So, tired mamma, relieved of half  
her care, went light-heartedly about  
the rest, while Bessie and Kittie car-  
ried up strawberries and cream, and  
light white rolls, along with some  
fragrant tea for grandma.

"I think you are entitled to a story,  
girls. Someway, my mind is busy  
with the scenes of long ago, called up  
by the letter Bessie read me to-day.  
We were girls together, just as you and  
Kittie are. We had our good times,  
playing with our dolls, and all, just as  
you have had. I was never so quiet  
and thoughtful as my friend, Louisa  
Green. She gave her young life to  
Jesus, and commenced study prepara-  
tory to going as a missionary. As her  
parents were not wealthy, she was  
educated by the Baptist Board of  
Missions."

"During this time, she had bestow-  
ed her affections upon a worthy young  
man who was preparing himself for  
the ministry. At length the time was  
set for their marriage, and then they  
were to sail for India."

"Yet God had planned otherwise.  
Mr. Van Slyke became ill with con-  
sumption, and died within the year.  
My poor friend was prostrated through  
sorrow. She was never very strong,  
and her earnest application to study,  
as a preparation for her life-work,  
followed by her bereavement, was  
something she never fully recovered  
from sufficiently to go as a missionary  
to foreign shores."

"Yet in the niche where Providence  
placed her she wrought a beautiful life  
of usefulness. With brain and pen she  
made many 'bright spots' in the world.  
I have not a doubt when her life-work  
is unravelled, that it will show the  
traceries of the Divine Pattern. You  
know, Bessie, you read me that she is  
at rest now."

When grandma Carmon received her  
next pension money,—for grandpa  
Carmon gave his life for his country,  
Bessie was made the happy recipient of  
*Wide Awake* for one year.

"It is because you shared with me  
the hours of that holiday," said grand-  
mamma.

"And now I can share *Wide Awake*  
along with you, too, grandmamma,"  
said Bessie.

"Yes, dear, to unselfish souls there  
is such blessedness in sharing, dear;  
and grandma leaned over to kiss  
Bessie. — *Watchman*.

## Home Hints.

CORN CAKES.—Mix one cupful of  
flour, two cupfuls of corn meal, one  
teaspoonful of salt and one half table-  
spoonful of molasses with water or  
milk to make a batter, and let it stand  
over night. In the morning add three  
eggs (whites and yolks beaten separate-  
ly) and three teaspoonfuls of baking  
powder mixed with one tablespoonful  
of reserved flour.

These are better made with sour  
milk and soda, mixing at night, and  
adding egg and dissolved soda before  
baking, or they may be raised with  
yeast. As corn meal requires longer  
to cook than other meal or flour it  
should be either soaked over night or  
scalded.

PREMIUM TEA CAKES.—Three eggs,  
two cups of butter, three of sugar, one  
of sour milk, one and one-half tea-  
spoonful of soda (scant measure) and a  
flavoring of lemon. Use enough flour  
to make a soft dough, roll out thin, cut  
and bake in a moderate oven. These  
cakes took the premium at a fair  
where there were eight or ten entries.

## Young Folks' Column.

Conducted by C. E. BLACK,  
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## PUZZLE DEPARTMENT.

23—"Attempt the end, never stand in doubt  
Nothing's so hard but seek it find it out."

## The Mystery Solved.

(No. 7.)

No. 25.—"The fear of the Lord is  
the beginning of knowledge."

No. 26.—p l o w

l o w

o w

w

No. 27.—1. Plane—lane.

2. Driver—river.

3. Snap—nap.

4. Broom—room.

5. Slate—late.

No. 28.—c

p o i

c o n c h

i c e

h

No. 29.—"The just shall live by  
faith."

No. 30.—1. Ash. 2. Oak. 3. Maple.

4. Cedar.

## The Mystery—No. 10.

No. 42. JUMBLE.

(FROM "SNOWFLAKE," AVONPORT, N. S.)  
Arewhoevst ey doulw htta enm  
dlhou od ot oyu, od ey new os ot  
meth; ref hist si eth lwa.

No. 43.—BIBLE QUERIES.

(FROM "GEELEY," JOHNSTON, QUEENS.)  
1. Where is "fish-hooks?"  
2. How many were smitten in "the  
valley of salt" at one time, and where  
is it mentioned?  
3. Where is "a pulpit of wood"  
mentioned?  
4. Where have we an account of a  
woman judging Israel?  
5. Where is "protest" mentioned?  
6. Where is the following found:  
"And made themselves booths?"  
7. Where are "cooks" and "bakers"  
mentioned in the same verse?

No. 44.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.  
(FROM G. N. BREWER, SAN FRANCISCO.)  
A letter; to spoil; belonging to a  
buggy; a beverage; a consonant.

No. 45.—ANAGRAM (One word.)  
(FROM G. N. BREWER, SAN FRANCISCO.)  
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No. 1.—BIBLE QUESTIONS.  
1. Where is "fiery serpent" men-  
tioned?  
2. Find a mention of "night hawk?"  
3. Where is a tribe compared to "a  
silly dove without heart?"

4. Who saw a vision of "a certain  
man clothed in linen?"  
5. Where is the verse: "Blessed is  
the man that trusteth in the Lord, and  
whose hope the Lord is?"

No. 2.—SCRIPTURE ENIGMA.

1. From what town of the Philis-  
tines did a giant come, the staff of  
whose spear was like a weaver's beam?  
2. Who was made king over all the  
tribes of Israel, excepting Judah, on  
the death of Saul?  
3. In Nathan's parable to David  
concerning the wife of Uriah, what  
was it that the poor man possessed  
and prized which was taken by the  
rich man?  
4. By what brook did two hundred  
men stay who were too faint to ac-  
company David in his pursuit of the  
Amalekites?  
5. A tree that proved a gallows to a  
king's son.  
6. A king of the Amalekites whom  
Samuel killed, saying that, as his  
sword had made many childless, so  
should his mother be childless.

The initials name the mountain  
where Saul and his three sons were  
slain.

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since I wrote last, until to-day. How-  
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this issue, and send you a few more. If  
I only had more time, I would send  
double the amount. I am sorry that  
no one has replied to your prize offers,  
and wish you better luck next time.  
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will write an essay on one of your sub-  
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undertakings, I remain as ever,  
Your sincere friend,  
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differ in different individuals to some  
extent. A bilious man is seldom a  
breakfast eater. Too frequently, alas,  
he has an excellent appetite for liquids  
but no solids of a morning. His  
tongue will hardly bear inspection at  
any time; if it is not white and furred,  
it is rough, at all events.

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