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Little Bessie.

Hug me closer, closer, mother ! Put your arms around me tight; I am cold and tired, mother, And I feel so strange to-night! Something hurts me here, dear mother, Like a stone upon my breast; O. I wonder, wonder, mother, Why it is I cannot rest!

All the day while you were working, As I lay upon my bed, I was trying to be patient, And to think of what you said ; How the kind and blessed Jesus Loves his lambs to watch and keep; And I wished he'd come and take me In his arms that I might sleep.

Just before the lamp was lighted, Just before the children came. While the room was very quiet, I heard some one call my name. But I could not see the Saviour, Though I strained my eyes to see; And I wondered if he saw me-Would he speak to such as me?

In a moment I was looking On a world so bright and fair, Which was full of little children And they seemed so happy there!

They were singing, O, how sweetly! Sweeter songs i never heard; They were singing sweeter, mether, Than the sweetest singing L And while I my breath was i.o d.ng. One so bright upon me smile. And I know it must be Jesus, When he said, "Come here, my child!

"Come up here, my little Bessie! Come up here, and live with me, Where the children never suffer, But are happier than you see!" Then I thought of all you'd told me, Of that bright and happy land; I was going when you called me, When you came and kissed my hand.

And at first I felt so sorry You had called me; I would go O, to sleep and never suffer-Mother, don't be crying so ! Hug me closer, closer, mother, Put your arms around me tight; O, how much I love you, mother, But I feel so strange to-night!

And the mother pressed her closer To her overburdened breast; On the heart so near to breaking, Lay the heart so near its rest. At the solemn hour of midnight, In the darkness calm and deep, Lying on her mother's bosom, Little Bessie fell asleep!

#### How Elsie Pleased Herself.

'Elsie! Elsie Dennis!'

big lounging chair in papa's study, painting with her water colors in a big Florida orange to eat. Very soon book of pictures. Such a confusion of it was dinner time and Elsie gladly accolors and such singular costumes no cepted Aunt Emma's invitation to one had ever seen. But Elsie thought stay till after dinner. Then when she them beautiful, and was dreaming of was putting on her wraps to go, Aunt the time when she should be a great Emma said: artist and paint wonderful pictures, when her mother's voice broke in upon her musings.

'I s'pose mamma wants me to 'muse the baby, or pick up his play things, or something. I should think Margie might do it when I'm busy.

'Elsie! Elsie Dennis!' Elsie laid down her book and brushes, and went slowly-very slowly- to the sitting room.

'Didn't you hear the first time called? asked her mamma.

'Yes,' said Elsie, 'I thought I didbut—but'——

have you amuse Teddie, for I have sick. What shall I do?' some sewing I must finish to day.' The little girl sat down on the car-

pet and began to make block houses

have to do only just what I want to.'

happier?' asked mamma, quietly. 'Why Mamma Dennis! Course I

should. I couldn't help being happy,' answered Elsie.

'Well,' said mamma, 'you may try happier'—

'O mamma! do you mean it?' cried Elsie. 'It will be beautiful.'

'But you must promise one thing,' added mamma. 'You must not do anything for any one but yourself. That is the condition.'

said Elsie. "Of course I wouldn't the old lady's lap, burst into tears. work if I didn't have to-would I?'

'Very well little daughter. But it would be a strange world if every one pleased himself,' mamma answered. 'It would hardly be a comfortable that ever was, and I don't want to do

place in which to live.' it would be ever so much nicer. How would let me do something for every-I wish to-morrow would come.'

When Elsie awoke the next morning the sun was shining, and she knew it listening, with a smile on her face and must be time for breakfast, but she pity in her loving heart. only settled back on her soft pillow

with a sigh of satisfaction. 'How nice to lie as long as I please,' made mamma think I wouldn't like it,' I you always know best, - Golden Rule, a consonant,

It was nine e'clock when the little girl came slowly down stairs. The breakfast-table was cleared, so she went to the kitchen.

'Where is my breakfast, Margie?' she asked.

'Your mother said you could get what you liked,' was the answer.

Elsie was not very well pleased at this, but she toasted some bread and boiled an egg, burning her fingers and nearly toasting her face at the same time; some fruit cake and jelly, which busy father. she found in the pantry, completed her breakfast.

'What will I do first?' she questioned, when that was disposed of. 'Where | them 'step inside.' is everybody I wonder?'

chair in the study, with a bandage ed, eyes to the ground, talking earnaround her head.

anxiously. 'No, dear, only a headache,' was the

answer, 'but I think I shall feel better soon, papa is taking such good care of baby and me." 'O mamma, I'll take him out on my sled,' cried Elsie. 'Give him to me.

. ..... It is so warm it will do him good.

coaxing as best Le cou d. 'No baby dear, not this morning,' said mamma. 'I think Elsie has for-

gotten her promise.' Elsie quickly left the room, and Isn't it our kitchen, father?' putting on her cloak and hood, ran out of the house to get away from poor laughter. Mr. Lincoln turned to him Teddie's heart-broken cries.

Then she thought she would make a me. This case requires diplomacy. few calls, first of all on her friend Christie.

Christie, opening the door to Elsie. 'I'm scouring the silver this morning, but I can work and talk too.'

'Do you like to do it?' asked Elsie. 'I just hate to work."

well,' was the answer, 'but I like to help mamma, and she says she couldn't get along without me.'

'I thought maybe you'd go out and coasting,' said Elsie.

things to do.'

'Good-bye, then, I think I'll go and | dinner." see Aunt Emma

Aunt Emma was busy making The little girl was curled up in the orange jelly. But she seemed glad to see her little niece, and gave her a

'I wonder, dear, if you would take some of my orange-jelly to Mrs. Wilson. It would save me going over, 'Oh, dear!' sighed the little artist, and I am very tired.'

> afraid I can't auntie, she stammered. 'I am so sorry—but'— 'Never mind,' said her aunt, 'if you

are not going directly home.-'I am,' said the truthful girl, 'but if I take the jelly it will be a lie" Then she hurried away, covered with shame

and confusion. 'O dear, what will she think of me?' said the poor child to herself. 'And Aunt Emma has always been so good 'Why did you wait then? I want to to me, and took care of me when I was

When she reached home she got her paints and tried to forget her trouble in painting. But that had lost its for the baby, but there was a scowl on charm for her, and soon paints and brushes were laid aside. Then she 'Bessie Wilder doesn't have to do a brought out her dolls-big and little single thing; she doesn't even dress and dressed and undressed them for a herself said Elsie. 'I wish I didn't few n.inutes, but she grew more and more unhappy, and finally tumbled 'Do you think you would be any them all into the trunk and shut the

lid with a bang. 'I'll go and make grandma a call,' said Elsie springing up and hurrying upstairs to the dear old lady's room.

'I'm glad to see you,' was grandma's it to-morrow. Do just what you greeting. 'I've been a bit lonesome please all day and if you really are today without my little sunbeam. Will you read me a chapter, dear?'

Poor Elsie! That was the hardest of all. Dear old grandma, who had worn out her eyes, hands and feet in loving service for them all. To refuse to read to her was more than she could bear. She threw herself down 'All right, mamma! I promise,' on the carpet, and, burying her face in

'What is it dear ?' asked grandma, stroking gently the fair hair.

'It's been the miserablest day, grandma, the very miserablest day as I please again as long as I live, 'Why, mamma,' said Elsie, I think cried Elsie. 'Oh, if mamma only body again, I'd be so happy!'

Mamma was standing in the door

'I am not only willing but very glad

have my little helper again,' she And Elsie's arms were around her she said to herself. 'I wonder what neck, as she whispered: 'O mamma,

A Glimpse of Tad Lincoln.

Both the steward and the cook had remonstrated with 'Master Tad' upon bringing into the kitchen of the White House 'such squads of poor, dirty, hungry street urchins to be fed," and at last Peter said Mrs. Lincoln must be

Tad flew into a rage, ran upstairs to see mother himself, and, on finding her out, searched the place for his

Meanwhile, the small objects of his charity waited at the lower door-for Peter had absolutely refused to let

The indignant boy spied his father She found her mamma in an easy just crossing the yard, with head bowestly to Mr. Seward as they walked to 'Are you sick, mamma?' she asked the department of state together. He cried out to him at once: "Father! | hills;" father! can't I bring those poor, hungry boys home with me whenever I chickens under her wings;" want to? Isn't it our kitchen?'

By this time Tad had his father by the hand, who stopped short to listen to the frantic appeal.

'Can't I give them a good warm dinner today, say? They're just as Toddle seemed to understand, and hungry as bears, and two of 'em are held out his little hands laugain, and the boys of a soldier, too, and father, I'm going to discharge Peter this minute, if he don't get out the meat and chicken and pies and all the things we had left yesterday. Say, mayn't 1?

Secretary Seward was shaking with with a twinkle: 'Seward, advise with

Mr. Seward patted Tad on the back and said he must be careful not to run 'Come into the kitchen,' said the government in debt, and the My 5th is in oak, but not in birch; President took Tad's little brown My 6th is in morning, but not in night. hand in his own big one, and, with a My whole was a Bible woman who very droll smile, bid him to "run was smitten with leprosy. along home and feed the boys,' and added: 'Tell Peter that you are really The Mystery solved in three weeks. 'I don't know as I like to work very | required to obey the Bible by getting in the maimed and the blind, and that he must be a better Christian than he

In less than an hour Mr. Seward slide with me. It's just splendid | said they passed through the yard on their way to the cabinet meeting, and 'I can't go this morning,' said no less than ten small boys were sit Christie. 'I've got ever so many ting with Tad on the lower steps cracking nuts and having a "state

> Mr. Lincoln remarked that the kitchen was ours.'- Wide Awake.

HOUSEKEEPERS OUGHT TO KNOW .-That to have good coffee your coffeeoot must be bright and clean inside. That you can sweep a rag carpet nice puzzles. much cleaner sweeping crosswise of the width.

That in making up the unbleached muslin allow one inch to the yard for

That if you fold your clothes as you Elsie's face grew very red. 'I am take them from the line they will iron much easier.

That your copper wash-boiler, if well rubbed with a cloth dipped in coal oil, will be clean and bright.

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The Mystery Solved. (No. 24.)

No. 154.— 1. Ezek. 31:8. 2. Ezek. 29:18-20. 3. Ecclesiastes. 4. 1 Chron. 4:9,10

No. 155.—Spade. No. 156.—I. G II. W URN FAT GREENWATER NET TEN

No. 157.—Robert. Hannah.

No. 158.—Lead-pencil.

No. 159.-1. Surgeon. 2. Funeral. 3. Astronomers. 4. Number. 5. Distance.

No. 160.—1. Eph. 6:1. 2. Gal. 5:1. 3. Eph. 6:11.

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No. 180.—DIAMOND PUZZLES. (BY "PHILOMATH," Queens.)

1. A consonant; a pronoun; a garment; artful: a vowel.

article; a fruit; a letter. III. A vowel; an insect; on fire: an animal; a law term; always before; No. 181 .- BIBLE QUESTIONS.

BY FLORENCE B. SHAW, Brooklyn, N. S. 1. Where do we read the following-(a) "And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls, playing in the

(b) "They have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine that they might drink?"

No. 182 .- PIED CITIES, ETC. (BY GRACE E. KING, Carlton, N. S.) 1. Nweykor. 2. Rptoaldn. 3. Ylnn. 4. Npneylvsaina.

BY R. LIZZIEGALLAGHER, Williamsburg. Where are the words-

1. The bellows are burned;" 2. "For every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand

3. "Even as a hen gathereth her 4. "Go to the ant thou sluggard;"

5. "Peace be to this house;" 6. "The neighbour and his friend Brands of shall perish;"

7. "Iron furnace;" 8. "Fury is not in me;" 9. "Glad tidings;"

10. "Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed;" 11. "But she is happier if she so

12. "Ye shall eat it in haste?"

No. 184. - Cross-Word Enigma. (BY CARRIE WADE, Cross Creek.)

My first is in man, but not in boy; My 2nd is in king, but not in queen My 3rd is in girl, but not in woman; My 4th is in time, but not in age;

The Mystical Circle.

"Bible Student," Brooklyn, N. S. has our hearty thanks for the nice batch of puzzles. Your prize has been sent to the address given. Nos. 149 and 153 partially solved, and 132, 133, I34, 137, 139, 143, 144 and 145 fully answered. The following is "Bible Student's" answer to No. 145 :-

As I lay watching on the ground, I saw one come I thought a spy; The reason that I saw so plain,-I had a glass up to my eye.

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A CHILD'S FAITH IN GOD. (Not Original.)

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A gentle modest lad. And very hard this widow toiled To feed her children four,-An honest pride the woman felt,

Though she was very poor. To labour she would leave her home, For children must be fed, And glad was she when she could buy

One shilling worth of bread. One day as snow was falling fast, And piercing was the air, I thought I would go out to see How those poor children were.

Ere long I reached their cheerless home,-

It was searched by every breeze, And going in the eldest child I saw upon his knees.

I paused to listen to the boy,— He never raised his head, But still went on and said, "Give us this day our daily bread."

And when he rose, I asked him why The Lord's prayer he had said; "Why, sir," said he, "this morning The Plays of Moliere, at Hall's Book Store The Plays of Racine, My mother went away,

She wept because she said she had No bread for us to-day. "She said us children now must die,

Our father being dead; And then I told her not to cry For I would get some bread.

"And, then, you know the prayer,

sir, too, Ask God for bread each day So in the corner, sir, I went, And that's what made me pray."

I quickly left that wretched room, And went with fleeting feet, And very soon was back again With bread enough to eat.

II. A letter; to refine; a useful "I knew God heard me," said the boy; German is yet in its infancy. When you want a book, order it of I answered with a nod; It was little I knew, but much

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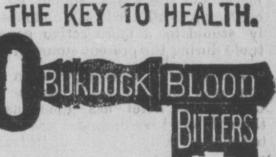
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