our Little Boy who Ran Away.

"I'm going now to run away," Said little Sammy Greer one day. "Then I can do just what I choose. I'll never have to black my shoes, Or wash my face, or comb my hair. I'll find a place, I know somewhere; And never have again to fill That old chip-basket, so I will.

"Good-by, mamma," he said; "good-by." He thought his mother then would cry. She only said, "You going dear?" And did not shed one single tear. "There now," said Sammy Greer, "I know She does not care if I do go; But Bridget does. She'll have to fill That old chip basket, so she will."

But Bridget only said, "Well, boy, Your off for sure? I wish you joy." And Sammie's little sister Kate. Who swang upon the garden gate, Said anxiously as he passed through, "To-night whatever will you do When you can't get some 'lasses spread At supper-time on top of bread?

One block from home, and Sammie Greer's Weak little heart was full of tears. He thought about "Red Riding Hood;" The wolf that met her in the wood; The bean-stalk boy who kept so mum When he heard the giant's "Fee, fo fum;" And when he saw a "policeman," He turned and quickly homeward ran.

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Soon through the alley-way he sped, And crawled in through the old woodshed. The big chip basket he did fill; He blacked his shoes up with a will; He washed his face and combed his hair; He went up to his mother's chair, And kissed her twice, and then he said "I'd like some 'lasses top of bread." -Susan Teall Perry.

Bessie's Little Trick.

BY FRANCES E. WADLEIGH.

"No; something real funny has hap- upon her she dreaded to know. pened; and I'm so glad I have met you, for I'm just dying to tell somebody, so we can have a good laugh over it," answered Bessie, smiling more than ever.

"What is it? Do tell me!" "Promise not to tell, honor bright?" "Yes, indeed."

"Cross your heart?"

confess I do not understand.

"You know what an old fuss-budget my sister Linda is when she's going Bessie.

"Yes; she's a regular old maid."

"She always is dying to get everythis afternoon-"

"Are you going, too?"

to spend my afternoon doing a lot of | thoughtlessness?" errands for grandma. Well, as I was about to say, Lida is in her room have felt as if I had murdered her." prinking, though it is only a minute she is, locked in !"

for her?"

"Uh, as soon as I have ordered some sugar and things mamma wants from the grocer, I am going home to let ker a caniption fit."

are dangerous," said Gertie, seriously. "I must say mamma don't like it,

good thing about Linda, she never then that of his seat-mate.

"Suppose something should happen, and you'd forget to unlock the door? Gertie asked anxiously.

"I never forget anything!" retorted around him."

Bessie, loftily.

"Something might detain you." is sure to rise to-morrow."

smile, as she ran along.

ing that nothing could or should de- tion in spite of his mother." tain her; but girls twelve years of age forget."

asked her to come home and lunch | had brought discredit upon her name. with her, adding:

Bessie always enjoyed a visit to her mean. brother's cosy little flat. It was full of pretty, new furniture and ornaments, what a brave thing he was doing; he and his young wife delighted to show | did not think of anything but the wish her delicate china, her embroidered to defend his mother; but when the table linen, and the proofs of her culinary skill to her husband's family. So mother must be a brave lady, Tom, for poor Lida was completely forgotten.

the coat alluded to.

Moulton, as Bessie turned first one mothers.' way and then another. "If you had been melted and poured into it it could hardly fit better. Here is a darker wish she hadn't gone to that concert. I could-why, what ails you, child?"

ghost could be supposed to be.

Do you feel faint? Sit down here,' and the hot biscuit."

began to sob. "Lida is locked in."

"How very smiling you are!" Gertie | alarmed; for Lida was a nervous, timid | do not let it walk, seldom, indeed, Barry exclaimed, as, meeting Bessie | girl, but recently recovered from a | stand, and then only for a moment; Coleman on the street, she stopped | severe attack of typhoid fever, and not | and from a year to eighteen or twenty for a little chat. "Have you heard | considered well enough to go back to | months do not encourage it to walk

> realize that one can never tell what an to straighten them. hour may bring forth.

many weeks.

practical joke again, I hope!" Bessie anywhere, don't you?" continued said to her mother one day. "I didn't freedom of action.—Good Health. think so much harm could come of it.'

"That is just it; you 'didn't think' of anyone but yourself, of anything where an hour too soon, and then she's but your own amusement," answered in a stew because other folks are not Mrs. Moulton. "You thought it ready to start before daylight. She is funny' to alarm your sister for a few going to a concert with Aunt Dora moments; but, had you made it your rule of life to do to others as you would have them do to you, you would "No; and I think it's too bad, for | never have touched that key. If Lida I've got twice as much ear for music | had died during her illness could you as she has!" pouted Bessie. "I've got ever have forgiven yourself for your

"Never, mamma, never! I should

"Then, my dear, remember to be or so past twelve, and my Aunt Dora | considerate of others' feelings rather is one of the behind-hand people. So, than your own, and try to sacrifice when I passed her door and saw that your own amusement whenever there the key was on the outside of it, I just | is danger that it may be at the expense thought I'd come a little trick on her, of another person's comfort or happiand I turned it real easy; and there ness. 'Bear ye one another's burdens' is a command we are apt to forget."-"Suppose your aunt does not wait | Christian Register.

Mether not to Blame.

Tom had been an idle, careless, misout. I shall not be gone ten minutes. | chievous boy in school. He did not Linda is very easily scared; and, when | mean to be a bad boy, but he wanted she finds herself locked in, she'll have to do about as he liked, without seem-"My mother never allows me to others by it. He had a seatmate who play any practical jokes; she says they was quite unlike him, in that he was careful to try to please his teachers.

"Jamie must have a very lovely mother, I think, "said one; "for he is always so polite and agreeable, and tries very hard to please all who are

"I have heard that Tom Dunn's motheris a good woman, "said another, "I shall not allow anything to delay | but I don't see how it is that she has me. I'm just as sure to be home in such an unpleasant boy. I think he ten or fifteen minutes as -- as the sun has a generous nature, and when he likes can show fine manners. It is my "Then we musn't stand chattering opinion his mother tries to teach him here any longer," said Gertie, with a just what is right, but he will not listen to her teaching. You know there is Bessie was perfectly sincere in think- many a boy that will go on to destruc-

Tom had heard enough to make him 1. have very little idea of the uncertain- a miserable boy for the rest of the day; ties of every-day life. Her memory and he had not put conscience away so was, as she said, remarkably good; but far but that he could hear a whisper : she was very rash in saying: "I never "You've been a mean boy, and they've 3. laid it all to your mother!"

Just as she was leaving the grocery Now he did really love his mother, store she met her brother's wife, who and could not bear the thought that he

After school that night he lingered un-

"Your mother is there, and she told | til the others had passed out, and, gome to drive around to your house and ing up to his teacher, he said slowly, get you, as after lunch she wants to and as if he hardly knew how to say it: take you to try on a lovely coat she "I want to tell you-that-that (BY MARY WARD, Minneapolis, U. S.) saw at S.'s, which she thinks will fit mother isn't a bit to blame. Don't lay it to my mother—all my bad ways, I

I don't think Tom thought at all teacher took his hand and said: "Your her boy has shown himself brave to-After luncheon Bessie went to the night, and I shall expect good things store with her mother and tried on from him in the future;" he thought, "I wonder if the other boys know that, "Yes, that fits very well," said Mrs. good or bad, all they do is laid to their

How Bow Legs are Made.

Mothers, in training their little ones one, which will suit Lida's taste. I do to walk, seem never to think of how bones grow; that the bones in a child's legs are soft, half-cartilaginous, and For at the mention of her sister's that it is an easy thing to bend name Bessie turned as pale as any them. Hence the need of being careful about having their children walk too soon, or of keeping them on their continued her mother, leading her to | feet too long when they are first learna chair. "I thought you were unwise | ing to walk. The senseless conduct of to eat two of those shrimp patties at | many parents in urging their children lunch, after taking that rich chocolate to walk prematurely is productive of lasting injury. Long before soft bones "It - isn't that, mamma," Bessie ought to have any strain put upon them you will see these poor infants "Lida locked in! Locked in where? | made to stand and even to walk, and What do you mean?" cried Mrs. Moul- | by the time they are fourteen or sixton, nervously. She was alarmed, teen months old their little legs have fearing that Bessie's mind was wan- | been bent very considerable. Pitiful and permanent deformities produced But when Bessie explained her "lit- in this way are seen on every hand. tle trick" Mrs. Moulton was even more | Under a year let the child creep, but school. What effect this might have much, still less set it upon its feet to make it walk. Even after the legs are Of course they lost no time in getting | more or less bent, the mother might home; and during the ride Bessie had manage to straighten them somewhat leisure to repent of her deed, and to by taking her hands and gently trying

I have seen another good hint some-Lida had, as her mother feared, be- where. A mother whose child had come very nervous on finding herself | weak ankles and bow-legs found that a locked in a room on the third floor, good plan was to remove the shoes (or with no one in the house except two shoes and stockings if the weather is "'Deed and 'deed I will!" Gertie re- | servants in the basement. She had | warm) and let the child have free use plied, so fervently that she evidently cried herself into a high fever when of its feet and ankles. The writer understood what Bessie meant by this her aunt called for her to go to the stated that the experiment had been adjuration—a common one among concert and the maid went to her room tried and that it was eminently successschool girls, and one which I must to find her, and, as a result, was ill for ful; that very bad bow-legs had been straightened in that way, simply by "I never, never will indulge in a removing the encumbrance of footgear chariots, slaves and souls of men, all and letting the little fellow have full contained in one verse?

-I am not what I was; I am not what I would be; I am not what I should be; I am not what I shall be; but, "by the grace of God, I am what I am." - John Newton:

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No. 101.—Joseph McLeod. No. 102.— M RAT MARIA TIN

No. 103.—Dorchester.

No. 104. - Morning glory.

No. 105.- In Halifax there lived gentleman called M. Davis. He married a lady whose name was Grace ing to care how much he troubled White. He had a goat. One day the goat was climbing a rocky hill, when Albert attempted to follow it. Before thing I know of for horse flesh. In the the father saw the danger of his son, family, we have used it for every pur-One day Tom heard the teachers he had fallen off a precipice, and was pose that a liniment is adapted for, it respondingly low? either. But she has gone downtown, talking about some of their pupils; he injured very badly. While he was and never will know it; for there's one heard his own name mentioned, and being carried home, the goat reached find it the best allayer of neuralgic dance now in stock. the summit in safety.

No. 106.—Puzzles.

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No. 107.-"Once a block of marble, Now a sculptured gem, A noble use of noble things Brings worth its diadem.'

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No. 110.—Squadron.

- The Mystery-No. 21. |-

No. 116.—ENIGMA. In cup, not in dipper;

In surprise, not in frightened; In bad, not in wicked;

In mat, not in rug; My whole is an island near S. A. -:0:---

No. 117 .- DROP VOWEL. BY MARY WARD, Minneapolis, U. S.) N th rst f th cts f Jsh, nd ll tht h dd, r th nt rttn r th bk f th chrncls f th kngs

No. 118.—DIAMONDS.

(BY MARY WARD, Minneapolis, U.S.) (a). A letter; a pronoun; of small cost; a part of the body; a letter. (b). A letter; a deed; a fragment

> -:0:--No. 119.—ARITHMETICAL.

resinous substance; a letter.

(BY "FLOSSIE," Lakeview.) (1). If 8 bushels of grain will last 7 horses 5 days, how long will 16 bushels

(2). If six men can do the work of 24 women, and 4 women do the work of 6 boys, how many men can do the work of 18 boys?

No. 120.—ENIGMA.

(BY DALE MCMULKIN, Upper Gagetown.)

In run, not in walk!: In silence, not in talk; In proud, not in meek; In book, not in slate;

In love, not in hate; In barn, not in shed;

In matress, not in bed. The whole is the name of a king of --:0:---

> No. 121.—ENIGMA. (BY D. MCMULKIN).

In turkey, not in goose; In hen, not in duck; In eagle, not in dove;

In pork, not in beef; In onions, not in garlick; In potatoes, not in cabbage. The whole is a useful article.

No. 122.—BIBLE QUESTION.

(BY CARRIE WADE, Cross Creek.) Where are cinnamon, odours, ointments, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, beasts, sheep, horses,

> --:0:--No. 123.—Drop Letter. (BY CARRIE WADE, Cross Creek.) "O-e -e-r- s-e- i-g -s -i-e -e-r- w-e-i-g."

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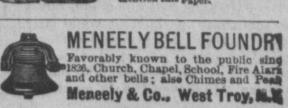
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