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#### The Little Arm-Chair.

Nobody sits in the little arm-chair: It stands in a corner dim; But a white-haired mother gazing there And yearningly thinking of him, Sees through the dusk of the long ago The bloom of her boy's sweet face, As he rocks so merrily to and fro, With a laugh that cheers the place.

Sometimes he holds a book in his hand, Sometimes a pencil and slate. And the lesson is hard to understand, And the figures hard to mate: But she sees the nod of his father's head.

So proud of the little son, And she hears the word so often said. " No fear for our little one."

They were wonderful days, the dear sweet

When a child with sunny hair Was hers to scold, to kiss, and to praise, At her knee in the little chair. She lost him back in the busy years, When the great world caught the man, And he strode away past hopes and fears

But now and then in a wistful dream, Like a picture out of date, She sees a head with a golden gleam Bent over a pencil and slate. And she lives again the happy day, The day of her young life's spring, When the small arm, chair stood just in the

To his place in the battle van.

The center of everything.

### Tom and the Ten-Cent Piece.

piece on mamma's bureau close to the fluffy lamp mat. Mamma was making button-holes in Tom's new trousers. Tom was dusting the bureau, that is, was making queer-looking T's on the woodwork with the tip of his forefinger before Nelly came with her dusting-cloth. That was a most enticing ten-cent piece. It looked at Tom as if it wanted to belong to him. Tom made a fresh T and gave the little ten-cent piece a shove that sent it half-way under the fluffy mat. Then he made another and the ten-cent piece slipped completely out of sight.

"Tom," said mamma, without raising her eye, from her work, "there's yet so happy that he had told the ten cents on my bureau; I want you to give it to Jane to buy a loaf of bread for luncheon. Do you see it?" "No, ma'am," answered Tom, hesi-

"It must be there. Look again," said mamma.

"I don't see it anywhere," Tom replied more decidedly. "That is strange. I thought I put

it there. Never mind, Nelly will find it." Not long after this Tom was playing in the front yard with his friends,

Ned Baker and Raymond Green. "I say, fellows, I'm awful hungry,"

said Ned. "If we only had a dime now, Stein's got some daisy chocolate eclairs in his window this morning." "I haven't a cent," said Raymond. "Neither have I," said Tom.

"I'm sure I haven't," said Ned. "Let's look out in the street; people often drop money; maybe we'll find some."

"Wait for me, boys, I'm going in the house for a minute," said Tom.

Tom went slowly upstairs to mamma's room. Then he walked to her bureau. All the crooked T's had been brushed away with Nelly's dusting-cloth, and the ten-cent piece-no, it was still under the fluffy mat. Now it was in Tom's pocket.

"What do you want from my help it, really I couldn't-an' she's bureau?" inquired mamma. "Nothing," answered Tom; "I

only wanted a pin, and I've got it." The three boys searched everywhere, up and down the pavement; they who is 'she'?" peered into cracks and corners, and

the mud long, either."

Did the boys enjoy their chocolate

"What's the matter with you, run." lom?" asked his friends: "do you.

aink they taste muddy?" Tom reddened: "I don't feel good, mother.

<sup>10</sup>ys, I'm going home."

as counting up.

"I did not see that ten-cent piece now!"

stand for Truth, it meant Thief."

"Oh," said Tom, "well, I didn't three, mother!" tell the boys that I found it in the mud." "But they thought you told them of her somehow," she said.

so. You made them understand you that way." "Tom," asked mamma anxiously asked: -

that night, as she waited for her [little son to get into bed, "what's wrong self at all."

"I'm all wrong, mamma," cried Tom, making a motion as if to throw himself into his mother's lap, then drawing back. "No, no, don't touch little knight of right!" me, don't kiss me. You couldn't if you knew."

Little by little mamma heard the whole shameful story of Tom's wrongdoing, then she held him in her arms, her eight-year-old boy, and he could feel hot tears drop on his head.

"I'm sorry, Tom, so sorry, but I forgive you wholly. There is some one else you must tell, some one who is far more grieved than I am. Do you know who?"

"Yes," whispered Tom, and, kneeling by his bedside, alone in the moonlight, he made full confession to the One who is always ready to hear and to forgive, and before he closed his eyes for the night, the peace of God filled his repentant heart. Was that There was a bright, new ten-cent the end? Not quite. There was another test for Tom.

> Ned, Raymond and Tom were joined by Walter Brown on their way to school, Monday morning.

"What do you think, Walter," asked Ned, as they crossed the street, "Tom found a ten-cent piece here in the mud, Saturday."

Something came up in Tom's throat and almost choked him, but he managed to blurt out: "I didn't find that money. I put it there myself. I took it from mamma's bureau."

Did it ever take so long before to walk to school? There was nothing to talk about. Tom felt so ashamed, and truth this time. The other boys each thought to himself: "It must have been tremendously hard to have told that. I don't believe I could have done it. That Tom Martin's got real grit, anyway. I'd trust him with a thousand dollars, if I had it."-N. Y.

### Told in the Dark.

Leo was in bed. He had said "Now I lay me;" then he had asked his mother to turn down the light.

Leo was a very lion to face all outside foes. He was not so brave when face to face with the little knight of right within him. That was what mother called his conscience—the little knight of right.

Mother knew what it meant when Leo asked to have the light turned out; she sat down on the bed, and took Leo's hand and said in a tender, encouraging way ;-

"Tell mother all about it." Leo lay very still for some minutes, then he burst out in a boy's way right

in the middle of the story -"P'r'aps you'll think 'twasn't soan' I don't know as I'd b'lieve it myself, only I saw them with my own eyes-I did, mother! an' you'll say yes, won't you, mother? I couldn't

down in the kitchen ! " Mother smiled. She stroked the little brown fist. She spoke gently. "What was the strange sight, and

"Well, it was this way. We boys kicked at stray leaves, but not a coin were coming home from skating, just did they find. Ned and Raymond dark, an' a cat scatted across the road, you?" "Yes sir, it was; I was so went on a little. Tom turned back, an' all the fellows snowballed herand then exclaimed: I've got ten I did, too, mother-an' she tried to squirm through a picket fence an' "Where did you find it? You're got caught an' couldn't get through or the luckiest fellow! Ned and I walked | back, an' the boys yelled—an' that all along that crossing without seeing very minute the East Enders fired on it. It doesn't look as if it had been us from over the wall, an' we had a intend to keep it." regular right, an' drove em all the "Of course not," said Tom; I've way back, just like the minute men

that time at Lexington. "Then it was dark, an' I came eclairs? Ned and Raymond said they home from the corner alone. An' were delicious; they just melted away along in the pine woods-this is true,

hind when you ran home? "asked the dark. They march in a regular

"But the faces, mother, the kittens' faces in the dark-how came they about you? You don't seem like your- there? Such a many kits' faces-and such eyes!"

on his red lips, as she replied : "Perhaps it was the doing of the

#### Something for Boys to Think About.

On one occasion, when on a commercial journey, I stayed at the Railway Hotel in the town of L-Dinner was just over, and I was left in the commercial room with but one other gentleman. We had not been long in conversation, before a youth was ushered in who had to transact some business with my companion. After the boy had stated his message and was on the point of retiring he was asked the question: "What will you take?" The lad stood in amazement, wondering what he should reply, when certain intoxicating beverages were suggested to him from which to select; rum, brandy, port, sherry, etc. The boy was even now more bewildered, and mechanically said. "Brandy, please, sir," which was immediately ordered.

I sat thinking what I ought to do under the circumstances. Etiquette suggested, Mind your own business! Duty seemed to say, speak to the lad; a word of warning may save him from ruin. I waited until the brandy appeared, and just as the lad was about to lift the glass, I made bold to speak. "My boy, before you drink that brandy, I should like you to hear long talked of in Canada, what I have got to say. You are not accustomed to have brandy offered to in the flesh. you, are you?" " No, sir," was his

Well, then, before you put that glass to your lips, think for one moment that that which this gentleman has been kind enough to offer you is the cause of more mischief and misery in the world than anything else; that and drinks of a similar nature, till our prisons, poorhouses and asylums with their inmates, and more persons find a premature grave from drinking these intoxicating drinks than from any other cause;" and, turning to the gentleman, I said, "Is not what I say correct?" he replied, "I am not in a position to deny it."

Then speaking to the lad, I said, Now, my boy, if drink causes all this misery in the world, and you hear this gentleman cannot deny what I say, don't you think it the wisest policy to have nothing to do with it?" He simply [replied, "Yes, sir," and then left the room.

Three months afterwards, I had business in the same town. Walking along one of the streets, I saw a boy smiling all over his face, and his eyes intently fixed on me. When we met he accosted me with, "Good morning, sir." "Good morning, my boy," I replied; "you seem to know me, but for the moment, I don't remember you; have you met me before?" He heartily, and with boyish sincerity said, "Yes, sir; don't you remember her puzzles for Intelligencer? me coming to the Railway Hotel one day two or three months ago?' "Well, yes, I do remember a boy coming there, and I think something I said to him prevented him from drinking a glass of brandy. Was it glad you spoke to me, for I didn't know how to get away. I have thought a good deal about what you told me, and your words led me to join a Band of Hope at our Sabbath school. I signed the pledge, and I

"A word in season, how good it is."

### Ants.

Of all very small creatures, the ant in their mouths, and they did not see mother, 'tis, I saw it with my own appears to be the most gifted with inwhy Mr. Stein couldn't sell three for eyes-I saw that kit's face in the dark, telligence. At least, it certainly apave cents instead of two. I was so in the air—an' lots of other kittens' pears so to me. One of the proofs of sumptive Syrup will not cure, but hard to divide four things among three faces—the dark was full of them, an' this is the way in which, in a battle, people. Tom hardly touched his, so all the eyes looked at me, so begging they carry off their dead. This they tions of the throat, lungs and chest, the others had nearly two apiece, after like. I was so sorry—an' a little bit do as carefully as real soldiers, caring it is a specific which has never been afraid, too-an' I just started and for them at the rear, out of danger. known to fail. It promotes a free They will help each other fight, and "Did you leave the kitten faces be- never mistake friend for foe, even in army way, and have officers, and, I "I didn't run home-I-I run back have no doubt, give orders in some Tom had commenced to think. He the road where we snowballed the way. Another thing found out about and was given up by the physicians. A kit; an' there she was, stuck fast in the ants is that they keep pets. The It was not pleasant to find one's the fence, an' mewin' just awful—an' pet is a kind of cat or dog of the elf a thief and a liar—a liar and a I got her out an' brought her home, family—a very small ant not a quarter an'—an'—she's down in the kitchen now!"

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"I did not see that ten-cent piece advice, I procured the medicine, and they get on the backs of the others, less than a half bottle cured me: I between their legs and all around and around and about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers squirmed about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers are also provided for the study of Elocution, the Fine between their legs and all around and around and about, and remind us of kittens or little brown fingers are also provided for the study of Elocution, the Fine between their legs and all around and around and around and around around and around and around an'-an'-she's down in the kitchen as big as the usual sort. Sometimes advice, I procured the medicine, and "Yes, you did," said Conscience, fully, "An' you will say yes, won't the pups that our children have to play state that I doubted the power of any you saw it under the mat, where you, mother? I couldn't help it-I with. The ant loves fun; he takes remedy to do me any good.

you put it. That T you made didn't really couldn't mother an' we've another ant up in his arms, carries only three other kits, you know-only him a while, and then flings him down all in a heap, and then they go Mother lifted the little brown fist on their way as happy as two school and kissed it. "We will take care boys who have had a wrestle. The ants keep nurses; these are ants Leo was very still for the next which the others have captured in minute or two, then he suddenly war; they are made to wait on the wounded .- The Whole Family.

> The experienced Christian has too solid a view of the mercy of God in Christ not to "rejoice," but too ex-Mother kissed Leo again, this time alted views of the holiness of God not to "rejoice with trembling."-Arnaud.

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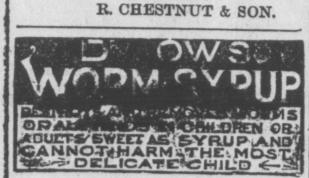
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