

Only.

Only a grain of wheat,
So small that folk don't mind it;
Only a grain of wheat,
With the power of God behind it;
Only the falling rain;
Only the sun's bright glory
Bursting through heaven's top story;
Only a grain, only a grain,
Buried an dying, and living again.

There's harvest in a grain of wheat,
If given to God in simple trust;
For tho' the grain doth turn to dust,
It cannot die. It lives—it must—
And men shall have enough to eat.
Only a span of life,
So small that folk don't mind it;
Only a span of life,
With power of God behind it—
Only a little span;
Only a buried man;
Only a King's great love,
Paving the way above;
Only a span, only a span;
Only a buried, dying man.

There's harvest in the life of man,
If given to God in simple trust;
For tho' the body turns to dust,
The man's immortal. Moth and rust
Are only for a little span.
—Dr. Walton in the "Christian."

Captain Snarley.

His right name is Wilfred Henry Alton. But he does not get called by very often. When he is good, and pleasant, and sweet, his mamma and grandma called him Birdie or Sunbeam. But when he is naughty, and his name suits him very well at such times.

One morning he came down-stairs looking like Captain Snarley. Just as soon as his mamma looked at him, he knew it was Captain Snarley. But he smiled and said, 'Good morning, dear, how do you do this bright day?' Wilfred put his finger in his mouth.

'I dess I've got a headache,' he said. 'Have you? I'm very sorry,' said mamma. 'Where does it ache?' 'Way round de back of it,' snarled the captain.

'I guess you slept too long,' said his mother. 'You will feel better when you are washed and dressed, and have your hair combed.'

So she brought his striped stockings and the little slippers with rosettes, and a new plaid frock which she had washed only yesterday. But, O, how snarled and fussed all the time she was dressing him. And when she was tugging his hair, he cried out loud and said, 'I'll be heard in the next house.'

The lady there said, 'I guess Mrs. Alton has got Captain Snarley over to her house.'

When his mother had made him look nice and neat, she said, 'Now come and have your breakfast.' But the naughty boy growled, 'I don't think I can eat any thing except a piece of mince pie.'

'I have not any mince pie in the house,' said his mother, 'and you know I never let you eat it for breakfast. Here is some nice bread and milk in your little china bowl, and the cookies grandma sent you.'

'If I can't have some mince pie, I won't eat anything,' said Captain Snarley. 'Very well,' said mamma. So she took the things away and sat down to sewing.

Wilfred pulled his little rocking chair near the fire, and sat a long time staring at the stove. Presently he began to kick with his foot. He knew his mother disliked the noise, but he did not care. She did not ask him to stop, and after a while he was tired of himself.

He was very unhappy, and he began to be ashamed of himself. Besides he was getting hungry. He knew his mother would speak to him, but she didn't. She was sewing a little coat and was singing softly to herself.

Wilfred knew the little coat was for a baby. Usually he liked to hear his mother sing, but now he wished she would not look so happy when he was miserable. The more he thought of it the worse he felt. He began to cry softly, but his mother took no notice.

At last he said, 'O dear! I wish I could have the nosebleed or something, so somebody'd care.'

'Nobody don't care much for Captain Snarley anyway,' said his mother. 'I don't like to hurt him myself, so I let him stay away, and let me keep my hands off all the time.'

Wilfred asked Wilfred, 'If I could whip him. I think I should be better to whip him.'

Wilfred thought it over. He and Captain Snarley had a little fight by the side of the stove. In a little while his mother felt two soft arms round his neck, and two sweet kisses on his cheek.

'Here's my rosebud again,' said Wilfred, looking down at the bright, little face close to his own.

'Captain Snarley's gone,' said Wilfred, 'and he isn't ever coming back again.'

'I hope not,' said his mother. Then Wilfred had his breakfast, and he was so hungry he never once thought of the mince pie. Afterwards he sat down at his mother's feet, and she talked to him a long time about his naughty temper. Wilfred promised to try hard to be a good boy, and he is keeping his word.

The last time I saw his mother, she said she had not seen Captain Snarley for so long a time that she had almost forgotten him.—Southern Churchman.

How a Boy Became a Commander.

There lived in a Scotch village a little boy, Jamie by name, who set his heart on being a sailor. His mother loved him very dearly, and the thought of giving him up grieved her exceedingly, but she finally consented. As the boy left home, she said to him: 'Wherever you are, Jamie, whether on sea or land, never forget to acknowledge your God. Promise me that you will kneel down every night and morning, and say your prayers, no matter whether the sailors laugh at you or not.'

'Mother, I promise you I will,' said Jamie; and soon he was on a ship bound for India.

They had a good captain; and, as some of the sailors were religious men, no one laughed at the boy when he knelt down to pray.

But on the return voyage, some of the sailors having run away, their places were supplied by others, one of whom proved to be a very bad fellow. When he saw little Jamie kneeling down to say his prayers, he went up to him, and, giving him a sound box on the ear, said in a decided tone: 'None of that here, sir!'

Another seaman, who saw this, although he swore sometimes, was indignant that the child should be so cruelly treated, and told the bully to come up on deck and he would give him a thrashing. The challenge was accepted, and the well deserved beating was duly bestowed. Both then returned to the cabin, and the swearing man said: 'Now, Jamie, say your prayers, and if he dares to touch you, I will give him another dressing.'

The next night it came into the little boy's mind that it was quite unnecessary for him to create such a disturbance in the ship, when it could easily be avoided, if he would only say his prayers quietly in his hammock, so that nobody would observe it. But the moment that the friendly sailor saw Jamie get into the hammock without first kneeling down to pray, he hurried to the spot, and, dragging him out by the neck, he said: 'Kneel down at once, sir! Do you think I am going to fight for you, and you not say your prayers, you young rascal?'

During the whole voyage back to London the sailor watched over the boy as if he had been his father and every night saw that he knelt down and said his prayers. Jamie was industrious, and during his spare time he studied his books. He learned all about ropes and rigging, and, when he became old enough, about taking latitude and longitude.

Several years ago the largest steamer ever built, called the Great Eastern was launched on the ocean, and carried the famous cable across the Atlantic. A very reliable, experienced captain was chosen for this important undertaking; and who should it be but little Jamie? When the Great Eastern returned to England after this successful voyage, Queen Victoria bestowed upon him the honor of knighthood, and the world now knows him as Sir James Anderson.—Mail and Express.

Brave Sadie.

Somebody was wanted to go in haste to the post-box with a letter. 'Oh, mamma,' said Sadie, 'can't I go? I can't I go all alone?' and she danced up and down and shook her hands like a little wild girl, in her haste to be answered.

'Oh, no!' said mamma; 'papa would be very much troubled if he knew his little girlie was on the crowded street all alone. Besides you would be afraid. There are horses and dogs, and a great many cross-looking people on the street.'

'I wouldn't be afraid,' said Sadie, shaking her head and looking as determined as she could, 'not if seven or five dogs came running right at me; nor horses, nor—not anything at all.'

'I don't think we will try you this morning,' mamma said laughing. 'I'll tell you what you can do; take Jemima Lawrenceville and go and take care of the kitchen while Ann runs to the post-box for me. That will be helping mamma.'

Jemima Lawrenceville was a great dollie with real hair, and nice kid arms. The reason it was named

Jemima Lawrenceville was because Uncle Jerry and Aunt Mima gave it to Sadie for Christmas, and they lived in Lawrenceville. Sadie was determined to name it for them both, so her father thought of Jemima, which had two letters of Uncle Jerry's name, and several of Aunt Mima's.

'I don't believe Sadie will stay in the kitchen all alone,' said brother Ben, glancing up from his geography. Sadie looked sternly at him. 'Course I shall,' she said, with dignity. 'What you s'pose I'm afraid of? I wouldn't be afraid on the great wide street, not a bit.' Then she went to the kitchen.

In less than five minutes they heard her scream.

'Oh, Oh, dear! what shall I do? Mamma, come quick!' Mamma ran, so did grandmamma, so did Ben, so did Laura, from the third storey. They found Sadie on a chair, Jemima Lawrenceville under her arm, her frightened eyes, twice their usual size, fixed on something in the corner of the room. What do you think it was which had frightened this brave girl, who would not have been afraid of seven or five dogs coming right at her? Bend your head and I will whisper to you. It was a mouse.—The Pansy.

Five Cents' Worth of Travel.

We know a bright boy whose great longing is to travel. His parents have no means with which to gratify him in that respect. He occasionally earns a few pennies by selling papers and doing errands. Instead of spending his money foolishly, he carefully treasures it in a small iron box which he calls his safe. One day after earning five cents, he dropped them into the box in the presence of a companion of about his own age, and exclaimed: 'There goes five cents' worth of travel.'

'What do you mean?' asked the other boy. 'How can you travel on five cents?' 'Five cents will carry me a mile and a half on the railroad. I want to see Niagara Falls before I die. I am nearly four hundred miles from them now, but every five cents I earn will bring them nearer, and a great many other places that are worth seeing. I know it takes money to travel, but money is money, be it ever so little. If I do not save the little I shall never have the much.'

Some boys squander every year the cost of a coveted trip to some point of interest. Let them remember that every five cents saved means a mile and a half of the journey. Small amounts, carefully kept, will foot up surprising results at the end of the year, and almost every doctor will testify that five cents' worth of travel is better for the health of the boy than five cents' worth of sweets.—Wide Awake.

How Tacks are Made.

Many boys use a carpet-tack without the faintest idea of how it is made, and yet its manufacture is very interesting. The first thing one sees on entering a factory where tacks are made is miles and miles of iron bands, resembling nothing so much as the iron hoops about barrels. This is the beginning of the carpet-tack. Down through the centre of the room is a machine from which stretch, at equal distances and on both sides, projecting arms. Boys pick up the iron bands, which are assorted in length, and lay them in these arms, fastening them in place, and start the machinery. Each boy attends to two arms. When the band is in place and the machinery is started, the band is turned from side to side, and the tacks drop down complete, heads and points. One realizes a little demand for these very useful but sometimes very annoying articles when he is told that this one factory turns out two hundred and fifty thousand tacks a day, and can do very much more when rushed. It seems almost as though the machinery must be human when one looked at the flat pieces of iron, and saw dropping, apparently from the end finished tacks into large boxes.—The Christian Union.

Never imitate a rude or uncouth act, even if committed by an older person. Avoid drumming with the fingers or the feet; it is the height of impoliteness. If in doubt at any time as to what is proper, follow the example of others of more experience.

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In sap, but not in gum;

In return, but not in come;

In Zebra, but not in goat;

In gaze, but not in gloat;

In spell, but not in write;

In loose, but not in tight;

In write, but not in read,

Whole you are, if this you heed.

No. 155.—ANAGRAMS.

1. Steam pi. 2. No draw.

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'Koo!e job eryou peal.'

No. 157.—DROP-LETTER.

h-p-n-s-i-h-i-t-h-n-h-s-o-d.

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A letter; not young; seen in the air; a color; a river.

No. 159.—NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

I am composed of 11 letters, and name a beautiful city.

My 1, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 7, 8 is a boy's name.

My 11, 10, 9 is an adverb.

No. 160.—DECAPITATIONS.

1. Behead a seat, and leave an instrument.

2. Behead a tale, and leave a political class.

3. Behead unfalse, and leave sorrow.

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OUR STORY.

LITTLE MARY'S THOUGHT.

Little Mary had just come from the window, where she had been gazing out with evident pleasure, and sat down on her little stool at papa's feet.

It was just at sunset; a most glorious sunset it was. The western sky was mantled with clouds of the most gorgeous hues, upon which the little girl gazed with thoughtful pleasure.

'Papa,' she said at length, 'do you know what I think when I see those pretty clouds?'

'No; what do you think of them, Mary?'

'I always think they are God's veils. Doesn't he have beautiful veils, papa, to hide him from us?'

'True enough, little one,' thought I. 'The clouds which veil him from our sight now are beautiful. There is a rainbow on them, if we will see it; they shine with mercy and truth.'

Was not that a pretty thought of little Mary's and does it not remind you of the time when the veil shall be parted, and he shall come with the clouds, and every eye shall see him?'

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