

Little Hands Are So Quiet Now.

The little hands are so quiet now,
And the little feet are at rest,
And so placid and smooth is the baby-brow,
Whereas often our lips have been pressed
We have taken one curl of golden hair,
And have placed it with tears away;
We have hidden adieu to our baby fair,
Who brightened our home each day.

Lay the little shoes and stockings aside,
Our darling so lately wore,
And his useless playthings somewhere hide,
For never he'll use them more.
His cosy cot and his empty chair
Now carefully place them by
In a quiet room unused, and where
I can muse when none is nigh.

The years will come, and the years will go,
But sorrow will last for aye—
And life, like a darksome dream, shall
flow,
Since baby has gone away.
The flowers will open beneath the smile of
spring,
And the flowers of winter flee,
But the darling to whom I fondly cling,
Shall never return to me.

Edward's Temptation.

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'I can't make as much as I ought to make, and I would leave Mr. Smith's store if I could find a place where I could make a little more money. You know, mother, the doctor says you should have good food and more medicine, and I would like that you could have everything you need, so that you could get well.'

'Don't worry, Edward; don't worry about me,' said his mother. 'You are getting three dollars a week where you are, and I wouldn't give up a certainty for an uncertainty. No, don't worry on my account. I think I am getting along very well, and then you know we have a little besides what you earn. The Lord will provide. I know you feel anxious about me, but I think I will soon be well. The doctor gives me great encouragement.'

'That's just the way it is with you mother; you never complain. But I think I ought to make a little more than three dollars a week. Frank Barton gets four dollars and he says he hasn't any more to do than I have. Don't you think I might ask Mr. Smith if he couldn't give me four dollars, and tell him that Frank Barton gets that amount? And I might say, too, that you have been sick for some time and that we cannot live high nor buy much medicine on that amount of money.'

Edward's mother was a widow and lived in a small house in the city of B. Her husband had died some years before and she and her two children, Edward and Ellen, were left in straitened circumstances.

For some time Mrs. Morton had taken in sewing and had done different kinds of work to keep the wolf from the door, but now that her health had failed the prospect before them was somewhat gloomy.

About this time, however, Edward had secured a position in Mr. Smith's store and by his work and the work of the mother they had managed to get along comfortably. When sickness came, however, the prospect grew darker and Edward fully realized the situation they were in.

In a few days after Edward had secured the position he said to his mother, 'We'll get along splendidly now. I think I can buy almost everything you need and after awhile, perhaps, I will get a little more money and you will get well soon, I think, and then we will get along splendidly.'

Edward had often said after he got work in the store, 'Mother, I feel pretty rich now and I can keep you. After awhile I'll get more money if I do what is right, and I intend to do what is right. Yes mother, he would say, 'I think I can now keep you like queen.'

But Edward soon found out that if queen and her family could live on three dollars a week they couldn't be charged with extravagance.

Edward had been at work in the store for some time and was engaged in sweeping the floor one morning when he discovered a ten dollar bill amongst the rubbish. He picked it up and hastily put it into his pocket. 'That will be a little lift to us,' he said. 'Mother can now have more of the medicine and we can get along a little more comfortably for awhile.'

Then as he continued with his work, he began to think the matter over.

'Somebody has lost this. If somebody has lost it, it belongs to that somebody and not to me. I did not find the money and, therefore, it is not mine. I did not think squarely when I put it into my pocket and I owned that, because it was on the floor and nobody else had it in his possession, it belonged to me. That was wrong. I'll do right, even if I don't feel quite as wealthy.'

Mr. Smith had not yet come into the store, but as soon as he arrived Edward went to him and said, 'I found this

money on the floor this morning. I felt for about three minutes that I would like to keep it on account of the many nice things that it would buy for my mother, but I have come out all right. I know now that it would be dishonest for me to keep it when it does not belong to me. I did not earn it and, therefore, it is not rightfully mine.'

'Well,' said Mr. Smith, 'you are one boy in ten, or, I might say, one boy in a hundred. There are not many boys now-a-days who would have been so honest. Give me your hand; you are the right kind of a boy and I am glad I have you. Come into the office; in half an hour I want to talk to you.'

Mr. Smith went into the office and waited. 'Well,' he said, 'I've had several boys around here, and have left considerable money on the floor to test them, but none of them has come out grandly like this one. He'll prove a treasure. I'll endeavor to keep him. The other boys found the money—I feel pretty sure on that score—but they didn't have anything to say in regard to the matter.'

When Edward had got his sweeping done and the other chores of the morning, he went into the office. Mr. Smith placed a chair for him with as much dignity as if the president had dropped in.

'Be seated, Edward,' he said. 'I'm glad I employed you. I have found you out, and I prize you for your worth. You shall have more money now. I don't always pay very high for a boy until I find out something about him—until I find out what he is worth. In other words, I like to find out what kind of a boy the boy is before I pay him very much money. Your pay is doubled now. Instead of giving you three dollars a week, I will make it six dollars a week. I think you said that your mother had been ill for some time. Has she a physician?'

'Yes, sir,' answered Edward; 'Dr. Anderson comes to see her occasionally and she is improving.'

'Well,' continued Mr. Smith, 'I'll look after that too. She shall have all the medical attention necessary. Here is the ten dollar bill you found. Put it in your pocket. I give it to you. I am glad I have found an honest boy.'

'Oh, Mr. Smith,' said Edward, 'I have only done that which was right and proper.'

'Yes,' said Mr. Smith, 'but there are so many boys who do not do that which is right and proper. The last boy didn't, nor the boy before. I'm glad I found you. Go home now and take this day for a day off. Go home and tell your mother what a noble, honest boy she has. Go ahead. Don't say anything more. I'm glad I have found you and I'll endeavor to keep you for some time to come. Now run on home and tell your mother that she has a prize in you. Tell her that she has a noble boy and that his salary will be raised immediately.'

Of course there was rejoicing that day in Mrs. Morton's humble home. Edward rejoiced because his mother would now want for nothing; the mother rejoiced because her son had remembered her teachings and had proved an honest boy.

And that night at the family altar the mother's prayer was a prayer of thanksgiving not only for the timely aid they had received, but that her only son, her darling boy, had been strengthened in the hour of temptation, and enabled to choose the path of truth and right.—United Presbyterian.

The Brave Sister.

'No'm, I don't throw snowballs at Molly, but I think I really ought. Perhaps, then, she wouldn't be such a 'fraid cat. If she was hit half a dozen times and found out that it didn't hurt her any to speak of, maybe she wouldn't be such a coward.'

'No, indeed, Benny, it wouldn't do her one bit of good. Molly is a gentle little girl, and now that her cheeks are growing rosy and her school work is improving so fast, I should be very sorry to have her set back in any way. But I am quite sure that she would be afraid to go to school if you did not stand by her and see that she is not troubled by those River street boys.'

'Well, she's a regular coward, anyway. Coming home to-day, she almost cried when I stepped just to fire a couple at one of those fellows.'

'Poor little girl,' said her mother, sadly. 'But here she comes and it's time to start. Be a faithful knight now and look out for your 'ladye fayre.'

'My lady fair has golden hair,' sang Benny, as the two started to school; but his song ceased a few minutes later as they came in sight of a crowd of rough boys, evidently armed with snowballs.

'Let's go 'round the other way,' said Molly, timidly.

'Never,' said Benny, venturously; but he wavered a bit as he saw among them two older fellows, bent on rough

fun, if not mischief. He had never been taken at such disadvantage before, for not a single friend of his own was in sight. Still, he made up a snowball, hastily, and, holding it a little behind him, he called out:

'Here, fellows, don't throw at me now and I won't at you!' The only answer was a jeer of ridicule, and a snowball struck him fairly on the breast spattering icy particles in his face. He saw he could do nothing and began to turn back, when suddenly one of the older fellows called out:

'Oh, don't run. We aren't going to hurt you, but we'll duck you in a snow-drift all right!' and the next moment another snowball came whizzing, not soft like the other, but hard as a rock, frozen into deadly consistency.

Bennyfel, blinded and half-stunned. The big boy rushed forward, shouting: 'Now we'll leave him into the snow-drift and see him squirm.'

'Don't you dare touch my brother!' shouted little Molly, her eyes blazing and her cheeks on fire. 'If you touch my brother, I'll have every one of you arrested. You just go right straight back where you came from!'

The leader halted, abashed, as Molly placed herself squarely in front of Benny.

'We weren't going to hurt him any,' he said, with a touch of shame in his face. 'He never acts afraid of us, and we just thought we'd have some fun with him and scare you a bit; but we didn't mean to hurt him.'

By this time Benny had got on his feet, looking white and rather dazed. 'We're going right straight on to school, now,' continued the little heroine; 'and you mind what I say. Don't you dare touch us!' And they didn't.

Benny had a headache all that afternoon; but he told the whole story to his mother and father that night and said he should call his sister 'Captain Molly' after that. 'Coward,' said he, feelingly. 'Why, Molly scared every one of those River street boys so they won't get over it for a month.'—Chris. Register.

The First Coat of Paint.

Father was painting the woodwork of the dining-room. Robert had been watching him for some time and thought it was very easy and pleasant work.

'I would like to try painting a little while, may I?'

'Oh, yes. There must always be a first time.'

Robert took the brush. How clumsy his fingers seemed, after all! But he went bravely on, father watching in the meantime. Now and then he gave him words of encouragement and instruction, so that he went on quite bravely and father went away for a little while.

When he came back he saw that Robert was slighting his work in places. The paint was not smooth and streaks plainly appeared.

'Robert,' he said, 'remember that the streaks will show plainly when the paint is dry.'

'But you're going to put on two coats, aren't you?' he asked, somewhat sharp. 'If you do the last time over will cover the streaks.'

'But we must put on the first coat just as well as if there were to be no second coat,' said father, patiently. 'It is just as important as to do the work well the last time.'

Since that time Robert has grown to be a man, but he has not forgotten his father's words. He has noticed that many do work just as he started to do it that day when painting the dining-room, but whenever he has been tempted to do so the words of his father have come back to him: 'Do your work just as if there were to be no second coat.'

Have you thoroughly mastered all the rules in this lesson? asked a teacher of his class in mathematics one day.

Most of the class thought they had done their work well. One boy thoughtfully said: 'I can't say that I have the second rule, sir. But I thought I could master it when the review came.'

'It isn't safe to slip over the work in that way, George,' was the quiet reply. 'You are not sure that you will have the time when review comes. Do you not think it would be better to master each lesson as we go along and let the review take care of itself?'

George flushed, but he saw the point, and was not caught that way again.—Selected.

A lively hope makes the Christian active and zealous for God. They are men of mettle who have it; you may expect more from them than from many others, and not to be deceived.—Gournall.

Was this Boy Wise?

Passing along a busy street the other day, I saw a boy carrying a basket full to the brim, which seemed to tax his strength to his utmost capacity. Indeed, at times it looked by his jerks and extra efforts, as if its weight would bear him down beneath it in spite of his pucky determination. I observed to him:

'My boy, that basket is rather heavy for you to carry, is it not?'

'Yes, sir,' he replied. Then an even more determined expression came in his bright young face, as he added, 'But I'd rather carry it than that my mother should have to do it.'—Selected.

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We desire that its fiftieth year may be its best. And we are planning to make it more attractive and more useful.

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