Houths' Department.

THE SIXPENNY CALICO

One day a new scholar appeared in school. he was gentle and modest looking, and did not or a mement lift her eyes from her books.-Who is she !" "What's her name !" were the questions of the girls: but no one knew. "I suspect she is not much," said one of the girls. Do you see her dress?" said J. "Why, I

believe it is nothing but a sixpenny calico!" "Poor thing, she must be cold." "I can't imagine how a person can wear chico this cold day," said another, whose fine plaid was the admiration of the school. "I must say I like to see a person dressed according to the season," remarked another; "that is if people can afford it," she added in a manner plainly enough meaning about the season are such golden envelopes, "An earnest prayer and many tears." Sweet child! thou that her father could.

None of us went to take the stranger by the hand, and welcome her as the companion of our studies and our play. We stood aloof, and stared at her with cold and unfeeling curiosity. The teacher called her Susan. When she first came to her place to repeat her lesson, she took a seat beside the rich plaid. The plaid drew proudly away, as if the sixpenny calico might dim the beauty of its colors. A slight color flushed Susan's cheek, but her quiet remained the same. It was some time before she ventured on the playground, and then it was only to stand on one side and look on, for we were slow in asking her

to join us. On one occasion we had a harder arithmetic lesson than usual, completely baffling our small brains. Upon comparing notes, none of us had mastered it. "I'll ask Susan of her success." said one of my class. " It is quite unlikely she has," I replied: "do stay here: besides, what if she has?

I will go," she answered. Away she went, and, as it appeared, Susan and she were the only members of the class ready for their lesson .-Susan had been more successful than the rest of us, and kindly helped my friend to overcome the difficulties of the lesson.

By-and-by I took to patronizing her. "She is really a very nice body, and ought to join us more in our plays," we said. So we used to gather round her desk during school hours, and make her "one of us" in the playground. In fact, I began to have a sort of liking for her. There was something in Susan which called out our respect.

One Saturday afternoon, as I was looking out of the window, wishing for something to do, my mother asked me to join her in a little walk. Dressed in my new cloak, warm furs, and hat, I was soon ready. My mother turned into a narrow street. "Where, mother," I asked, "are you going in this vulgar part of the town?"

"Not vulgar, my dear," she said. "A very respectable and industrious part of our population live here." "Not fashionable, certainly," l

"And not vulgar because not fashionable, by any means," she said. She stopped before a humble-looking house, and entered the front

Then, gently opening a side door, she paused a moment on the threshold. "Come in," said a voice from within.

Pray do not rise," said my mother, going towards an afflicted, lady-like woman who sat in an arm chair. "You look better than when I saw you before." I was introduced, and I fancied invalid looked at me with a sort of admiring surprise, as she took my hand and hoped I should prove worthy of such a mother. Then, while mother and she were talking, I sat down and took notes with my eyes of everything in the room. It looked beautifully neat, and the furni- Overcoats, of every sort and variety, ture had evidently seen better days. By-and-by mother asked for her daughter. "She has gone out on some errands," was the answer. "The dear child is a great blessing to me," and tears filled her eyes.

A mother might well be thankful for such a child." I thought I should be very glad to see the person of whom my mother thought so highly.
"She will return soon. She has gone to carry

some work which she has contrived to do in her leisure moments. The self-sacrifice of the child is wonderful. A little while ago, an early friend who had found me out and has been kind to me as you have" (tears came into the speaker's eyes),
"sent her a handsome winter dress. 'Oh. mother,' she said, 'this is too costly for me, when you want some warm flannel so badly." 'See. mother, she said, I shall enjoy this calico a hundred times more than the finest dress in the world while you can have your flarnel.' Excuse me from telling it, but you know a mother's heart. There is her step; she is coming."

The outer door opened. How I longed to see the comer. "I am sure I shall admire and love her," I said to myself. The latch was lifted. A young girl entered; and my school-fellow Susan stood before me! I could have sunk to the ground for very shame. How wicked my pride! how false and foolish my judgments! Oh, how mean did my fine winter dress appear before the plain sixpenny calico!

I was almost sure my mother had managed all this: for she had a way of making me see my faults, and making me desire to cure them, without ever saying much directly herself. This, however, had not come about by her design God had taught me by his providence.

As we walked home my mother gave me an

account of Mrs. G, who had been her early friend; she had lost her property and her husband, and had fallen into great distress. But that story is no matter here. I will only add that my judgment of people was formed ever after according to a truer standard than the dress they were, and that Susan and I became intimate

WILLIE AND THE ANGEL.

"Mamma," said Willie, one morning, "I saw an angel last night." "It must have been a dream," replied his

heard sweet music, and I looked and saw other angels, and they were pointing to a beautiful gate. It shone so bright that it almost dazzled my eyes to look at it. Then I asked the angel to open the gate for me, and he said, 'No, Willie, not now, but I will come again, some time, and take you with me inside of that golden gate where Jesus is.' Then, mamma, I lay awake a long time, thinking when he would come for

Time passed away. Day by day his cheeks crew paler, and the physician could not restore bealth and strength to his little frame.

He is asleep. Suddenly he wakes up and says, Mamma, the angel is coming for me!" and when he sees a tear in his mother's eye, he ex-"Oh, don't cry, for I am going up to

Do you want to go away and leave your and mamma alone!" said his mother.

A," said Willie, "I will ask the angel to back and get you and papa, and then I will ask little Willie in heaven just as well as The angel is coming—kiss me, papa od bye!" and the spirit of little with the angel to that heaven where happiness for ever and ever.

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