#### THE LITTLE PEOPLE.

A dreary place would be this earth Where there no little people in it; The song of life would lose its mirth, Were there no children to begin it.

No little forms like buds to grow, And make the admiring heart surrender; No little hands on breast and brow, To keep the thrilling love cords tender.

No babe within our arms to leap, No little feet toward slumber tending; No little knee in prayer to bend, Our lips the sweet words lending.

What would the ladies do for work, Were there no pants nor jackets tearing? No tiny dresses to embroider? Nor cradle for their watchful caring?

No rosy boys at wintry morn, With satchel to the school-house hasting; No merry shouts as home they rush; No precious morsel for their tasting ;

Tall, grave, grown people at the door, Tall, grave, grown people at the table; The men on business all intent, The dames lugubrious as they're able;

The sterner souls would get more stern, Unfeeling natures more inhuman, And man to stoic coldness turn, And woman would be less than woman.

For in that clime toward which we reach: Through Time's mysterious, dim unfolding, The little ones with cherub smile Are still our father's face beholding.\*

So said His voice in whom we trust, When in Judea's realm a preacher, He made a child confront the proud, And be in simple guise their teacher.

Life's song, indeed, would lose its charms, Were there no babies to begin it; A doleful place this world would be, Were there no little people in it.

\* "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."-Matt. xviii. 10.

#### ASHAMED OF HER FATHER.

Little Sallie was the daughter of an honest blacksmith, and was a very frank, warmhearted child. A new house had been erected on a hill near, by a fine gentleman from the city; and Sallie was quite delighted to see in his carriage, drawn by two bay horses, a sweet little girl about her own age. Once when she was in the shop, they stopped to say something to Giles about shoeing the horses, and Sallie smiled at Lucy, who on return threw her a great red apple. She caught it so nicely that they both laughed heartily and became friends; for little children have none of that mean pride which we sometimes see among older people, till they are taught it.

One day, when Sallie was dressed very neatly. she asked leave to take a walk, and bent her steps towards the mansion on the hill. She did not know to go around the road, so she climbed over fence and wall till she reached the grounds. There, to her delight, she saw Lucy on a little grey pony which the coachman was leading carefully by the bridle. She drove up to the walk, and asked in a kind voice:

"Have you berries to sell, little girl?" Sallie laughed and said, "No, I'm Sallie: don't you remember me? I came to play with you a little while. May that man open the iron gate for me? It is very heavy."

"I should like to play with you, and to let you ride on my pony," replied pleasant Lucy, "but I know mamma would not allow me to play with

"Why not," asked Sallie, in wonder. "I never say naughty words, and I'm all dressed clean this afternoon.

"O," said Lucy, "it is because your father works with shirt sleeves rolled up and has a smutty face and hands."

"Oh, the smut washes off!" replied the innocent child. "He is always clean in the evenings; and when he has his Sunday clothes on, he is the handsomest man in the world? Mother is pretty all the time."

"O. but—mamma would not let you in I know, because your father shoes the horses," added

"That is no harm, is it? Don't your father want his horses shoed?" asked the wondering

"We're not poor; we're very rich, replied Sallie. Father owns the house and shop: and we've got a cow and a calf, and twenty chickens, and the darlingest baby boy in the world!"

But after all this argument, little Lucy shook her head sadly and said, "I would not dare to ask you in: but I will give you some flowers." So Sallie went back over fence and wall, wonder-

ing much at what had passed. Then, for the first time in her life, she wished that her father would wear his Sunday clothes all the week, just as the minister and the doctor and Lucy's father did. She felt almost ashamed of him-so noble and kind and good-as she entered the shop to wait for him. She stood by the forge trying to enjoy the sight of the sparks as they danced and fought each other after each stroke of the hammer. But her thoughts were so troubled that she could not see them, nor the beautiful pictures which she always found in the blazing firemountains, castles, churches, angels, all were gone. and there was nothing left in the black shop but a coal fire, hot sparks, and a smutty man? Tears came into Sallie's eyes, but she crowded them back because she could not tell why she shed

The fire was out; the blacksmith pulled off his apron, laid aside his hammer, and took the soft hand of Sallie in his own hard and smutty one. For the first time in her life she withdrew it to see if the black came off. Just then the cars came in, creaking and whizzing; and to her joy she saw Lucy on the platform waiting for her father. The conductor helped him from the steps, and he called out to Lucy, "Take my hand, child;" but she put both hands up to her face to hide it, and sprang back into the carriage alone; while the coachman, with a blushing face, almost lifted the fine dressed gentleman into his.

O, what a sad sight! He had been drinking wine till his reason was gone, and he could not walk; so his own sweet child was ashamed of

Then Sallie grasped the hard hand of Giles, not caring now whether the smut rubbed off or not and told him all that was in her heart.

"O, father," she cried, "I was so wicked that I was just beginning to be ashamed of you because your face was black, and you did not dress up like a gentleman all the time? I am so glad you are a blacksmith instead of a drunken man, Poor, poor little Lucy! She is ashamed of her father, although he has on a fine coat and has gold buttons in his shirt."—Child at Home.

THE KITTEN BROUGHT UP IN A CHRIS-TIAN FAMILY.

a little girl, and in those days l lived in a far country with my dear parents. One day, as I was by my mother learning to read, Miss T—— came in. Mother was always glad to see her. She seemed ever to have some good example to give, or some profitable thing to say. After talking of various things, Miss T— suddenly asked mother if she knew of any one in the neighborhood who could let her have a kitten; "but," she added, "it must be one brought up in a Christian family. I would have no

Mother let fall her work and looked up. looked at mother then at Miss T-, I was beginning to think that she was not a good woman at all, for we had been accustomed from our earliest years to speak of holy things with reverence, and the slightest approach to ridicule in connection with religion was to us most shocking. My dear mother had been quite startled, and with a grave and somewhat sad countenance she begged her friend to explain herself. Miss Twas quite serious too. "I mean this," she said, "that in a Christian family little ones are taught to be kind and considerate, to regard the welfare of others, of their fellow-beings, and also of animals; so that any poor dumb brute living among such children is well treated, and if so, its nature will be gentler and more docile than where they are roughly handled, hardly fed, teased, and spoken to as if they had no feeling. I have always noticed, for instance," continued Miss T-, "that of all the dogs you have had. my friend, not one has even growled at me, or has ever showed any ugliness of temper."

It was long ago that I heard this, dear children; but though other scenes of my childhood have passed from my memory, this has not; and I wish to say to you all, be kind to your little dog, to the cat, and the birdie that sings in the pretty cage at the window. If you love them, they will show your kindness in their disposition, and thank you for it as well as they possibly can.-Child's Paper.

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