

Our Little Ones.

Up in a Tree.
BY CLARA DOLLIVER.
Little brown lady,
Up in a tree,
Smoothing her feathers,
Looking at me;
Up in the morning,
First peep of day,
Getting her breakfast,
Working away;
Stops by the window,
Shaking her head,
Calling me lazy,
Lying in bed.
Little brown husband,
Up in a tree,
Singing the sweetest,
Ever could be;
Sings of the morning,
Everywhere;
Sings of the evening,
Everywhere;
Very fine dandy,
Golden and red,
Never got handsome,
Lying in bed.
Four little children
Up in a tree,
Yelling and piping;
Never did see,
Babies so wide open,
All eyes and nose,
Come, little mother,
They must be fed,
Scold me no longer,
Lying in bed.
Little brown lady,
Would I were there,
Housework and household
Up in a tree!
Little brown husband,
Would I were there,
Nevermore worried
Up in a tree!
But, O, brown babies,
You must be fed—
Think I'd rather be
Lying in bed!
May Wee Wee.

A Word Fitly Spoken.

BY MINNIE JENKINS.
A wonderful deal of good often comes from what Solomon calls "a word fitly spoken." The Hebrew for "fitly spoken" here means "set on wheels." All our words are set on wheels. If they are good words, if they are words of good, if they are words of wisdom, they go wheeling on for ever. Remember this: One day a boy was tormenting a kitten. His little sister, with her eyes full of tears, said to him, "O, Philip, don't do that; it is God's kitten."
That word of the little girl was not lost. It was set on wheels. Philip left off tormenting the kitten, but he could not help thinking about what his sister said.
"God's kitten," said the creature—for he made it," he said to himself; "I never thought of that before."
The next day, on his way to school, he met one of his companions beating unmercifully a poor half-starved looking dog. Philip ran up to him, and before he knew it was, using his sister's words, saying, "Don't do that, Ned; it is God's creature."
The boy looked ashamed and tried to excuse himself by saying the dog had stolen his dinner.
"Never mind," said Philip, "you shall have half of mine."
So they went on their way to school together, and soon forgot all about the dog.
But Philip's words had been set on wheels again, and much good was to follow from them.
Two persons were passing just as Philip spoke, and they heard his words. One was a young man in prosperous business in a neighboring town; the other was a ragged, dirty, miserable looking creature. He had got into the habit of drinking, and, in consequence of this, had just been dismissed by his employer, and was going home feeling very unhappy and despairing.
"God's creatures," said the poor fellow, and it seemed a new idea to him, too. "If that dog is God's creature, then I'm God's creature, too, and He will help me if no one else will."
Just then he came to a tavern where he had been in the habit of wasting his money, and then going home to abuse his family. He stopped a moment—the temptation was very strong to go in, but the new thought was stronger. "No, I'm God's creature," he said to himself, "I'll go in there no more." And he went on toward home.
His wife was astonished to see him come home sober, and still more when he burst into tears, saying that he was a ruined man, and was determined to give up drinking, and try, by God's help, to be a better man.
Just then a knock was heard at the door. It was the gentleman of whom we have just spoken. He had heard Philip's words, too. They were words on wheels to him. They were rolling after him. He could not get away from them.
"This is one of God's creatures, too," he said to himself, as he looked at the ragged man who was walking before him. "He looks as if he needed help," he went on to say, "and perhaps I can give it him." This led him to follow the poor man to his home. He offered him work. This was thankfully received, and faithfully done. The poor fellow kept his good resolution. He was never found in the tavern again, but became a sober, industrious, useful, happy man. And the simple words which that little girl set on wheels when she spoke to her brother were the means of doing all this good.

The Little Wren.

The following is the story of a little wren in connection with the Battle of the Boyne, which was fought in Ireland many years ago. It was in the month of July a hot summer's day. Just before the battle the sentinels of King William's army felt unconquered tired and sleepy, and very much inclined to take a nap, notwithstanding the

near neighborhood of the enemy. Of course, if grown soldiers fell asleep, a little drummer boy could not be expected to keep awake. While he slept, his companions nudged some crumbs on his drum head, and straightway hopped up on it to pick them up. The noise of her little feet and beak tapping on the parchment woke the lad, who spied the enemy advancing, and immediately gave the alarm. But for this little bird the sleepers might have been surprised and killed. As it was, the skill of William won him the victory, and James fled beaten from the field.

The King and the Farmer.

King Frederick of Prussia when he was out riding one day, saw an old farmer, who was plowing a field and singing cheerfully over his work.
"You must be well off, old man," cried the king. "Does this acre belong to you on which you so industriously labor?"
"No, sir," replied the old man, who, of course, had no idea he was speaking to the king; "I am not so rich as that. I plough for wages."
"How much do you earn a day?" asked the king.
"Eight groschen," returned the man. That would be about twenty cents of our money.
"That is very little," said the king. "Can you get along with it?"
"Get along! Yes, indeed, and have something left," answered the farmer, smiling.
"I will tell you," said the king, "I will tell you. Two groschen are for myself and my wife; with two I pay my old debts, two I lend, and two I give away for the Lord's sake."
"This is a mystery which I cannot solve," said the king.
"Then I must solve it for you," replied the farmer. I have two old parents at home, who kept me and cared for me when I was young and weak and needed care. Now that they are old and weak, I am glad to keep and care for them. That is my debt, and it costs me two groschen a day to pay it. Two more I spend on my children's schooling. If they are living when their mother and I are old, they will keep us and pay back what I lend. Then with my last two groschen I support my two sick sisters, who cannot work for themselves. Of course I am not content to give them the money; but I do it for the Lord's sake."
"Well, old man," cried the king, as he finished, "I am going to give you something to guess. Have you ever seen me before?"
"In less than five minutes you shall see me fifty times, and carry in your pocket fifty of my likenesses."
"This is indeed a riddle which I cannot solve," said the farmer.
"Then I will solve it for you," returned the king; and with that he put his hand into his pocket, and pulling out fifty gold pieces, placed them in the hand of the farmer.
"The coin is genuine," said the king, "for it also comes from our Lord God, and I am His paymaster. I bid you good-by."
And he rode off, leaving the good old man overwhelmed with surprise and delight.

What the Microscope Reveals.

Mould is a forest of beautiful trees, with the branches, leaves and fruit.
Butterflies are fully feathered. Hairs are hollow tubes. The surface of our bodies is covered with scales like a fish. A single grain of sand would cover one hundred and fifty of these scales, and yet a single scale covers five hundred pores. Through these narrow openings perspiration forces itself like water through a sieve. Every drop of stagnant water contains a world of living creatures, swimming with as much liberty as whales in the sea.
Each leaf has a colony of insects grazing on it like cows in a meadow.
"Perhaps I may find out that there is a hell, though I think we have hell enough on earth without manufacturing one hereafter. At any rate, if there is a hell, it is a comfort to know that there will be no more winter there," were the last words of a disgraced New Yorker who committed suicide the other day.
Murder is cheap in California. Drayman Kearney electrified an assemblage of workmen in San Francisco by announcing that a fellow with a patent medicine had offered to take the lives of twenty men—heathen Chinese lepers and thin white bell-bellied allies—for the small sum of five dollars. Twenty corpses at five dollars is at the rate of twenty-five cents a head.
The total amount of opium imported into the United States for 1877 was 2,589,924,383 grains. Deducting one fifth for medical uses, there remain for opium eaters 6,125,383 grains daily. If thirty grains are taken for a dose there are in the United States 200,000 opium eaters.
"The young wife leaned her head upon her husband's shoulder, and, assailing him with the sweetest of her eyes, gently murmured:—
"Augustus, darling, how dull earth would be if I had no sentiment in it." "Ah, then, you have not forgotten, Evangeline, how you used to hang your bustle out of the window for me."

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