

## A Warning to Parents.

Few people seem to properly estimate the great wrong of frightening children. Nearly every household has its *ugly old man* or its *great old bear*. This terrible old man and this great old bear are powerful factors in nursery discipline. "Come along here now," a mother or nurse will say to a child, "and let me put you to bed." "I don't want to go now," the child replies. "You'd better come on here now, or I'll tell that ugly old man to come and take you away. There he comes now." This has the intended effect, and the child, trembling in fear, submits at once and goes to bed, probably to see in imagination all kinds of horrible faces.

The sad death of a little girl, which occurred recently, shows what a strong impression these *boggers* make on the minds of children. The little girl was a beautiful child, and every one at the fashionable boarding house where her parents spent the summer months loved her with that purity of affection which a child so strongly inspires. She would stand at the gate and clasp her little hands in glee when her father came to dinner, and when he would take her on his shoulder, she would shout and call to every one to look how high she was. One day a large shaggy dog came into the yard, and when she ran to him and held a flower to his nose, he growled and turned away. She was terribly frightened, and the black nurse, who stood near, was not slow in making a mental note of the impression the dog had made. Several nights afterward, when bed-time came, the child was unusually wakeful.

"Yer'd better come heah an' git in dis bed," the nurse commanded.

"I don't want to."

"All right, den. I'se gwine out an' call dat ole dog what growled at yer. When he comes an' fin's yer outen de bed, he'll bite yer head off."

The little child grew deathly pale, "Nuthin' would suit dat dog better den ter git a chance at yer. 'Tother night he catch a little girl across de road an' eat her all up."

The child screamed.

"Come on here den, an' I won't let him ketch yer."

The poor little thing obeyed. Her father and mother were at an entertainment and there was no appeal in the negro woman's decision. When morning came the little girl did not awake with her glad "good mornin' papa an' mamma." She had tossed all night and a hot fever had settled upon her. She grew rapidly worse, and the next day the physician declared that there was no hope for her. She became delirious, and struggling would exclaim:

"Dog shan't have mamma's little girl!"

It was a sorrowing circle that surrounded her death-bed. The parents were plunged into a grief which none but the hearts of fathers and mothers can feel.

Her last moments were a series of struggles. How hard the beautiful can die. She wildly threw up her little hands and shrieked:

"Go away, dog!"

A gentle hand wiped the death froth from her lips.

Again she struggled and shrieked: "Dog shan't have—" but she died ere the sentence was finished.

## HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

A beautiful tidy for the back of a large chair is made of a square piece of cloth about ten inches each way; on this is sewed patchwork of plush and velvet in the form of a wide-spread fan. The corners of the block are of black velvet, and on the top, drooping over the fan, is a spray from a moss-rose bush in ribbon embroidery. The edge is finished with lace. This design is pretty for a block in a quilt or sofa pillow.

A pretty way to fix a palm-leaf fan is to paint it. Mix some ultra-marine or Prussian blue with a little silver-white paint, and make it quite thin with boiled linseed oil. Paint the fan on both sides, handle and all, with it. If you choose to decorate it, paint a poppy or some buds and stems on it; tie a blue ribbon around the handle and hang it in a convenient place. If you prefer to make it pink, use crimson or madder lake and white in the same way.

Pretty blocks for a crazy quilt have different shapes and styles of fans on them. These blocks, and in fact all those used in the quilt, gain in effect by having a framework of black velvet ribbon. This can be brightened as much as you please by the use of embroidery silks. Brocade silk can be made more effective, if of one color, by having the figures outlined with nice silks.

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