A True Story.

One cold day in Winter a lad stood at the outer door of a cottage on a bleak moor in Scotland. The snow had been falling very fast and the poor boy looked very cold and hungry.

"May'n't I stay, ma'am?" said he to the woman who had opened the door. "I'll work, cut wood, go for water, and do all your errands."

"You may come in, at any rate, until my husband comes home," the woman said. "There, sit by the fire; you look perishing with cold;" and she drew a chair up to the warmest corner, then suspiciously glanced at the boy from the corner of her eyes, she continued setting the table for supper.

Presently came the tramp of heavy boots, and the door was swung open with a quick jerk, and the husband entered, weari-d with the day's work.

A look of intelligence passed between his wife and himself. He looked at the boy, but it did not seem very well pleased; he nevertheless made him come to the table, and was glad to see how heartily he ate his supper.

Day after day passed, and yet the boy begged to be kept "until to-morrow;" so the good couple, after due consideration, concluded that as long as he was such a good boy, and worked so willingly, they would keep him.

One day, in the middle of winter, a peddlar, who often traded at the cottage, called, and after disposing of several of his goods, was preparing to go, when he said to the woman:

"You have a boy out there splitting wood, I see," pointing to the yard.

"Yes; do you know him?"

"I have seen him," replied the pedlar.

"Where? Who is he? What is he?

"A jail bird;" and then the pedlar swung his pack over his shoulder. That boy, young as he looks, I saw in court myself, and heard him sentenced—'Ten months.' You'd do well to look carefully after him.

Oh! there was something so dreadful in the word "jail." The poor woman trembled as she laid away the things she had bought of the pedlar, nor could she be easy till she had called the boy in, and assured him that she knew that dark part of his history.

Ashamed and distressed, the boy hung his head. His cheeks seemed bursting with the hot blood, and his lip quivered.

"Tell me," said the woman, "how came you to go, so young, to that dreadful place? Where is your mother?"

"Oh!" exclaimed the boy, with a burst of grief that was terrible to behold,—"oh! I had'nt no mother! I had'nt no mother ever since I was a baby! If I'd only had a mother," he continued, while tears gushed from his eyes, "I would'nt have been bound out, and kicked and cuffed, and got horse-whipped. I would'nt have been saucy and got knocked down, and ran away, and then stole because I was hungry. Oh! I! I'd only had a mother!"

The strength was all gone from the poor boy, and he sunk on his knees, sobbing great choking sobs, and rubbing the hot tears away with the sleeve of his jacket.

The woman was a mother; and though all her children slept under the cold sod in the churchyard, she was a mother still. She put her hand kindly on the head of the boy, and told him to look up, and said from that time he should find in her a mother. Yes, even put her arms around the neck of that forsaken, deserted child. She poured from her mother's heart sweet, kind words, of counsel and tenderness. Oh! how sweet was her sleep that night—how soft her pillow! She had plucked some thorns from the path of a little sinning but striving mortal.

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