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MY LITTLE GENTLEMAN.

BY L. M. ALCOTT.

No one would have thought of call ing him so, this ragged, barefooted, frecklefaced Jack, who spent his days carrying market baskets for the butchers, or cleaning clothes for Mrs. Quinn, selling chips or grubbing in the ashheaps for cinders. But he was honest-ly earning his living, doing his duty ly earning his living, doing his duty as well as he knew how, and serving those poorer and more helpless than himself, and that is being a gentleman in the best sense of the fine word. He has no home but Mrs. Quinn's garret—and for this he paid by carrying the bundles and getting the cinders for her fire. Food and clothing he picked up as he could; and his only friend was little Nanny. Her mother had been kind to him when the death of his father left him alone in this world: father left him alone in this world ; and when she, too, passed away, the boy tried to show his gratitude by comforting the little girl, who thought there was no one in the world like her

Old Mrs. Quinn took care of her, waiting until she was strong enough to work for bimself; but Nanny had been sick, and sat about, a pale, little shadow of her former self, with a white film slowly coming over her pretty blue eyes. This was Jack's great trouble, and he couldn't whistle it away as he did his own worries; for he was a cheery lad, and when the baskets were heavy, the way long, and the weatner bitter cold, his poor clothes in rags, or his stomach empty, he just whistled, and somehow things seemed to get right. But the day he carried Nanny the first dandelions, and she felt for them instead of looking at the n,as she said, with such pathetie patience, in her little face, "I don't see them but I know they are pretty, and I like 'em lots," Jack felt as if the blithe spring sunshine was all spoiled, and when he tried to cheer himself up with a good whistle, his lips trembled so they wouldn't pucker.

"The poor dear's eyes could be cured, I ain't a doubt; but it would take a sight of money, and who's agoing to pay it?" said Mrs. Quinn, scrubbing

away at her tub. "How much money?" asked Jack. "A hundred dollars, I dare say. Dr. Wilkinson's cook told me once that he done something to a lady's eyes, and asked a thousand dollars for

Jack sighed a long, hopeless sigh, and went away to fill the water pans, but he remembered the Doctor's name, and began to wonder how many years it would take to earn a hundred dollars.

Nanny was very patient; but, by and by, Mrs. Quinn began to talk of sending her to some alms-house, for ly the poor darkened eyes turned to something to both eyes, with a skillful she was too poor to be burdened with the light they longed to see again. the helpless child. The fear of this nearly crushed Jack's heart; and he but he didn't find the owner; so the all gone, and answered with a little went about with such an anxious face hard load to carry just then; for the happened and as they sat counting Only a freekled, round face, with thought of his little friend, doomed to the dingy bills, Mrs. Quinn said to wet eyes and tightly set hips; but to than once, and gave him the first fierce, bitter feeling against those bet-ter off than he. When he carried nice dinners to the great houses and saw the plenty that prevailed there, he couldn't help feeling that it wasn't fair for some to have so much, and others so little. When he saw pretty children playing in the dark, or driving with their mothers, so gay, so well cared for, so tenderly loved, the boy's Nanny, with no friend in the world to help her.

When he one day mustered courage to ring the dector's bell, begging to see him a minute, and the servant answered gruffly, as he shut the dor, "Go along! he can't be bothered with ticing to his wide-awake young mind the like of you!" Jack clinched his than clothes and food to his poor lit hands hard as he went down the steps, how, and make him let me in!

He did get it, and in a most unexpected way; but he never forgot the desperate feeling that came to him that day, and all his life long he was very tender to people who were tempted in their time of trouble, and yielded as he was saved from doing, by what seemed an accident.

Some days after his attempt at the doctor's, as he was grubbing in a newly deposited ash-heap, with the bitter feeling very bad, and the trouble very heavy, he found a dirty old pecket-book, and put it in his bosom without stopping to examine it, for many boys and girls were scratching, like a brood of chickens, all around him, and the pickings were unusually good, so no time must be lost.

casionally found their way into the the mute appeal, ash barrels; while bottles, old shoes, "The doctor's over, sat down to rest and clear the gloves. dirt off his face with an old silk duster can do it!"

I don't think a basket of cinders Tell me where you live, and I'll at-I don't think a basket of cinders did Mrs. Quinn's that day; for Jack tore home at a great pace, and burst-

It is no wonder Mrs. Quinn thought he had lost wits, for he looked like a "If it isn't I'll work for the rest, if wild boy, with his face all streaked you'll trust me. Please save Nanny's then showered the money in Nanny's choky in his earnestness. the doctor stopped smiling, and held out his hand in a grave, respectful way, as he said, "I'll trust you, my boy. We'll cure Nanny first, and you him, and he ought to advertise the same.

The doctor stopped smiling, and held out his hand in a grave, respectful way, as he said, "I'll trust you, my boy. We'll cure Nanny first, and you and I will settle the bill afterward."

Jack was pleased with a choke. When the doctor stopped smiling, and held out his hand in a grave, respectful way, as he said, "I'll trust you, my boy. We'll cure Nanny first, and you have a same.

"But I want it for Nanny!" cried rels emptied in that heap, and no one can tell where they come from !',

"It's very likely you wou't find the owner, and you can do as you please, but its honest to try, I'm thinking, for some poor girl may having lost her earnings in that way, and we would-n't like that ourselves," said Mrs. its owner.

Nanny looked very sober, and Jack Mrs. Quinn consult their policeman as ed her softly before he touched her to what they should do. He was a eyes. kindly man, and when he heard the and if he could not find the owner,

How hard it was to wait, how Jack thought and dreamed of his money, day and night! How Nanny ran to him the door te listen when a heavy step came up the stairs! And how wistful-

things, let alone the books you hanker the little friend who loved her best. after so much. It ain't likely you'li ever find another wallet. Its all luck and when she saw the next dandelions never have again.

eyes would fill to think of poor little to him that it seemed as if it could but himself and he was so powerless clothes; his hearty boy's appetite did splendid it would be to go and buy the books he had wanted so longthe books that would give him a taste of the knowledge that was more enthe body. It wasn't an easy thing to and said to himself, with a most un-ldo, but he was so used to making boyish tone, "I'll get the money some | small sacrifices that the great one was less hard; and when he had brooded over the money a few minutes in tle face in the trundle bed, and he became his errand boy, serving him said with a determined nod, give Nanny the chance, and work for my things, or go without them.

Mrs. Quinn was a matter-of-fact

body , but her hard old face softened good night almost as gently at if she had been his mother.

Next day Jack presented himself at Dr. Wilkinson's door, with the made his round of visits; for while he money in one haud and Nauny in the other saying boldly to the gruff seryart, "I want to see the doctor, I can pay, so you had better let me in."

"The doctor's going out : but may rage and paper were articles of traffic among them. Jack got a good basket with that be led them into a room ful that day, and when the burry was where stood a man putting on his

Jack was a modest boy; but he was which he had picked out of the rub-hish, thinking Mrs. Quinn might wash it up for a handkerchief. But he didu't wipe his dirty face that day, for, with well, too, I fancy, for the doctor listthe rag out tumbled a pocketbook; enel attentively, his eyes going from and on opening it he saw money. Yes a roll of bills, with two figures on all pale patient one beside him, as if the of them, three tens and one twenty, two little figures, shabby though they It took his breath away for a minute; were, illustrated the story better than then he bugged the old book tight in the finest artist could have done. both hands, and rocked to and fro all When Jack ended, the doctor-sat Nanin a heap among the oyster shells and ny on his knee, and after examining old, rusty tin kettles, saying to him- the film a minute stroked ther pretty self with tears running down his hair, and said so kindly that she cheeks, "O Nanny! O Nanny! now I nestled her little hand confidingly in his, "I think I can belp you, my dear. something was done.

Jack told him, adding with a manly ing into the room waving the old dust-er and shouting, "Hooray! I've got it! I've got it!" "Quite enough," said the doctor,

with a droll smile.

with tears and ashes, as he danced a eyes and I'll do anything to pay you! double shuffle till he was breathless, cried Jack, getting red in the face and

gentlemanly way of doing things, and he showed his satifaction by smiling Jack, "and how can I find who owns all over his face, and giving the big, it, when there are ever so many bar white hand a hearty shake with both his rough ones. The doctor was a busy man; but be

detained them sometime, for there was no children in the fine house, and it seemed pleasant to have a little girl on his knee and a bright boy to stand beside his chair; and when at last they both went away they looked as if Quiun, turning ever the pecket-book he had given them some magic mediand carefully searching for a clue to cine, which made them forget every trouble they had ever known.

Nanny looked very sober, and Jack grabbed up the money as if it was to give Nanny her chance. She had no precious to lose. But he wasn't com- doubt and very little fear, but looked fortable about it, and after a hard up at him so confidingly when all was fight with himself he consented to let ready, that he stooped down and kiss-

"Let Jack hold my hands; then I'll story, said he'd do what was right, be still, and not mind if it hurts me, she said. So Jack, place with aux-Jack could have the fifty dollars back. lety, sat down before her, and held the little hands steadily in his, all through the minutes that seemed so long to

"What do you see, my child?" inquired the doctor, when he had done

went about with such an auxious face that it was a mercy Nanny did not see that it was a mercy Nanny did not see I Jack could keep it with clear con heard it, "Jack's face! I see it! oh, it. He was only twelve, but he had a ceience. Nanny was asleep when it I see it!"

lifelong blindness for want of little the bey, "Jack, you had better keep Nanny it was as beautiful as the face money, tempted him to steal more this for your self, I doubt if its enough of an angel; and when she was laid to do the child any good, and you with bandaged eyes to rest, it haunted need clothes and shoes, and a heap of all her dreams, for it was the face of

Nanny's chance was not a failure; about Nanny's eyes; and may be you he brought her, all the sunshine came are throwing away a chance you'll back into the world beighter than ever for Jack. Well might it seem so; for Jack leaned his head on his arm, his firty dollars brought him many and started at the money all spread things that money seldom buys. The out there, and it looked so magnificent doctor wouldn't take it at first, but when Jack said, in a manful tone the buy him half the world. He did need doctor liked, aithough it made him smile, "It was a bargain, sir. I wish long for better food; and, oh! how to pay my debts; and I shaut feel bappy it Nanay don't have it all for her eyes. Please do! I'd rather"then he accepted it; and Nanny did have it, not only for her eyes, but in ciothes, and food, and care, many times over; for it was invested in a bank that pays good interest on every mite so given.

Jack discovered that fifty dollars was far less than most people would have had to pay, and begged earnestly thoughtful silence, his eyes went from to be allowed to work for the rest, the precious bits of paper to the dear lit. The doctor agreed to this, and Jack "I'll with a willingness that made a pleasure of duty; soon finding that many comforts quietly got into his life; that much help was given without words; and that the days of hunger and rags, when he said that, and she kissed him heavy burdens and dusty ash-heaps were gone by forever.

The happiest hours of his days were spent in the doctor's chaise, when he waited, the boy studied or read, and while they drove hither and thither the doctor conversed with him, finding an eager mind as well as a tender I am afraid cross Thomas would heart and a brave spirit under the "Finding is having," was one of the laws of the ash heap hunters; and no one thought of disputing another's blind girl, who looked up at him so right to the spoons and knives that or law and loyalty to those he laws after the spoons and knives that or law and loyalty to those he law and loyalty to those law and loyalty to those he law and loyalty to those law and loyalty

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Calling a boy up in the morning can hardly be classed under the head

of "pastimes," especially if the boy is fond of exercise the day before. And it is a little singular that the next to the hardest thing to getting him into it. There is rarely a mother who is a success at rousing a boy. All mothers know this; so do their boys. And yet the mother seems to go at it in the right way. She opens the door and insinuatingly observes; "Johnny." There is no response. "Johnny." Still no response. Then there is a short, sharp "John," followed by a prolonged and emphatic "John," Henry," a moment later. A grunt from the upper regions signifies that an impression has been made, and the mother is thus encouraged to add, "You'd better be getting down here to breakfast young man, before I go up there and give you something you will feel." This so startles him that he immediately goes to sleep again. And the operation has to be repeated several times. A father knows nothing about this trouble. He merely opens his mouth as a soda bottle ejects ts cork, and the "John Henry" that cleaves the air of that stairway goes into the boy like electricity, and pierces the deepest recesses of his very nature. And he hops out of that bed, into his clothes, and dawn stairs, with a promptness that is com-mendable. It is rarely a boy allows himself to disregard the paternal summons. About once a year is con-sistent with the rules of health. He saves his father a great many steps by his thoughtfulness.—Danbury News.

A story is told of a Freuch gentle-man, who having lost the bulk of his property though the rascalities of friends in whom he trusted, crowned it all by the loss of his mental balance, and for the remainder of his days found his only delight in riding in omoibuses and passing fares from passengers to the driver, taking care when change was returned to add to it a sou or two from his own pocket and watch the effect of the receiver. In nine cases out of ten, as the story goes, the passenger, counting over his change and finding as he supposed that the driver had cheated himself, would look bewildered for a moment and then pocket the change with a chuckle. The special delight of the lunatic was in satisfying himself in this way that nine-tenths of his fellow men were dishonest if they only had the opportunity.

The Bangor Whig and Courier says that a nervous man in the sleeping-car on the night train from St. John, a few nights since, was awake when the train stopped at a station, and he heard the conductor call out "Jackson Brook." Jumping from his berth he seized a companion in the berth above into the middle of the car, and strove to rush him to the door shouting at the same time: "The axle's broke! The axle's broke! We're all going to destruction !" It was some time before he was calmed down enough to understand that he had misunderstood the conductor.

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It does not pay to be a faithful dog at Rochester, N. H. A man lately left his newfoundland dog to guard his sleigh; a boy attempted to get in, whereupon the energetic caulus borrowed half a pound of flesh from his leg, only to be given up to the friends of the boy and shot.

A Georgia negro who had his skull split open by a spade last spring, fell lately from a high scaffolding and a crowd gathered around him to see him die; but he on!y smiled, borrowed a chew of tobacco from the coroner and passed over on the other side.