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A LITTLE TALE-BEARER.

A little bird came flying round me... I was very much surprised...

HAL OWEN'S DREAM.

BY TOBE HODGE.

It was the morn'g that he did it. Hal was certain about that. He did not feel when he ate the last piece...

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SOME WONDERFUL THINGS.

"Martin," said a wise grammar-school boy to his little brother of six...

"Nothing," said Martin. "You've got a whole telegraph stowed away in your body, with wires running down to your feet..."

"I haven't," said Martin, looking at his feet and hands.

"You have, though, and that isn't all. There's a big force pump in the middle of you, pumping and pumping three times a minute all day long..."

"But there is, though, and besides all these things, a tree is growing in you with over two hundred branches..."

"That isn't so at all," persisted the little boy, about ready to cry. "I can feel myself all over, and there's no tree, or pump, or anything else, except flesh and blood..."

"Oh! that isn't flesh and blood; that's most of it water. This is what you are made of—a few gallons of water a little bit of earth, and that's all..."

"Tears stood in Martin's eyes, but the grammar-school boy went on: "And the worst part of it is that there are as many billion little worms and things working in you all the time. They are called—but where is Martin?"

"The poor little fellow had run away, and was seen no more..."

"I was only teasing him, mother, and he's getting up on his feet about the body that he's got with him this afternoon. I didn't think it would worry him so..."

The beginning of all wisdom is to know one's sin.

Note well a house that is prosperous among men, and you will find virtue prevailing among its inmates...

Do not allow your daughter to be taught letters by a man, though he be a St. Paul or St. Francis of Assisi. The saints are in heaven.—Bishop Sigouri.

Only so far as a man is happily married to himself, he fits for marriage. Life, and family life generally.—Novels.

CHRISTIANITY is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts—the cradle of its infancy and the divine source of its claims.

That which is good to be done or not to be done too soon, and if it is neglected to be done early it will frequently happen that it will not be done at all.

COURAGE.

Though the day be dark and dreary, Thee the storm and rough the way! Thy feet be worn and weary, Thy heart be sad and gray!

Though the flowers pale and dying, Though the winds be howling high, And the wild clouds, madly flying, Fail not to cheer thy lonely eye, Faith not to waver, still abide ye, True and courage, still abide ye, For the sun will shine again.

Hope in the dark world of ours, Pointing to the building towers, Like an angel of good assailing, And the clouds of grief and fear, Sweep like sky-high lightning falling, Like the rain, with blinding tears, Still in courage, still abide ye, Love shall conquer dark and pain; Faith shall conquer all that's vain; For the sun will shine again.

It is only me, Master Hal, only me and Mia and Mison (phit phit Tom, don't pull my tail; I'm going to speak of you in a minute) and my brothers, and the meek little pussy.

"Mia, Mison and me like to play very much, but we are not quite hard enough yet to squeeze, and we do not like to be dropped over the banisters; we have four feet to light on, and that makes it hurt us just twice as much as it would you, who have only two."

"Our good mother picks us up by the back of the neck to carry us about, until we get our teeth, and you don't do that. You choked me to-day until my throat is quite sore (phit! Tom) and Tom's is too."

"And please, sir, our tails were neither made for handles nor corsets for bottles. I am sure of that. Just what they were made for I do not know—neither does mamma. Tom says 'play-of-it' some time run. Just then he was not a little scared at seeing a very pretty snake, with yellow stripes on its side, wiggle over the bed as though its back was broken."

"Some of the bright scales were disarranged, and an ugly bruise showed plainly under them. It raised its head with difficulty to look at him, with bright but painful eyes. As it came, its delicate forked tongue, after the manner of all snakes, it lapped somewhat."

"I am the little hooth snake that you struck to-day with a stick near the kitchen door. I came to ask you to please lend me a wholebone to platin along my back until it gets well; a thin one, please, that will bend easily, because I cannot move without wiggling, and a stiff one, would be of no more use than a poker."

"An angry theory that you thought it right to try to kill me. The prejudice month persons have against my race is unwarranted. I will admit that a few of my race are very poisonous and will puff-blow blown loudly before he bites. The copper-head keeps silent because he is blind when most vicious. All must not tell of his whereabouts. A man that will run if you touch him with a stick, is not worth that I could not bite if I wanted to—my teeth are too small. I have to get my food by the way of a hole, and do all of you people a great deal of good. I have tried very hard to keep my head and tail clear of the roaches and insects which you do not like."

"The little black snakes, catch field-mice and young moles, and thud help the farmer there with his vegetables and crops. I cannot tell you more of the little ones that you are so afraid of."

"I have, though, and that isn't all. There's a big force pump in the middle of you, pumping and pumping three times a minute all day long, like the great engine I showed you the other day at the locomotive works."

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Elizabeth Howard, a native of Ireland, one of the few English-born Mormon women who occupy positions of any prominence. She is chief secretary of all the relief organizations of the Mormon church an able speaker and most energetic worker. Her husband, William Howard, is a wealthy man a fact which enables Mrs. Howard to gratify her generous impulses to an extent greater than possible to many of her sister members of the church. She is the mother of a large family of children and noted for her cheerful and generous spirit. She is prime mover in all entertainments and periods of enjoyment, and is in consequence a great favorite among the young people of the church.

Emeline B. Wells, is the very able editor of the Woman's Exponent, a paper published in Salt Lake City and devoted to the interests of women. Mrs. Wells was born in Massachusetts of good old Puritan stock and is a little over 60 years of age. In matters relating to the welfare of the church she is noted, having several times attended the suffragist convention held in Washington, D. C., going to the capital as a delegate from the women's association of that city. She has a large family of children who are working to carry on the suffragist doctrines of their mother. Mrs. Wells' strong position on the woman's rights and her long life-long work as an editor makes her position in Utah one of the great prominence and influence.

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BACK-DROP REFLECTIONS.

My landlady's kitchen has a western window, screened outside by a thin, green grape vine, and inside by an ancient lounge, whose deficiencies in the way of upholstery are cloaked by an ample gray shawl, not more impervious to the prying eye than are the masses of chairs, now so moody prevalent. This corner, where one can drop crumbs unobserved behind the barricade of a book or portfolio, is a favorite point of observation on those cool and almost frosty afternoons which visit our mountain altitude even in midsummer. The small time of events runs on undisturbed by my presence; my landlady placidly flours her rolling-pin and bestows on me an occasional seed-cake; Tim, the choroby, combs his blonde locks and natively ogles his master in the little crackle-glass, and even the cat curls herself up for her usual nap on the fuzzy cushion that supports my elbow.

HUMOROUS.

Briggs—Wonder what possessed him to drop into the river? Bragg—There was woman at the bottom of it, I believe.—Terro Haute Express.

He—Why should you be so angry as me for stealing just one little kiss? She—Any self-respecting woman would be angry with a man who kissed her just once.—Dramatic Critic.

A ton of Hubinger cheese was recently shipped west from the factory at Madison, Wis., and the manufacturers complain that they are not making a cent.—Stafford Herald.

Mr. Waldo (of Boston)—Will you have some of the cheese, Miss Breezy? Miss Breezy (a guest from Chicago)—Oh, thanks awfully. Mr. Waldo, I believe you may pass me a small hunk.—Epoch.

People who say policemen are never in a decent when a fight is going on slander the force. There was a prize fight once and policemen seemed to manage the show.—New Orleans Picayune.

Doctor—"Ah, yes; I see you have lung trouble." Patient (hopeless consumptive)—"Excuse me, doctor, but it strikes me that it's no lung trouble."—Kearney Enterprise.

One merit of Wagner—"How did you like the Wagner operas, Clara?" "I enjoyed them immensely. The person back of you who always hums an opera gets left when it comes to Wagner."—Chicago Herald.

Fame may be ornamental, but it isn't much use to the man who has to handle seven or eight hundred letters of the twenty-four for his daily bread, with pie never any nearer than the horizon.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A good thing can be carried too far. A Boston man who had been told that he was about to die asked the doctor for his bill, saying that he did not wish to depart from his life-long rule, "Pay as you go."—Rome Sentinel.

In the Black Maria: Tags—"Who did you sit up so long kinder still 'un' unsociable?" Rags, loftily—"Why, I ain't no common bloke, I ain't. Mr. Vaugnderbill had me arrested for beggin'!"—Munsey's Weekly.

A broad hint: Landlord to departing guest—"I trust I may rely upon your recommending my establishment to your friends?" Guest—"I don't happen to have at this moment a mortal enemy in the world!"—Humoristic Blaetter.

"Love is blind." Nonsense! Just pay a little attention to some other woman, and the woman who loves you will see what a lot of your friends are in the gutter. You are a man of the world, aren't you?—Humoristic Blaetter.

Mrs. Mary E. Freeze is a wife of James P. Freeze, and president of the young ladies' Mutual Improvement Association in Salt Lake county, these associations being divided into territorial and county divisions. Mrs. Freeze is an able and intelligent speaker and a strong advocate of her religious faith. As she confines her efforts to the church and the education of the children, she is not as prominent in the affairs of the territory as others.

Mrs. Louie Felt, a wife of Josiah H. Felt, a native of Connecticut, a little over 40 years of age and president of what is called the Primary Association of the church, an organization having for its object the moral and religious training of the little children, who from infancy are bred in the doctrines and beliefs of the Mormon church. Mrs. Felt is a noted temperance advocate and exceedingly popular among the little ones she teaches.

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MAKING THE DIES FOR THE NEW COINS.

So lately it was whispered around Wall Street that Uncle Sam had an agent down in the sweltering district, in Maiden Lane, buying diamonds. It was Mr. H.