

WHEN THE RAIN COMES DOWN ON THE TREES.

What are the sights that the robin sees When the rain comes down on the dark green trees, And on leaf and needle, on branch and bough, The globules trickle, and pause, and roll, When the rain comes down on the trees?

SANDY: A VAGABOND.

BY W. C. HIBBS AND EDWIN TARRISSE. "Say, boss, I hear yer wants er boy. Is dat so?" Mr. Whittington looked up from his desk at the intruder. Before him stood a small boy, ragged, unkempt, with a dilapidated hat in his hand, and a dirty face that was brightened by a pair of sharp gray eyes and a grin.

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Younger burglar, "stop yer gabban' git to work." "All right," replied the boy. His voice was a little stammered now. Turning about again he began to fumble along the wall with one hand, while with the other he pressed firmly against a spot about the height of his chest, standing close against the wall. After about two minutes the men grew impatient again. "Say, boy," exclaimed the big man in a hoarse whisper, "if yer don't open dat hole instanter I'll choke de life out of yer! What's yer game now? Open up there!"

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