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Daddy's Bedtime Story—

How the Monkey Saved the Baby



The Monkey Had the Baby In His Arms

"ONCE upon a time," said Daddy as Evelyn and Jack took their places to hear a story, "there was a family which had for a pet a large monkey. The monkey was given to the family by an uncle, who had brought him from far across the sea. All the people in the family were fond of the monkey, which amused them very much with his tricks. He would climb the door and sit upon the top, making faces, and would not come down unless some one gave him a piece of fruit or some sugar. It was very funny to see him sit on the top of a door and peel a banana and eat it, only it was a bother to have to pick up the banana peel.

"Before the baby came to live with this family the monkey was the greatest pet, but after the baby began to walk and talk not so much attention was paid to the monkey. That made the monkey jealous, and he seemed to know that the baby was the cause. The family was afraid at first that he would try to harm the baby, but he did not. He only kept away from the baby and would not notice it."

"Did the family like the monkey as much as they did the baby, daddy?" asked Evelyn.

"Well, no, child," said daddy, "but they were fond of the monkey, and as long as he did not try to harm the baby they kept him. Well, one summer day all the family was out except the baby and its nurse. The baby was asleep in an upper room of the house, and the nurse was on the lawn sewing. She was busy with her work and did not notice that there was anything wrong with the house. After awhile, however, she smelled smoke and looked up to see that the whole lower part of the house was on fire. She tried to get in and run upstairs to save the baby, but she could not get through the smoke. So she ran out to call for help. She came back in a short time with the baby's father and mother."

"Did they save the baby, daddy?" asked Jack.

"No, but the monkey did. When the baby's parents got back to the house they looked up and saw the monkey at a window with the baby in his arms. He saw the flames or smelled the smoke from upstairs—he was allowed to run around the house—and he had gone into the baby's room and taken it in his arms. Then he went to the window, reached out with one hand and caught hold of the rain pipe that ran from the roof to the ground. He held on with one hand and his feet, just as monkeys always do when climbing, and brought the baby safely to the ground.

"After that the monkey was a greater pet than ever, and he and the baby became great friends."

MARK TWAIN'S DEATHBED.

Pathetic Manner In Which Humorist Tried to Soothe His Daughter.

A pathetic scene at the deathbed of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) was recounted the other day by an old friend.

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"Little girl," he said soothingly, "I

wouldn't take this so hard if I were you. In the first place, dear, you must remember that I am getting to be a very old man.

"And you know," he went on, with a twinkle of the old boyish smile, "I used to smoke twenty-five cigars every day, but they cut me down to four, and at last they wouldn't let me smoke at all.

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