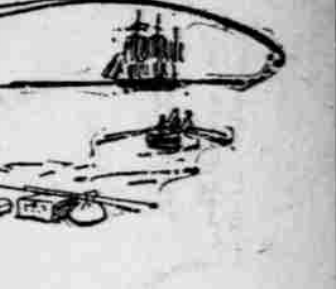
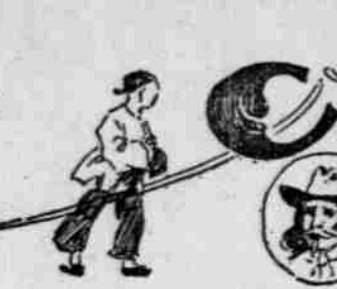


# CHILDREN'S PAGE



### To Baby.

You roll-poly mite, with big blue eyes,  
 And silky tangled curls upon your head,  
 Be very strange to our words and wis,  
 Where one would look for baby talk instead.  
 Indeed, you are quite surprising, through and through,  
 From topknot to your small and sturdy feet;  
 Your changing moods, ever fresh and new,  
 Now proud and haughty, now demurely sweet.  
 A baby queen, sometimes you sit and reign;  
 With graceful smiles a-weep-accepter's sway;  
 Again, with shoulders lifted in disdain,  
 You flap your short white skirts and march away.  
 You're just as many years as this short song  
 Has verses; but those brief years are glad  
 And fleet;  
 Why, many a girl has lived for twice as long  
 Without so many loves at her feet.  
 Yes, when crickets chirp and daylight ends,  
 You leave the social world, and sweet and small,  
 You cling with sleepy kisses to your friends,  
 In baby mood—the dearest, best of all."  
 —Liss Vermon.

### Makes Boats and Toys.

"Well," answered the mother, "Eddy is a faithful little fellow and delights in helping other people, because they help him; so he has learned to whistle out boats and toys for his brothers, with his knife. He especially likes to make boats, and many a full-rigged ship has found its way into a Christmas stocking. Eddy, in some way known only to himself, manages to hold the wood firmly with his paralyzed left hand, while he shapes it in whatever tool he wishes to make with his right hand."  
 Here the two little boys, although they have been told that it is impolite to interrupt, became excited again and with questions as to how Eddy could do anything to amuse two babies, when he had only one useful hand and could not walk.

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### CRIPPLED EDDY JASMINE

#### Bodily Misfortune Has Not Clouded the Sunshine Disposition of a Lovable East Side Lad.

Outside the wind whirled the snow about in blinding gusts and threshed the leafless branches of the trees against the house on the East Side, where two little restless boys, Richmond and Leonard, lived, inside, surrounded by the warmth and comfort of their home, they had played and exhausted every game that their ingenuity could suggest, constantly hoping that the storm would abate, as they intended to have a fine coast down the long hill which appeared so tantalizing to their longing eyes. They were full of health and electric energy, restless and impatient of restraint. Very different, indeed, was their condition from that of a hopelessly crippled little boy, in another part of the East Side, concerning whom this story is narrated.

#### Longing Youngsters.

Richmond and Leonard stood, with noses pressed against the window pane, gazing out where the older boys were having such fun tumbling in the snow. "That's cold, and the snow'll all be gone tomorrow," wailed Richmond, and Leonard echoed his sentiments with a long-drawn sigh of grief.

"I think my little boys are tired and need something to rest them, so I will amuse you both as well as I can until dinner. Now, what shall we do?" said their mamma, as she came into the room and drew up a deep, cozy chair to the blazing fire.

"Oh! tell us a story; tell us a story," shouted both children at once, facing her with eyes that shone through the mist of the recently shed tears.

She sat and studied a few minutes, and when she looked perplexity left her face and she said: "Yes, I will tell you a story, and a true one, about a little boy who lives right here in this city and has not walked for eight years," and the mother looked impressively at her boys.

Now Richmond and Leonard are such active youngsters that they cannot get anything worse than not being able to run about and play all day, so they gave instant attention to what their mamma was going to say.

#### An Awful Good Boy.

Richmond murmured softly, under his breath, "He must be an awful good little boy to like to go to school." Then mamma went on with her story.

"On Saturday," she continued, "Eddy's brother, who has had constant charge of the little cripple since he was only 5 years old, had him in his wagon, accompanied by a shouting crowd of boys, to an English mission school. Eddy is a very religious little fellow, too, and spends nearly the whole of Sunday at services."  
 But his story ended, and both the boys asked, in one breath: "Is that all?"

The mother assented, and then watched, with fond eyes, for a few minutes the graceful movements of her own boys as she breathed a prayer of gratitude that they were possessed of strong, sturdy limbs.

#### Play Fire Engine.

Two young inventors blow themselves up with a coal oil can.

Howard and Tommy Smith were cousins who lived near each other in Valley City. They played together every day, and their mothers said: "What mischief one couldn't think of, the other was sure to remember." They were not bad boys, but fun was the chief end of their existence from their point of view, and they were not too particular as to the ways and means of enjoying themselves.

One day there came to Valley City a brand-new fire engine, all shining with nickel and brass—a sight to set all the small boys wild, especially when the fireman, with the privilege of handling such an engine must be the happiest lot on earth.

Howard and Tommy had not even a toy engine to "make believe" with. But they did not despair of "getting up" something that would steam and whistle.

So they hauled up an empty five-gallon coal-oil can, filled it about two-thirds full

#### Had a Grievance.

Story of a Boy, a String, His Chum and Little Louie.

"Well," said the boy, reflectively, chewing some home-made taffy as he looked into the face of the policeman, "yeh spolt me fishin' trip fer me wen yeh pulled dat 'ere string last night dat was hangin' fr'm me winder. Yeh see, I tol' me fr'end I would let a string hang fr'm me winder so w'en he woke early 'n de mornin' he could kum to me house, pull de string, wake me up an' I would go a fishin' on de ice wid him. Up 'n bed I tied de string to me right hand an' hung de string out er de winder an' went ter sleep. Me litle fr'end, who was a fishin' wid g'od mix'ed w'th de string on me hand an' putty soon he had it curled 'bout 'ree times round his neck."  
 "Well, 'bout how fast four 'n de mornin' me fr'end kim t' me house an' pulled de string, an' soon was chokin' litle Louie. Louie kinder woke up an' kicked me so dat I thot it was a robber an' called fer me maw. W'en maw kim up she saw litle Louie chokin'. Maw den cut de string an' saved litle Louie's life. Den yeh pulled me fr'end who was pullin' de rope, fer a robber, 'cause yeh thot he was robbin' our house. In de mornin' me maw saw de string round me hand an' warned me up fer de day. I'll bet I'll never see 'nother string out de winder. But anyway, yeh policemen is always 'round when yer not wanted."  
 Detroit Free Press.

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