

LITTLE BROWN HANDS.

They drove home the cows from the pasture, up through the fog, the mist, the rain...

They lost the new hay in the meadow. They gather the elder-bloom white. They pick up the beautiful sea-shells...

They gather the delicate sea-weeds. And build tiny castles of sand. They pick up the beautiful sea-shells...

Those who toil bravely are strongest. The humble and poor become great. And so from the brown-handed children...

THE BABY'S PICTURE.

Miss Arethusa Peppard was out of temper. She said she was "mad." But it must have been a mild kind of madness...

So Miss Peppard, who was a dear little sweet-faced, wonderfully bright old lady, living in the nicest and most comfortable manner...

"All the money I had," she said to Peteona—called Ona for short—as she rocked nervously back and forth in her rocking-chair...

"And, oh! my conscience!" Miss Peppard went on (she could invoke her conscience thus lightly, dear old lady, because she had nothing on it)...

her own room to write a letter to her sister Polly, who lived away off in Michigan; and she had just written: "And I can't make a strawberry bed this summer, as I intended, and dear! dear! how I shall miss baby's picture!"

"What does he look like, and where did you leave him?" asked the old lady, laying down her pen, and looking a little alarmed.

"Ona, my dear, I look de do'. An' he's a dirty, ragged feller dat looks jus' like a dirty, ragged feller. Shall I broom him off, Miss Peppard?"

"I'll come right down," said Miss Peppard; and down she went. And there on the porch stood a dirty, ragged, forlorn looking boy of about twelve years of age...

"My conscience!" explained the old lady, and fell into a chair that stood near, while Peteona darted out and seized him, shouting: "Golly! got you wish mighty soon dis time, Miss Peppard. Run for de constable. I'll hold him. Could hold a dozen like him—or two or free."

But my mother. Here's your book." Miss Peppard took it from his hand, opened it, found its contents as he had described them, and then sat full five minutes in deep thought.

"Yes, ma'am," answered the boy, in a voice that already had a ring of hope in it. "Second-hand Bobbys." "Well, go to second-hand Bobbys, buy the clothes—By-the-by, what is your name?"

"An' dar money is soon par!" exclaimed Peteona. "No matter 'bout de dust weed." But the boy fell on his knees before Miss Peppard and sobbed outright.

"Where There Ever Such Fools?" "Yankee" Hill, a famous actor in the first half of the present century, told a story (which Mr. J. B. Matthews retells in his article on "The American on the Stage" in Scribner's for July)...

Depth of Earthquakes. The recent earthquake at Virginia City was not noticed in all the mining camps, but only by people on the surface. Their famous earthquake of some years ago, which shook down chimneys, fire walls, cracked brick buildings, and did other damage, was merely noticed by some of the miners working in the Imperial-Enterprise shaft—900 feet below the surface.

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