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### FREDDIE AND AUNTIE

#### To What Lengths an Inquiring Infant May Go.

To-day I sat in a car seat on the Lake Shore road behind a pale, careworn lady, who was taking a little boy from Cleveland to Ashtabula. As the little boy was of a very inquiring mind, and as everything seemed to attract his attention, I could not help listening to some of his questions.

"What is that, auntie?" the little boy commenced, pointing to a heap of yellow corn.

"O, that's corn, dear," answered the care-worn lady.

"What is corn, auntie?"

"Why, corn is corn, dear."

"But what is corn made of?"

"Why, corn is made of dirt and water and air."

"Who makes it?"

"God makes it, dear."

"Does he make it in the daytime or in the night?"

"In both, dear."

"And Sundays?"

"Yes, all the time."

"Ain't it wicked to make corn on Sunday, auntie?"

"O, I don't know. I'd keep still, Freddie—that's a dear. Auntie is tired."

And, after remaining quiet a moment, little Freddie broke out:

"Where do stars come from, auntie?"

"I don't know; nobody knows."

"Did the moon lay 'em?"

"Yes, I guess so," replied the wicked lady.

"Can the moon lay eggs, too?"

"I suppose so. Don't bother me."

A short silence, when Freddie broke out again:

"Fanny Mason says oxen is a owl, auntie; is they?"

"O, perhaps so!"

"I think a whale could lay eggs—don't you, auntie?"

"O yes—I guess so!" said the shameless woman.

"Did you ever see a whale on his nest?"

"O, I guess so!"

"Where?"

"I mean no. Freddie, you must be quiet; I'm getting crazy!"

"What makes you crazy, auntie?"

"O, dear! you ask so many questions."

The little boy seemed to be puzzled and thoughtful for a moment; but soon his curiosity got the better of him, and, as the cars passed a pasture in which were a sheep and a lamb, he asked:

"Where do lambs come from, auntie?"

"O! from the old sheep. The old sheep has them."

"Can little boys have lambs?"

"Certainly. I'll let you have a lamb, Freddie, when you get home."

"Will it hurt me, auntie?"

"What hurt you—the lamb?"

"No; will it hurt me to have it?"

"O, Freddie, do stop! You ask such foolish questions. I'm all worn out."

"Did you ever have a lamb, auntie?"

"Freddie, stop! Don't you speak again for half an hour!"

Then the poor worn-out woman sighed, and leaned her head on the back of the forward seat, while Freddie busied himself placing his mouth against the window, and soliloquized in a sing-song tone:

"Mary had a little lamb!  
"Sheep had a little lamb!  
"Auntie had a little lamb!  
"O, auntie! auntie!"

"What is it, Freddie?" asked the poor woman, waking up.

"Did you ever see a little fly eat sugar?"

"Yes, dear."

"Where?"

"Freddie, sit down on that seat

and be still, or I'll shake you. I won't be tormented to death. Now, not another word!" And the lady pointed her finger sharply at the little boy, as if she was going to stick it through him. If she had been a wicked man she would have sworn; and still, notwithstanding we have eight million little boys like Freddie in the United States, each one causing more or less proportion, the Y. M. C. A.'s throughout the country denounce Herod as a biased man, when he ordered all the children killed—except his own.—Chicago Tribune.

#### Hints for Girls.

Come here, sis, and sit down beside me, and let me give you a little talking to. That is right. Sit clear at the other end of the sofa. It makes more room for my gout and corns, besides being a good habit for a young lady to be addicted to. Always pander to this habit, and you will in time find yourself walking through green meadows and beside the still waters of self-respect. You may be walking alone, to be sure, but will have fewer lawn dresses to do up on Monday morning. I wish to speak to you of your mother. It may be you have noticed a careworn look on her face lately. Of course, it has not been brought there by any act of yours, still it is your duty to chase it away. I don't mean for you to run at it and shake your skirts, and tell it to "shoo," as you would a hen, nor do I expect you to get on the other side of the fence and throw old oyster cans and pieces of barrel staves at it, as you did at the cow yesterday. But I want you to get up to-morrow morning and get breakfast, and when your mother comes down and begins to express her surprise, go right up to her and kiss her. You don't imagine how it will brighten her dear face. Besides, you owe her a kiss or two. Away back when you were a little girl she had kissed you when no one else was tempted by your fever-tainted breath and swollen face. You were not as attractive then as now. And along through those years of childish sunshine and shadow she was always ready to cure, by the magic of a mother's kiss, the little, dirty, chubby hands whenever they were injured in those first skirmishes with the rough old world. And then the midnight kisses with which she has routed so many bad dreams, as she leaned over your restless pillow—they have all been on interest these long, long years. Of course she is not so pretty and kissable as you are, but if you had done your share of the work during the last ten years, the contrast would not have been so marked. Her face has more wrinkles than yours, far more, and yet if you were sick that face would appear more beautiful than an angel's, as it hovered over you, watching every opportunity to minister to your comfort, and every one of those wrinkles would seem to be bright wavelets of sunshine, chasing each other over the dear old face. She will leave you one of those days. These burdens, if not lifted from her shoulders, will break her down. Those rough, hard hands that have done so many unnecessary things for you will be crossed upon her lifeless breast. Those neglected lips that gave you your first baby kiss will be forever closed, and those sad, tired eyes will have opened in eternity, and then you will appreciate your mother, but it will be too late. There, there, don't cry; she has not left you yet. She is down in the kitchen stringing beans for dinner, and if you feel so badly you might go down and finish them,

and let her change her dress and rest an hour before dinner. And after dinner you might do up the dishes and let her take a little nap. Then you might take down her hair and do it up for her. You need not wind it over your finger and fuss to make little spit curls as she used to do with yours, but give it a good brushing and wind it up gently and tenderly, as if you enjoyed doing it for her. The young man down in the parlor can wait until you have performed these duties.—Peck's Sun.

Now that every available rock and tree and fence has been made to blossom as the rose with advertisements of pills, plasters, powders and what not, a new device of the patent-medicine man has been sprung upon the long suffering public. Silver coins are being stamped by the thousand with these advertisements, with deep black letters that cannot be effaced. This stamping does not remove any of the bullion, and therefore does not decrease the value of the coin. But it reminds the public, at sight of every "quarter" that "This coin will buy one box of Puff's Pills;" while the half dollar announces itself as the pecuniary equivalent of a bottle of "Quack's quick colic cure." The Government will confer a boon by declaring this new notoriety dodge illegal.


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