

Family Circle.

Pretty is that Pretty does.

BY ALICE CARY.

The spider wears a plain brown dress,
And she is a steady spinner;
To see her, quiet as a mouse,
Going about her silver house,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner!

She looks as if no thought of it
In all her life had stirred her;
But while she moves with careful tread,
And while she spins her silken thread,
She is planning, planning, planning still
The way to do some murder!

My child, who reads this simple lay
With eyes down-dropt and tender,
Remember the old proverb says
That pretty is which pretty does,
And that worth does not go nor stay
For poverty nor splendor.

'Tis not the house, and not the dress
'That make the saint or sinner;
'To see the spider sit and spin,
Shut with her webs of silver in,
You would never, never, never guess
The way she gets her dinner.

"A Little Child shall Lead them"

Two days before Louisa died, she was only seven years old. As her father and mother were seated by the bed, she asked for her last Sabbath-school paper. It was handed to her, when in a clear, sweet voice, she read the piece, which has gone the rounds of the papers: "My father drinks."

While reading it, her father bowed his head and wept. Then she said, "Father, don't drink any more, will you?"

He could scarcely speak for weeping, when she again said, "Father, promise me you won't drink any more, will you?"

He did promise. She smiled so sweetly.

On the day of her death, she prayed a fervent prayer for her father, mother, brother, and little sister. Then she prayed God to bless her three teachers.

Her mother asked who she meant.

She replied, "The superintendent, my Sunday-school teacher and Miss Rachel."

She sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. And her three teachers all declare that they are paid for a lifetime's work in leading her to Jesus.

Since her death both parents have attended the house of God; the father has left off drink. Both express the hope that they will meet this dear child in glory.—*Sunday-School Times*.

[For the Christian Advocate.]

A Child's sayings.

Little Clara Heath, of Springville, N. Y., about four years of age, sometime after listening to the Bible story of Jonah, repeated the substance of it to her father, saying at the close that, "the whale spit up Jonah and never bit a wordful out of him."

The same little girl, while playing one night, asking the Lord to care for her parents and the other members of the family, added, "But you needn't take care of me, because I can take care of myself."

That is a beautiful thought which a minister, in a recent public address, embodied as follows: "Where is Jesus Christ?" was once asked of a child. "He lives in our alley now," was the reply; for the boy had learned that Christ is where he has friends to serve him.

The Mischievous Boy.

A teacher in one of the National Schools in the western district, the other day found among his list of juveniles one who was constantly engaged in some mischief, and at the same time was given to swearing. Having uttered a word in violation of the teacher's rules, he ordered the aforesaid juvenile to take his place in one corner of the old rickety school house, and placing a pair of old-fashioned iron tongs in his hand, ordered him to watch a hole in the floor until he could catch a mouse, supposing it would be a great punishment. The little rascal gazed steadfastly at the aperture, while the teacher, with his face turned from him, was engaged with other scholars. At last he heard the old tongs go bang! He turned his eyes quickly upon the youth who, with a countenance beaming with excitement yelled, "Teacher, I've got the little varmint!" and true enough, he had Mister Mouse fast by the head.

Make a Good Beginning.

The first weed pulled up in the garden, the first seed set in the ground, the first

dollar put in the savings bank, and the first mile traveled on a journey, are all important things. How many a poor outcast is now creeping and crawling his way through the world, who might have held up his head and prospered if, instead of putting off his resolutions of amendment, he had only made a beginning!

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