CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

Johnnie and His Friend.

Johnnie's friend was not very good looking. At least nobody thought so but Johnnie. He was very awkward, too, and his voice was not the least bit musical. Some even laughed at Johnnie for having such a friend and told him his friend had no common sense. But Johnnie didn't care for that; he liked his friend, and his friend liked him all the same, and many a good turn they used to do for each other.

When John was in a great hurry to go anywhere, he would jump on his friend's back, and immediately his friend would start right off with him and trot along as peacefully as could be and go wherever Johnnie wanted him to. But if anybody else tried to have him carry a stranger Johnnie's friend was not so obliging. He would allow no one on his back but Johnnie, and Johnnie could do anything with him he pleased. If anybody else got upon his back, he would kick and prance about until he threw them off, and then he would stand and look at them as much as to say, "I know who my friends are, and I do not care to put myself to any trouble for anybody else."

Now this is not exactly the golden rule, is it, children? But Johnnie's friend knew nothing about the golden rule, and you see he wasn't obliged to, for he was not a little boy or girl. He was simply a little donkey, and he behaved just as well as he knew how. He was Johnnie's friend because Johnny was kind to him. Now, children, you see what made him friendly to Johnnie. It was because Johnnie was friendly to him and always stood by him and took his part, and so he did the same for Johnnie. In this he simply exemplified the old motto:

Remember this and bear in mind,
A constant friend is hard to find,
And when you find one kind and true
Leave not the old one for the new.

—Christian at Work.

An Eventful Birthday.

On one particular birthday morning Ned felt very jubilant, for his presents consisted of an airgun, candy, rubber boots, a bean shooter, a whip, a toy boat, football and some very gay hued horse reins with jingling bells all over them.

He started out to have a good time. He waded in the brook with those boots (which papa had thought would be useful going to school on rainy days) until he walked on a sharp stone and cut a big jagged hole in the toe of one of them. The water ran in, of course, and wet his shoe and stocking. He abandoned the boots on the shore.

Just before lunchtime when playing football by himself in a field the ball went down a hole, and Ned went after it. But that ended Ned's fun. He no sooner stepped out when there was a buzzing sound, and out flew, as he afterward told his mother, "just 1,000,000 bees and hornets." When a few minutes later mamma was administering cold cream and a lecture, he said:

"Yes, I'm really sorry about the boots, and I don't know what became of the ball, because I had to run away from the bees. I left my bean shooter near the hothouse and broke two panes of glass, mamma. I hope the plants'll be all right, and I'm not sure, but I think I killed Mr. Burnham's cat with my gun. I took it for a rabbit. Carlo has the horse reins around his neck, and my boat got stuck under the bridge. I think all that candy made me sick, I feel so bad. The cold cream's splendid, mamma. Will I have to go to bed—on my birthday too? Well, I've had an elegant time this morning, anyway."—New York Advertiser.

Little Flossie's Bright Reply.

One evening when the mosquitoes were very troublesome, Bobby cried out, "Oh, dear, if these mosquitoes don't stop biting me, there'll be nothing left of me!" "Oh, no," said Flossie, "the bites will swell up and make you bigger than ever."—Youth's Companion.

Little Mabel, Her Uncle and Her Dog.

Little Mabel—Aren't you afraid of my big dog?

Very Thin Uncle—No, my little girl. He would not make much of a meal off me.

Little Mabel—Oh, but he likes bones best.—Exchange.

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Pussie's Firecrackers.

As Hugh stroked his cat one very frosty morning he heard the snapping of the fur and exclaimed, "Oh, mamma, hear the snap crackers on pussie's back!"

The Runaway.

Little Maid Marian,
Weary with play,
Crept off to rest on
The newly mown hay.

A meadow lark, flying
Across the blue sky,
Came nearer to sing her
A sweet lullaby.

A bee from the clover
Who came buzzing near
Flew closer to whisper
Dream thoughts in her ear.

Maid Marian slept while
The folks at home missed her,
And she did not awake
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This has been particularly noticeable during the past few months, and the old conventional rules and regulations of society on the subject are becoming obsolete. "The classes" in Europe are to a certain extent encouraged in this course by the example set by the reigning and princely families, who, in proportion as their constitutional power diminishes, endeavor to counterbalance its loss by increasing their social influence. Court mourning never extends over a few weeks. The obsequies of the dead potentate are scarcely concluded before the festivities in connection with his successor's accession commence, and more than ever is it a case of "Le roi est mort. Vive le roi!"—New York Tribune.

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—Detroit Free Press.

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