For the Little Folks.

A LESSON ON RICHES.

A little boy sat by his mother.—He looked long in the fire, and was silent. Then as the deep thought passed away, his eyes brightened, and he spoke: "Mother, I want to be rich." "Why dost thou want to be rich, my son?"

And the child said: "Every one praises the rich; every one asks after the rich. The stranger at our table yesterday, asked who the richest man was in our village. At school there is a boy that does not like to learn. He cannot say his lessons well. Sometimes he speaks bad words. But the other children do not blame him, for they say he is a wealthy boy."

Then the mother saw that the child was thinking that wealth might take the place of goodness, and be an excuse for indolence, or cause them to be held in honor who led unworthy lives. So she asked him:

"What is it to be rich."

He answered; "I do not know.—Tell me how to become rich, that all may ask after me and praise me."

"To become rich is to get money. For this thou must wait until thou hast become a man."

The boy looked sorrowful, and said, "Is there not some other way of becoming rich, that I may begin now?"

She answered; "The gain of money is not the true wealth. First may burn it, the winds sweep it away, the moth may eat it, the rust waste it, or the robber may make it his prey. Men are worried with the toil of getting it, but they leave it behind them at last. The soul of the richest prince of the earth goeth forth like that of the wayside beggar, without a garment."

"Then," said the boy, "may I begin to gather true riches? Or must I wait until I am a man?"

The mother laid her hand upon his little head, and said:

"To-day, if thou wilt hear his voice; for he hath promised that those who seek early shall find."—And the child said:

"Teach me how I may become rich before God."

Then she looked tenderly upon him and said: "Kneel down every night and morning and ask that thou mayest love the dear Saviour, and trust in Him. Obey His word, and strive all he days of thy life to do good to all.

THE CRANE WITH ONE LEG.

There was once a gentleman who was very fond of the chase, and in one of his hunting excursions he happened to shoot a large crane, which looked so young and fat, he thought it would be very good for his own eating. So he sent it home to his maid-servant, Chichibio with directions to roast it for his dinner.

When the crane was almost done, an old woman, a friend of the girl, who had done her many favors, came in, and seeing that the crane looked very nice, and smelling the pleasant odor of it, was seized with a great desire to have a taste; therefore she began to entreat the cook to give her a piece, telling her if she did not, she would do her no more favors. At last, overcome by her entreaties, Chichibo cut off one of the legs, and gave it to her; which tasted very much to her satisfaction.

When the crane was done, it was carried up to her master. As soon as he observed the leg was missing, in a great rage he called up Chichibio, and asked her what she meant by sending him up a crane with but one leg. She, very much terrified, answered, "cranes never have but one leg." "Never have more than one leg said her master; "you must prove that to me, or you shall never forget my name." The girl, much frightened, went, wondering how she could prove her assertion.

Early the next morning the master ordered two horses to be saddled, and told her to get on one, while he mounted the other. They started for the water where the cranes resorted. The girl was so frightened she hardly knew what she did, and every thing she saw she thought a crane with two legs.

At last they reached the water, where what was their surprise to see twelve cranes, standing together, and, as their usual custom when asleep, each on one leg. "There!" said she, overjoyed, "did not I tell you they had but one leg?" "We will see," said he, "if they cannot have two." He jumped from his horse, and ran towards them, shouting, "Oh! oh! oh!" When they all put down the other leg, and ran off as fast as they co'd. "Now you see," said he, "they have two legs." "Oh," answered she, "you did not say "Oh! oh! oh!" to that one; if you had, that would have put down its other leg too."

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