For the Little Folks.

THE STOLEN FRUIT.

'Well, Jacob, I should be very glad to hear that if I were sure it is the truth, but I am afraid it is not.'

'O yes, it is sir; I would not tell you a lie about it. This was said with so much assurance and apparent sincerity, the teacher began to almost doubt his own senses; but if the boy was really guilty, he knew he had a sure test and so he determined to let Jabob and the school know the result; so he said to Jacob:

'I think I have seen these apples before, in Farmer B's orchard, and that I put these marks upon them myself; but you say you marked them this morning, and that you did not get them in B's orchard.—Now apples that grow in different orchards look so much alike, that I should not like to say positively that these were the ones that I saw and marked last evening; but you know whether you are telling the truth or not, Jacob, and I wish you now to say before all the school whether you took the apples from Farmer B's orchard or not; now say truly.'

'No, sir, I got them as I told you and not in B's orchard.'

Jacob did not speak in so positive a tone as before, and his face colored a little.

'We shall see,' said the teacher, as he took his knife from his pocket and lifted a piece of the skin from one of the apples and sinking the point of the blade into the pulp drew out a thin piece of wood with the initials of his own name upon it.

'Did you put this in here, too?'—he asked Jacob; but the boy's assurance was gone, and he hung his head in shame and confusion. The teacher talked to him in a very impressive manner about the sin of lying and stealing, and how certainly the wicked would be found out in their crimes sooner or later. He then stood Jacob up on a desk with a paper cap on his head, upon which the words THIEF and LIAR were placed in large letters, and all the school permitted to laugh at him and ask him qestions.

For a time Jacob stouted it out quite stubbornly; but at length he broke down and cried like a child. The teacher then took and talked to him again, asked him how his parents would feel when they heard of his digrace; and at that he cried more bitterly than ever, for he loved his mother dearly, and entreated that they might not hear of his crimes, promising never to do so again. The teacher took him at his word and directed the scholars never to mention the matter again, and Jacob reformed and became a good boy.

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'William, what part of speech is the word 'egg?' 'It is a noun, Sir.' 'What is its gender?' 'Can't tell, Sir.' 'Is it masculine, feminine, or neuter?' 'Can't say, Sir, till it's hatched.' 'Well, then, my lad, you can tell me the case?' 'Oh, yes, the shell, Sir.'

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