Raggie was excited by now, and ran l quickly forward. "Why there is the same crib I slept in, and there the table I used to play engine on."

This was enough to convince Mrs. Gray and taking Raggie in her arms, she said: "You are my long lost Raggie. I am your mother." Raggie looked at her and then kissed her. Turning around, he kissed Nellie, saying: "You are my little sister, now," and she was very happy.

Raggie had been miraculously restored to his home and parents. How? All through Jim. Jim remained a prominent member of the family. He is always with the children, wherever they go. He loves them and they love him.

Raggie is now called by his right name. The man with whom he lived had stolen him, thinking to make money on him, because he was so pretty, which he did. He was angry when he heard of the restoration. He had not much time to be angry, however, for he was put in prison for life by Mr. Gray.



The Busybody.

One day Mr. Trunks was quite sick It was all because he had taken too much of the pink lemonade that the peanut boy in the circus, where Mr. Trunks resided, had given him for a joke. And just as he was feeling the worst there came buzzing along Mr. Bluebottle Fly.

He was one of those busybodies that always mix themselves up in other people's affairs and always know what is best for boys and girls, much better, indeed, than their parents.

"Oh, dear, I'm so sick!" moaned Mr. Trunks.

"You eat too much," buzzed the fly in his right ear.

"You ought to take antifat."

"Oh, fly off!" cried Mr. Trunks. "You increase my pain." And he jabbed at him with his trunk and missed him again.

"I know all about your case," buzzed Mr. Bluebottle close to his mouth. "I have been all summer around a soda water fountain in a drug store, and I am now quite a skilled doctor. You should take liver pills and then salts and then tonic. No candy, no tarts, no peanuts. Go to bed at 8. Study your lessons in the afternoon and never at night. I should advise you to give up the circus business, as it is too wearing."

"Will you please go away?" groaned

"You ought to have a mustard plaster on your stomach and a blister on your head."

An idea struck Mr. Trunks.

"Mr. Fly," he said, "do you suppose if you stung me on the head it would do for a fly blister?"

"Of course! Most certainly! I shall try at once," buzzed the busybody.

Trunks lowered his head and Mr. Fly lit. He began to sting. Mr. Trunks began to fill his trunk with pink lemonade.

Suddenly he raised his trunk, shook off Mr. Bluebottle, aimed at him as he flew by and doused him with the contents. "Next time," said he, "you will mind your own business."

I think he did.

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For I'm busy day and night. (The needle.)



Johnny's Penny.



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