

# HOW THE BABY CAME.

The Lady Moon came down last night—  
She did, you needn't doubt it—  
A lovely lady dressed in white;  
I'll tell you all about it.  
They hurried her down to bed,  
And Aunt said, "Now, maybe  
That pretty moon overhead  
Will bring us down a baby."

"You lie as quiet as can be;  
Perhaps you'll catch her peeping  
Between the window bars, to see  
If all the folks are sleeping.  
And then, if both of you keep still,  
And all the room is shady,  
She'll float a cross the window-sill,  
A bonnie white moon-lady."

"Across the sill, along the floor,  
You'll see her shining brightly,  
Until she comes to mother's door,  
And then she'll vanish lightly.  
But in the morning you will find,  
If nothing happens, maybe,  
She's left us something nice behind—  
A beautiful star-baby."

We didn't just believe her then  
For Aunt's always chaffing;  
The tales she tells to me and Len  
Would make you die a laughing.  
And when she went out pretty soon,  
Len said, "That's Aunt's humming;  
There ain't a bit of lady-moon,  
Nor any baby coming."

I thought myself it was a fib,  
And kept it secret;  
So I kept quiet in the crib,  
And peeped behind the curtain.  
I didn't mean to sleep a wink,  
But all without warning,  
I dropped right off—and don't you think,  
I never waked till morning!

Then there was Aunt by my bed,  
And when I climbed and kissed her,  
She laughed and said, "You sleepy-head!  
You've got a little sister."  
What made you shut your eyes so soon?  
I've half a mind to tell you—  
For down she came, that lady-moon,  
Exactly as I told you!

And truly it was not a joke,  
In spite of Len's denying,  
For just the very time she spoke  
We heard the baby crying.  
The way we jumped and made a rush  
For mother's room that minute!  
But Aunt stopped us, "Hush!  
Or else you shan't go in!"

And so we had to tiptoe in,  
And keep as quiet as a mouse;  
As if it was a mighty sin  
To make a bit of noise.  
But there was baby, anyhow—  
The faintest little wailing,  
I just wish you could peep in now,  
And see her squirm and fidget.

Len says he don't believe it's true  
(He isn't such a baby)  
But moon had anything to do  
With bringing us that baby.  
The faintest little wailing,  
As clear as running water—  
Last night there was no baby here,  
So something must have brought her!

[Mary E. Bradley, in Christen Union.]

# Too Big for Sunday School.

Young man boys, who think they  
are too old or too smart to attend Sun-  
day school, should consider one or two  
points worthy of their attention:

1. How do the young men and boys of  
their acquaintance, who loaf about the  
street and go off on pleasure excursions  
on the Sabbath, compare with those who  
are faithful in their attendance at Sunday  
school, for general intelligence good char-  
acter and trustworthiness.

2. Who turn out to be the best students,  
clerks and apprentices—those who re-  
fuse day privileges and advantages of the Sun-  
day school, or those who are as true to  
their several classes as the dial is to the  
sun?

3. Who can command the best recom-  
mendations when they need work—those  
who prefer wandering about the streets or  
in the woods on the Sabbath, or those who  
prefer to do their walking when it  
will not interfere with their Sunday school  
duties?

Who are the most trustworthy men in  
the community—those who honor the  
Sabbath, or those who dishonor it by hunt-  
ing, fishing, sailing and lounging about  
on the day of rest and worship?

Yast numbers of silly young men and  
boys imagine that the restraint of the  
Sunday school does not comport with  
freedom and manliness. They think it is  
well enough for small boys and for girls,  
even for young ladies, to attend school  
regularly every Sabbath, but young men  
must have a broader margin to move in.  
So they forfeit the splendid chances offered  
to them for intellectual, moral and  
spiritual culture. What a pity!—Chris-  
tian Observer.

A SMART WIFE.—"How do you get  
along?" said a devoted wife to her hus-  
band, a downtown merchant in the midst  
of the panic. "Oh! I shall weather the  
storm, but I wish I had only a few hun-  
dred dollars more. It would be very con-  
venient, to say the least." "Don't you  
wish you had married a rich wife?" said  
she, in a teasing way; then rising and go-  
ing to her room she returned with rather  
more than the amount required in United  
States bonds. "Why, where in the world  
did you get this?" said the bewildered  
husband. "Well my dear, you went to a  
champagne supper seven years ago, and  
on your return finding navigation around  
the room rather difficult, deposited hat,  
shoes, gloves, and a large roll of bank bills  
on the carpet. I put it away and waited  
three weeks for you to inquire if I had  
seen it. When finding you were assem-  
bled to do so, I invested it; and here you  
have it."

The Worcester (Massachusetts) Spy  
says at a single session of the Supreme  
Court held at that city on the 10th Oct.,  
over twenty divorces were granted, and  
of these a dozen were for adultery. Down  
here such a record would be a target for  
all the journals of Northern civilization to  
shoot at, but it seems to be considered  
all right up there. And this is the "civil-  
ization" the latter day saints of Radi-  
cism are constantly endeavoring to force  
upon the "barbarians" of the South!

A man should not be measured by his  
possessions or gifts, but by the use he  
makes of them.

# NEWSPAPER LAWS.

We receive so many inquiries as to the laws  
governing the circulation of newspapers, that  
we find it necessary to publish the following  
summary, which will cover all the questions  
that have been addressed to us:

1. Subscribers are considered wishing to  
continue their subscription.  
2. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take  
their periodicals from the office to which they  
are directed, they are held responsible till  
they have settled their bill, and ordered them  
discontinued.

3. If subscribers move to other places  
without informing the publishers, and the  
papers are sent to the former direction, they  
are held responsible.  
4. The courts have decided that refusing  
to take papers from the office, or removing  
and leaving them uncollected, is *prima facie*  
evidence of intentional fraud.

5. Any person who receives a newspaper  
and makes use of it, whether he has ordered  
it or not, is held to be a subscriber and  
must pay for it.

# POSTAL INFORMATION.

Letters go to any part of the United States  
for three cents per half ounce, if prepaid.  
Unpaid letters are sent to the Dead-letter  
office at Washington.

Letters weighing over an ounce, and pre-  
paid a single rate, are forwarded to their des-  
tination, and the balance due collected on  
delivery.

City letters must be prepaid two cents per  
half ounce.  
Books.—Postage on books, not exceeding  
four ounces in weight 4 cents.  
Each additional four ounces or fraction  
thereof 4 cents.

Newspapers.—Newspapers sent from the  
office of publication may be prepaid at the  
following rates per quarter:  
Dailies, 35 cts. per gr.  
Weeklies, 5 " "  
Monthlys, (not over 4 oz) 3 " "  
Quarterlies, 1 " "

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culars, maps, tracts, engravings, music, cards,  
photographs, type, cuttings, roots, seeds,  
etc., on one package to one address, prepaid,  
not exceeding four ounces 2 cents; over four  
and not exceeding eight ounces 4 cents.  
The weights of packages is limited to thirty-  
two ounces.

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part of the country with absolute safety, by  
obtaining a Money Order, for which fees are:  
On not less than \$1. and not over \$20, 10  
cents.  
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than \$50.

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