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## WON BY A KISS.

"It was the Dear Lady's Kind Look and Touch and Kiss that Did It."

This pretty piece is worthy of a place in any Christian paper. There are so many ways of working for Jesus. This incident is only one of the thousands of means which God uses to accomplish His purposes.

It is not usual that a soul can be won to God by a mere kiss. But such was the case recently in the tour of a lady city missionary. She says: "I had been making one of my regular visits among the poor and distressed, and on leaving was followed to the door by a young girl, little more than a child. Unconsciously, or perhaps rather as a matter of course, I put my arm around her, and kissing her cheek, took my leave, and thought no more of the incident. A few weeks later this girl stole in a testimony meeting at our mission, and in a voice trembling with emotion, said, 'I love the Lord, and want to tell you how I came to be a Christian. One day a lady came to where I lived and talked about Jesus. It wasn't so much what she said, but when she was going she kissed me! It had been so long since any one had given me a kiss or a kind word, the first time since my mother died, and somehow it seemed to soften my heart, and I felt that this lady must have something that makes her different from the other folks that haven't cared anything about me, and the more I thought about it the more I wanted it myself. And so I came to God and asked Him to forgive my sins for Jesus' sake, and I know that I am saved. But O, in the first place, it was the dear lady's kind look and touch and the kiss that did it!'"

## SHE DID AS HE ADVISED.

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## OLE BULL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The Great Musician Became Interested In a Little Boy Who Was Looking Through a Shop Window at a Beautiful Violin.

Christmas eve, as a tall, dignified-looking gentleman was walking leisurely along one of the by-streets of London, his attention was attracted to a little boy who was looking in at a shop-window in which were displayed various articles (some of them apparently second-hand) for sale. As the gentleman, whose long, thick hair fell far below his fur cap, approached the little boy, he saw his gaze was fixed upon a beautiful looking violin that hung in the centre of the window. Upon coming nearer he heard him singing a familiar melody in a pure, sweet voice, which he accompanied with rhythmic movements of his slender arms and fingers as if he were playing the violin. He stopped to listen, quite charmed at the innocent, childish spectacle. Just then the little boy looked up, and, abashed at being observed, ceased his performance.

"Do you think you could play as well upon that violin, if you had it, as you can sing, my little fellow?" "I don't know, sir, but I would like to try," the boy replied. "Come with me," said the gentleman, and together they went into the shop. "How much for the violin in the window?" "Five pounds." "Too much by half," said the gentleman. "Show me something cheaper."

After being shown five or six other violins, which he rejected after merely glancing at them (the little boy's big blue eyes looking more and more wistful all the time), the shopkeeper handed out a dingy, antiquated violin, with the remark, "Here's an old fiddle that I got of a sailor. It needs flogging up a bit, but you can have it just as it is for one pound ten shillings." The gentleman scrutinized it closely, inside and out, remarked that it was very much out of repair, but said that he would give just one pound for it, which the shopkeeper, after some hesitation, accepted, and the money was paid him.

"Put on a string in place of this broken one," said the gentleman; "and furnish me a good bow—I will pay extra for it." While this was being done, the gentleman looked down at the little pale, wondering face upturned to his, and said, "What is your name?" "The boy quickly responded, "Leo! and father rings the chimes—if you bark, you can hear 'em now!" The gentleman listened for a moment or two, and as the sound of the grand old bells died away, the shopman handed him the violin and bow ready for use. After tuning the instrument carefully, he substituted his fur-trimmed travelling coat, and placing the violin under his chin, began softly and sweetly to play the tune which the Christmas bells had just rung out. For some minutes he continued to play, weaving the air into every conceivable kind of variation, and ended by playing the melody once more, accompanied with harmonious and brilliant arpeggios. After the violin and bow had been placed in the box he handed it to the bewildered boy, and patting him on his curly head, remarked as he buttoned up his great overcoat: "Carry the violin home with you and take good care of it; it is worth one hundred pounds at least. Learn to play the tune I heard you singing outside the window, and as many more as you can. Tell your father to get you a good teacher. You may keep the violin; it is a Christmas present from Ole Bull."

He opened the door for his little protégé, and passed out into the crowd just as the Christmas bells rang out again their merry chime.

UNKNOWN TO LAWYERS. Judge—, one of the great lawyers of the last generation, charged a client a retainer of \$1,000 in an important case, but the parties got together next morning and settled the suit before the judge had opened a book or written a line concerning it. His client called to see if he would not refund part of the money. The lawyer seemed surprised at the suggestion. "Refund?" he exclaimed. "Refund, did you say? My friend, that is a kind of fund unknown to the legal profession!"

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. A man earns his fame, his friends spend it for him. Little children are the roses surrounded by the grown up thorns. Good men or women can love the bad women or men, but the bad seldom love the good. Give a woman her child, her Bible and her old love letters and no adversity can daunt her. The men who have anything good to say of anybody else haven't anything good to be said of himself. The weak thief takes things easy.

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ON THE HEIGHTS. AGNES HELEN LOCKHART. We strolled together where the apple boughs Bright with the ruddy fruit, bent 'neath their weight, And down the aisles where four-leaved clovers hid, Until we reached the time-worn garden gate.

Behind us like a sea of molten gold There flashed a field of waving tasseled wheat, And scarlet poppies bowed their stately heads To kiss the blue-eyed flowers at their feet. The birds were trilling forth sweet notes of glee; The dial marked the speed of fleeting hours; The red rose bared her fragrant golden heart, And lured the sun god from the lily's bowers.

So stood we thus, my love and I, together; For here our paths divided at the gate, Her's leading through the sweet, old-fashioned garden, Mine o'er the hills, where silent shadows wait. She would not climb the darkening hillside with me, And I in anger would not go her way, So, each one scornful to recall the other, We parted then forever and a day!

LIFE'S SCARS. ELLA WHEELER WILCOX. They say the world is round, and yet I often think it square; So many little hurts we get From corners here and there. But one great truth in life I've found, While journeying to the west: The only folks who really wound Are those we love the best.

MOTHER'S SONG. Of life's thorny, rugged track, As we tarry looking back, Tender memories sweetly rise To the simple and the wise. And among the various throngs Softly echoes mother's songs.

When the little feet could walk, And the lisping tongue could talk, Then was put to loving use Wiser (?) songs of Mother Geese, Till the baby laughter rang Merrily as mother sang. Dearest mother, ere divine Ne'er can seem like bygone of thine, Blessed hymns we hope to hear When the heavenly land we see, Hymns of welcome, hymns of peace, When all eyes and pain shall cease.

## STORY OF THE MISTLETOE. How The Mistletoe Gets On The Trees.

The story of how the mistletoe gets on the trees is to me a most interesting one. Covering the mistletoe twigs are pearly white berries. These come in the winter season, when food is comparatively scarce, and hence some of our birds eat them freely. Now when a robin eats a cherry he swallows simply the meat and spits the stone away. The seed of the mistletoe the bird cannot spit. It is sticky and holds to the bill. His only resource is to wipe it off, and he does so, leaving it sticking to the branches of the tree on which he is sitting at the time. This seed sprouts after a time, and not fusing earth—which indeed its ancestral habit has made it cease wanting—it sinks its roots into the bark of the tree and hunts there for the pipes that carry the sap. Now the sap in the bark is the very richest in the tree, far richer than in the wood, and the mistletoe gets from its host the choicest of food. With a strange foresight it does not throw its leaves away, as do most parasites, but keeps them to use in winter, when the tree is leafless. When our old Saxon ancestors worshipped under the oaks, and indeed the trees themselves, they naturally felt a respect for the mistletoe which the oak supported. When we hang it in our rooms at Christmas time we are but making a blending of our early heathen with our later Christian religion.

## REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP. A Little Boy's Life Saved.

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## TAKES HIS CHANCES.

"A millionaire can have things pretty much his own way in this world," said one philosopher. "He can," said the other, "until he comes to make his will."

## CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the neck, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning. To cure Cancer thoroughly and permanently all the poisonous virus must be eliminated from the blood—every vestige of it driven out. This S. S. S. does, and is the only medicine that can reach deep-seated, obstinate blood troubles like this of the system the Cancer heals, and the disease never returns. Cancer begins often in a small way, as the following letter from Mrs. Shirer shows: A small simple name on my leg about as thick as the ear on the left side of my face. It gave me no pain or inconvenience, and I should have forgotten about it had it not begun to inflame and swell. It would bleed a little, then stop over, but would not heal. This continued for some time, when my leg began to swell, becoming very painful. The Cancer grew to and spread until it was as large as a half dollar when I heard of S. S. S. and determined to give it a fair trial. It was a wonderful effect. It had from the very beginning; the sore began to heal. After taking a few bottles disappeared entirely. This was two years ago. My general health is now as good as ever. It is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and the only one guaranteed purely vegetable. Send for our free book on Cancer, containing valuable and interesting information about this disease, and write our physicians about your case. We make no charge for medical advice. THE GREAT BRITISH CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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