

don't care for him any more."

Oh, the fickle Lucy! It gave poor Artie's heart a twist to hear her speak so. But pretty soon his hurt was soothed by the tender solicitation of his new mistress, who had eagerly accepted Little Lucy's gift, never once resenting the fact that it was an old cast-off rag doll that had lost all favor in the nursery of her cousin.

"Oo needs 'our face washed, don't ee, pretty Artie?" And Minnie set to work to accomplish this feat, finding some water in a drinking glass and a kerchief in her pocket. She scrubbed and scrubbed the face of Artie, and although she succeeded merely in smearing the jam stains all over it, she was pleased with the result and put the poor fellow's head out at the window to dry in the sunshine and freezing wind. The cold atmosphere drew Artie's features into a funny pucker, holding them in an ice grip. And when, a little later Minnie went to bring him in she laughed merrily, saying; "Oh, just see how he is laughing! 'Isn't he too sweet for anything?"

And when Minnie went home that evening she carried in her arms Artie all wrapped in his overcoat and cap. And both Minnie and Artie were happy.

But Artie's first happiness in his new home was to be short-lived. Soon after his arrival there Minnie's mamma came into her little daughter's playroom one day and pulled from a huge box which she carried a great brown Teddy bear. Minnie was out calling on a friend at the time, and her mamma put the new toy just where her little girl would see it on coming in. That she might give Teddy Bear a most prominent place where the light from the window might fall upon him, she took poor Artie from a comfortable chair where Minnie had set him up in all his dignity and put Teddy Bear in his place. Once more Artie was to be eclipsed by a rival! In the corner where Minnie's mamma had put him Artie sat meditating gloomily. Then he chanced to look up at the great ugly animal that had his place by the window, and to his astonishment and anger Teddy grinned at him. Artie felt the sawdust in his heart stop short, and he shivered as with the cold. How dared that impudent, insolent beast, that went on all fours, to grin triumphantly at him? Artie rose and went straight at the bear, his feelings so outraged that he forgot to be afraid. Before the bear knew what was happening Artie had him by the neck and was flinging him to the floor.

Teddy fell with a dull thud. It hurt him, too, for he gave vent to a grunt. Then he was up and at his antagonist, his teeth shining and his eyes full of rage. But Artie had got on the chair, a real strong hold. From his elevation he could thrust out his foot and kick Teddy Bear in the jaw every time he leaped at him. Ah, now it was Artie's turn to laugh. And he availed himself of the opportunity. He spread his face in a broad smile and threw his arms about wildly, clapping his hands. But Teddy Bear was tenacious. He kept up the attack, growing more and more vicious. Then, seeing by the clock that it was almost time for Minnie's return home, Artie warmed to the conflict and soon had Teddy laid low on the floor. With the

smile of victory on his jam-stained face, he leaped from the chair, grabbed up his slain foe and hurried to the window with him. Succeeding in raising the sash Artie tossed his victim into the street below. A little street boy, with his bundle of newspapers under his arm saw the furry fellow coming through the air, and instead of Teddy Bear falling on the hard pavement he dropped into the arms of the newsboy, who held welcoming arms for him.

"Gee, I've got a Teddy Bear at last," he muttered, his face radiant with happiness. "Ah, I guess not! Bears a-falling from third-story windows right into me mits!" And away went the new master of Teddy Bear, taking him home, where he would revive him in short order and make him as lively as ever.

And in the playroom Minnie was saying: "Hello, dear old Artie. How have you been since I went away? I do hope you were not lonely."

And Artie, still smiling from his place on the chair, knew that he was still his little mistress' favorite. As far as the fate of Teddy Bear was concerned—well Artie did not bother his rag-head about that.

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