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A MORNING GLORY.

Once upon a time somewhere, in a little city garden, there grew a Morning Glory vine. Nobody knew how it came there, for no one had planted it; but it was a pretty little thing, with green hearts for leaves and running little pale-pink vines here and there upon its fuzzy stem.

She wanted to get off of the ground where she had been all of her short life, and she crept slowly along to find something to take hold of that she might climb high up into the bright sunlight. She put out her tender tendrils and felt carefully along, for she was blind, poor little thing, and could not see where she was going.

As she reached out for a something hard, perhaps that is something bright thought the Morning Glory, as she crawled up the side quite to the top, but she was not high at all—not much higher than the ground, for it was only a small stone that she had found, and the water crept back down the other side and she lay there quite unconcerned.

The wise old man who used to take care of Somebody's garden, and he saw this plant growing there and groping about for a support, so he fastened a string from a peg stuck into the ground up to Somebody's window sill, and then he quite forgot all about it.

The next morning the Morning Glory felt more clever than ever and she started upon her search again. She had not far to go this time, because the kind old man had fastened the peg very near to where she lived, so she reached about with one of her tendrils to avoid any other stones and took hold of the string.

The poor sightless little thing did not know that the old man had put it there for her, but she knew she felt that it would lead her where she wished to go—up toward the beautiful blue sky and the great golden sun.

So she climbed along the string, slowly at first, then faster each day as she began to know the way, until, like Jack's bean-stalk, she had reached the window-sill.

Now Somebody, the person who owned the garden, was ill, so ill that he had to stay always in his room with an ugly black bandage over his eyes, and the doctors feared that he might never see again.

He was very unhappy, and was often—oh, so very—cross, and the servants quite feared him when he spoke to them in a harsh and authoritative voice.

He had no relatives, and he lived quite alone in his great house, with many people to wait upon him and with ever so much money to buy things to make him happy. But the things that one buys do not always make one happy, and he was terribly wretched in his big, fine house.

One morning he groped his way to the open window and felt for a hand out upon the sides of the frame, and he felt a little thing like a string. Now it had been there for it was a tremendous little thing, but he made a much important movement, and he pulled it quite hard and bruised it terribly.

This made Somebody very angry, and he was not pleased that people should come and pull at the pegs in his window.

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