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"I pray Thee, Lord," she said, "That Thou wilt condescend To tarry in my heart."

"They tell me, Lord, that all The living pass away— The aged soon must die, And even children may."

Her little prayer was said, And from her chamber now, She passed forth, with the light Of heaven upon her brow.

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## SPEAK TRUTH TO CHILDREN.

THE PRACTICE OF HUMBUGGING THEM IS BAD AND MAY DO HARM.

Parents Can Satisfy the Curiosity of Their Children Without Telling Falsehoods.

Norfolk Pilot.

Good parents should have in mind that when a child reaches the advanced age of 4 years he usually begins to develop a natural passion for knowledge. This is a much more important stage in his career than most people seem to think.

Forced studies at too early an age are greatly to be deprecated, but we are always safe in letting the child learn what it has a strong desire to know.

The questions which these youngsters are perpetually springing on us are often very extraordinary. One little fellow, a short time ago, said to his father, "As God can do everything, can He make a stone so heavy that He can't lift it?"

But the great difficulty with most people is to find a way of answering these questions that shall be intelligible to the young mind with its scanty knowledge and very limited vocabulary.

The mother then breaks in: "What is the use in telling the child that stuff? Come here, Freddy, dear, Mother Carey is plucking her goose and snow is the feathers."

Now, what that father should have done is this: He should have laid down his book and said: "Well, Freddy, snow is wet up in the air that gets frozen and falls down."

Such answers as these would be intelligible to every young mind, and although they are far from scientific, they really leave nothing to be unlearned. And this is the great point to be always kept in view: do not teach a child anything that it will have to unlearn in after years.

Imagination be crushed; on the contrary, it should be stimulated in every reasonable way. This may at first seem in contradiction to what has already been written, but it is not so.

The popular fable of Santa Claus does no harm whatever. Directly the little skeptic lies awake and finds out the fraud that has been practiced upon him he simply realizes, with more pleasure than disappointment, that the good saint was merely a poetic figure for his loving parents.

Finally, what a lot we can learn from these clear-headed youngsters! "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings" we get problems that may well puzzle men of learning.

The late Prof. Tyndall, always encouraged schoolboys to ask him questions. One of them wanted to know why the part of a towel that had been dipped in water was darker than the dry portion, and the man of science remarked that no man had ever asked this question, and very few would have been able to give the correct answer.

## What She Missed.

"Did you have a good rest over at your sister Mary's?" asked one of Mrs. Jennie Woolson's neighbors.

"I suppose I had a good rest enough," answered Mrs. Woolson. "I didn't have a thing to do for a week. But I was as homesick and lonesome as an old cat."

"Why, I thought they'd entertain you first rate!" exclaimed the neighbor. "I understood Mary kept a hired girl and lived real stylish."

"Well, I should think you'd have had a real peaceful time," said the neighbor. "I did," returned Mrs. Woolson, "but it wasn't a thing for me to worry about from morning till night—I missed the excitement; that's jest what the trouble was. An I come home two days before my visit was out because I got so dreadful low in my mind I began to feel kinder sick."

"You look all right now," said the neighbor, with a glance at Mrs. Woolson's red cheeks. "Mussy sakes, yes! Why, when Cyrus met me at the depot yesterday, he said fust thing that he thought by the looks of the corn 'twas all dry'n up, an we shouldn't have anythin' to pay for all he'd spent on the field this year, an he said that Miry looked to him as if she was comin' down with the measles, an Johnny had eat somethin' that he reckoned was 'pison the day before, an was liable to be took sick any minute. An, lawsee, I begun to feel as homey an contented as ever I was in my life. An by the time we drove up to the door I was all chipped up an ready for anything!"

## AN ELOQUENT TRIBUTE.

The Late J. J. Vann.

At a meeting of the Monroe bar March 27, 1894, Mr. D. A. Covington delivered an eloquent eulogy of Mr. J. J. Vann who had just died, and who was well known some years ago to the people of Scotland Neck.

"When a man has grown old in going about in doing good; when his head has been whitened with the frosts of many winters; his form bowed by the weight of many responsibilities; his face furrowed by the troublous touch of time; his eyesight dim, his step unsteady and he is ready, like the shock of ripened grain, to be garnered in, it is not so sad for him to call his friends and family around him and, after bestowing upon each the parting blessing, to gather up his robes and, like a rushing thought, climb upwards, star by star, into Heaven."

"Another of God's miracles," he exclaimed; and then, addressing the woman: "This coin belongs to you. Take it, and go in peace."

"I know not where His islands lift Their fringed palms in air, I only know I cannot drift Beyond His love and care."

"And so, beside the silent sea, I wait the muffled oar, No harm from Him can come to me On ocean or on shore."

"Edward Fuller, one of North Carolina's most brilliant sons, and, to my mind, her sweetest singer, left to us all, in the evening of his life, a priceless legacy which, if we appropriate, will be a 'lamp to our feet' and light up our pathway as we journey through life, and will strengthen us when we come to pass through the 'valley of the shadow of death,' and enable us finally to walk by the 'side of the still waters' and to 'lie down in green pastures'."

"Thus do I wish to live, life's aims subserved to God, And each continued day and hour regard As special gifts to be improved for Him."

## Japanese Boys and Girls.

Japanese children are gentle in their manners and ways. Their toys are the most fragile of play things, and yet they keep them intact for years. An American child will pick out her doll's eyes to see how she shuts them, and dig holes in her ribs to let out the sawdust; in fact, make her "a thing of shreds and patches" in less than twenty-four hours.

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The Contemporary Review tells an amusing story of how a simple-minded curate was rudely enlightened as to the ways of providence. A good-hearted curate, who firmly believed that God was continually working miracles to enable him to help the needy, and who seldom had a coin in his pocket, though he was never devoid of the fire of charity in his heart, was accosted one day by a beggar-woman.

He pleaded utter lack of money, and sadly turned aside; but on the mendicant's beseeching him to search his pockets, he hopelessly put his hand in one, and to his amazement and joy, found a five-shilling piece.

Having told the story a few hours later to his worldly-minded parish priest, and suggested that they should both go down on their knees and render thanks to God, a strange, unpleasant light suddenly broke on the mind of the shrewd pastor, who exclaimed in accents not suggestive of thanksgiving: "God heavens! Are those my breeches you've on you?"

## A PRETTY GAME.

The sun and rain in fickle weather Were playing hide-and-seek together, And each in turn would try to chase The other from his hiding place. At last they met to say good-by, And to a rainbow spanned the sky.

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