

## HIDE-AND-SEEK.



IN the neighbor's little yard see the children at play! What a beautiful place for play! See the old boards, the sticks, and the loose stones, the dog's house, and the hole in the wall!

Truly what better place in all the wide world could be found for a game of hide-and-seeK! Little Ruth is hiding behind the pales of an old broken-down fence. Tiger, the dog, knows where she is; and Sister Susan knows where she is; and the sparrow that sits on the roof of the dog's house, — he, too, knows where she is: but the rest of the party will have to hunt before they can find her.

I hope none of those children will get a fall. I hope they will not push those stones down on anybody's head. See that little sparrow on the rim of the basin behind Susan! It is quite plain that he means to keep out of harm's way.

What a good neighbor it must be to let all those children come into the yard and play! One little girl has crept into a hole under the house by the side of the grape-vine. The little boys on the wall mean to climb down and see if they can find Cousin Ruth. I think it will not be hard to find her. One little boy has already almost caught sight of her.

Play on, children! The neighbor's little yard is now to you a very heaven of wonder and delight. By and by, when you grow up, and go out into the big world, and see fine cities, and stately parks, and squares, and public gardens, you must not forget the little yard, with its rubbish, its planks, and its stones, where you used to play hide-and-seeK when you were young and happy.

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