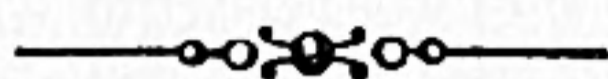


## TASSO.

horse in front of Mrs. Raymond's cottage. The poor widow had been almost out of her senses with grief at the disappearance of her little boy. How glad she was to see him once more, safe and sound!

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## TASSO.

TASSO is not a handsome dog; but he is very intelligent.

One day, when his mistress and some other little girls were playing with their dolls, Tasso seemed very uneasy, and acted as if he would like to have a doll too.

So his mistress made a rag-doll for him, with which he seemed delighted. He played with it until he saw the little girls putting their dolls away; when, taking his doll in his mouth, he trotted off to the garden, and buried it.

The next time he saw the little girls with their dolls, he went to the garden, and, after much scratching, brought up his doll, and amused himself with it as before.

Another day he was found in the garden plucking flowers. He took them in his mouth, and carried them to his kennel, where he carefully laid them on the straw, as much as to say, "You see *I* like flowers as well as you, and I'm going to have some in my parlor."

This pleased Tasso's mistress very much; but she was not at all pleased when he came home one day with a little bird in his mouth.

B.

