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MARY'S PRETTY SIGHT!

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" I am content with what I have
Little be it or much ;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because thou savest such. "
Pilgrim's Progress.

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I

Beautiful Ponies.

“ GRANDMOTHER, look ! did you ever see anything prettier?”

“Prettier than what, Mary?”

“Ah, you cannot see from where you are sitting, grandmother ; but if you would only come here for a minute,” said the little girl eagerly from outside the cottage door, which stood wide open.

“You forget my rheumatism, my dear,” replied a voice from within. “Is it any-

thing worth bearing a great deal of pain to see ?”

Mary said she was not sure about that, and she acknowledged that for a moment she had lost sight of her grandmother's lameness. “But they are very pretty, though,” she added; “only they will be out of sight in a minute. There, they are gone now;” and the little maiden went into the cottage and resumed her straw-plaiting, which for a time had been put down.

“You have not told me what you have seen, my child,” said the aged woman, to whom the effort of rising from the chair by the fireside and hobbling across the room would have been both difficult and painful. Mrs. Woodman was sadly troubled with rheumatism, and that day in particular the twinges it had given her were very sharp. But they had not disturbed her

temper, which was rarely affected by trifles, as Mary very well knew.

"It was a pretty sight, grandmother," said the child. "There were two beautiful ponies, with long tails and manes; such beautiful creatures, they were like fairy things."

"Ponies—only ponies?"

"And two such nice-looking children upon them, one upon each. One was a little girl, not so big as me; and the other was a boy, still less. The little girl had bright, shining hair, curling in long curls quite over her shoulders; and they were so handsomely dressed."

"Do you mean that the curls were handsomely dressed, Mary?"

"O grandmother, now you are making fun of me," said Mary, laughing at her own blunder. "I meant that the children were handsomely dressed. And there was