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THE POND. *Photogravure.*

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JOHN GAY'S WORK IN SUMMER.



CHAPTER I.

JOHN'S GREENBACKS.

IN the back yard belonging to the house where John and Benny lived, there was a pump not far from the kitchen-door, with a wooden platform leading out to it from the door. Before the pump there was a spout, of the kind which the carpenters call a shoe, made to catch the waste water, and convey it into an opening in the ground, where there was a grating through which it flowed into a dark recess in the earth, that led away, Benny could never imagine where.

Benny used to try to sail boats by means of the water from this pump, but it troubled him a good deal to get a pond large enough. Sometimes he would borrow a large tin milk-pan from Bridget in the kitchen, and contrive to block it up level

under the nose of the pump, and then pump it full of water, and sail his boats in that.

At last, one day, it occurred to John that he might make Benny a somewhat larger pond, by using the spout itself for this purpose. The spout was pretty wide at the back end, and was about two feet long. It was laid upon the platform of the pump, and made to slope downward somewhat, so as to carry off the water. The back end, and the two sides of the spout, were enclosed by means of narrow pieces of board nailed on to them, but the lower end was left open to allow the water to flow out.

John contrived to block up this lower end with a piece of wood placed under it, so as to make it level, and then to make a kind of dam across the opening by means of a short board, which he cut as nearly as possible to the right dimensions, and then filled in the interstices with clay, so as to make it nearly water-tight.

"There, Benny," said John, "now you can pump that full of water, and you will have quite a large pond. And now I think

you ought to pay me for doing this work for you."

"Well," said Benny, "I would pay you if I only had some money."

"You can pay me in work," said John.

"Well," replied Benny, "I will be your apprentice."

"No," said John; "apprentices are never paid for their work, — only journeymen."

"What is a journeyman?" asked Benny.

"He is a man that has learned how to work at his trade," replied John, "and so the master pays him for what he does. When he is an apprentice, he does not know enough to work for pay; so he only works for his teaching and his board. If you are going to work for pay, you will be a journeyman."

"But I am not going to work for pay," said Benny. "I am going to work to pay you."

"Oh, that's the same thing," said John. "You are going to work for pay, and your pay is this pond, only I have paid you in advance."

Benny was a little confused at these