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"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

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## 3 Present.

ACOB MYERS had a little shop on a well-known street-corner, in one of our Atlantic cities.

There, on pleasant days, ladies came to buy cheap edgings, and even in rainy weather there were customers who stopped for a paper of pins, or for a spool of "40 cotton," while Jacob's wife sat sewing behind the counter.

Jacob was not much in the shop, himself; he spent his time in making trips into the country, to sell a part of his stock at the stray farm-houses, and in the wayside villages. Jacob had learned to go to the back door when he was refused at the front, and he was sure to lighten his pack and make more beavy his purse, at every kitchen he entered. He had gilt jewelry to suit all tastes, and combs for "a mere song," not to speak of laces and buttons, at what he declared to be "next to nothing" prices.

Jacob was not out with his pack at the time when our story begins. No! He was in his own shop, looking the very picture of happiness. Jacob had just received a present, worth exactly twice as much as the thing he had long most wished for.

Now you must not be thinking of purses of gold, or cargoes of lace edgings. Jacob valued such things enough, and too much doubtless, but he valued still more the gifts a kind hand had sent him.

Back of the shop was the small "family room," with a stair-case leading out of it fato the chamber above. In that upper room were Jacob's treasure's—two little black-eyed baby-boys, twins, as "alike as two peas," and each looking about him, as if much astonished at finding himself in such a queer world, with such a queer little brother at his side.

Jacob's wife, Naomi, seemed as well pleased as her husband, and there was a sweet, placid joy in her face as she lay there, with her twin-babies beside her.

For some unknown reason, people choose to give twins names just as nearly alike as possible, without being exactly the same, as if it were not puzzling enough to have two tiny things tottering about, the very pictures of each other, without adding to the difficulty.

Jacob Myers, however, was not wiser than the rest of mankind in this particular, as we shall soon see.

Jacob had a book which contained the