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A WINDY DAY IN CHINA
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Fear Blossom, her brother, Fu Lee, and his friend, Ling Wang were raking leaves. When the winds were blowing hard the school was closed for the boys. (Girls did not go to school.) Many families had no winter fuel except the leaves.

Suddenly from Fear Blossom's mound of leaves leaped a little brown puppy. Fear Blossom put him in the front of her coat to keep him warm.

Just then they heard the peddler's bell. Each child bought a Tsien's worth of peanuts.

The puppy, smelling the peanuts, wiggled out of the coat. He fell to the ground and scampered off.

The three children chased him, but a neighbor boy caught him.

"This puppy belongs at the mission," the boy declared.

"Then we must take him home," Fear Blossom said.

The three started out. A lady met them at the door of the mission.

"Come in," she invited. "School is nearly out for noon."

She led the children to where Miss Reed, a teacher, was telling a Bible story.

"You may sit here and listen," she said. "Then Miss Reed will talk to you."

Fear Blossom, listening to the wonderful story, wished that she could come here to school.

When the teacher had finished, she greeted the three children.

"Oh, you found the puppy! Would you like to keep him? We have more puppies."

"If my father says that we may," Fear Blossom declared.

Now Miss Reed invited the children to have some hot soup. But Fu Lee said that they couldn't wait. They must gather leaves. They had lost much time coming to the mission.

"I know that you burn cornstalks as well as leaves," Miss Reed said. "There are many old cornstalks back of the school you may have. They will make more fuel than the leaves you can gather today."

So the children stayed for lunch. Before they left, Miss Reed invited them to attend school at the mission.

As they hurried home, Ling Wang said, "If you two go to the mission school, I can go, too."

The children's father was very pleased about the cornstalks. He would get them with a cart. He said that they might keep the puppy. And that they might go to the mission school.

The boys believed that the puppy had led them to the mission school. But Fear Blossom believed that it was God.

WHAT AM I?

By Enola Chamberlin

I have no tongue, but night and day
I have two words I say and say
Over and over and over, and then
I start right in and say them again.

I never play, I never work,
And yet you'll find I seldom shirk.
I run and run, and yet my face
Stays always in the selfsame place.

I have two hands, yet it is true
No finger will I point at you.
Sometimes I'm fast, sometimes I'm slow.
Now you can guess me quick, I know.

ANSWER: A clock

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