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THE CHILD'S PICTURE DEFINING

AND

READING BOOK.

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PREFACE.

It occurs to us that one of the greatest defects in the elementary education of children, is, that so little effort is made to lead them to attach precise and distinct ideas to words.

Of what use are books to children, if they do not understand them? And how can they be enabled to understand books, if no effort is made to teach them the import of the words, and phrases, of which books are composed?

To accomplish this important object, some set the little child to *studying definitions*. But the misfortune is, that, in most cases, the terms employed in the definition, themselves need defining, and without it, are as unintelligible to the child, as the original word to be defined. He is thus led into the unfortunate habit of merely ringing changes upon words, and thinking that he understands *one word*, because he knows how to substitute an *imperfect synonyme* in its stead.

Definitions are of little use in teaching *very young children* the meaning of words. But the *language of pictures*, which is the language of nature, known and understood by all men, may be used, in the accomplishment of this object, with great success, and to a vast extent, if judiciously employed, and if accompanied with a suitable corresponding effort, on the part of the teacher.

It is on these principles, that this little book has been prepared. It only remains, for the author briefly to point out the manner in which it should be used.

It is founded on these principles, of *analysis and repetition*. There is a series of pictures in the first part of the book, each of which is accompanied with a list of the names of the most prominent *objects* in the pictures, and also with a set of very short and

simple phrases, illustrating the *actions* which the picture is intended to represent.

Let the child read over the list of names, and, then, let the teacher see if he can, without assistance, point out the objects in the picture, which the names denote. If the child meets with any difficulty in doing this, or needs any explanation, or illustration, let the teacher afford all necessary aid, and not stop until he is satisfied that the child has a good understanding of the whole.

In the same manner, go through with the phrases on the opposite page, being careful first to see, if the child, by the mere inspection of the picture, will not himself understand the ideas intended to be conveyed.

Part second consists of the same series of pictures, and in the same order, as in part first. But here, each of the pictures is accompanied with a short story, the *elements* of which are to be found in the list of names, and in the sets of phrases in part first, accompanying the same picture. By having attended to these elements, which it would be very desirable *briefly to review in each case, before reading the story*, the child is now prepared, with the continued aid of the pictures, to read the story, and to understand it, with little if any aid from the teacher. He will do this, too, with an increased attention and interest.

The lists of names, and the sets of phrases, may be used for spelling lessons, and the stories, for reading lessons, with a whole class, either in infant, or in primary schools. And in addition to this, a very useful exercise may be pursued, by asking the class, in rotation, such questions as can receive a ready answer from the inspection of the pictures.

PREFACE TO THE BRITISH EDITION.

THE present volume having been recommended to the Publishers by several Teachers as a most suitable little Book, not only for Schools, but also for nurseries, they have reprinted it from the American copy with no alterations, excepting such as were deemed improvements, and offer it to the public as an early work for young minds in the spirit of the intellectual system.

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THE FOX CHASE.

A black horse
Another horse
Two men
Two caps
Two whips
A short coat
Boots
Spurs

Two saddles
Three dogs
Trees
Boughs of
a tree
A wood
A tower
A steeple.

There are two men riding.
The horses are running fast.
One man is on a black horse.
He has a cap on his head.
He holds a whip in his right
and the reins in his left hand.
He has boots on, and spurs.
The other man is riding
very fast into the wood.
The three dogs are running
very fast after him.
What are they running after ?
What are they trying to find ?
They are chasing a poor fox.
He has run into the wood
so that you cannot see him.
Poor fox !
if the dogs catch him
they will kill him.



THE POOR WOMAN BEGGING.

A gentleman

A lady

A poor woman

A poor boy

A hat

A bonnet

A feather

A veil

Some rocks

Poor people

A kettle

A fire

Smoke

A Wood

A house

Trees.

That gentleman and lady
are husband and wife.
She has a bonnet on
with a feather and veil.
The woman who has met them
is poor and is begging.
She is asking the lady
to give her some alms.
Her son stands behind her
with a stick in his left hand.
He has no hat on his head
and his clothes are torn.
The lady is putting money
into the poor woman's hand.
Some other poor people
are in the woods not far off.
They have made a fire
and are cooking some food
in the kettle over the fire.



VISITING GRANDFATHER.

Grandfather
 Grandmother
 Grandson
 Father
 Mother
 A chaise
 Two horses
 A little dog
 A lady's cap

A boy's cap
 A bald head
 A lady's bonnet
 A black hat
 A surtout
 A house
 A railing
 A round wheel.

**That old man
is the grandfather.**

**That woman with a cap
is the grandmother.**

**The old man
is kissing his daughter.**

**She is the mother
of the little boy.**

**His grandmother
is holding him.**

**His father is holding
the horse by the bridle.**

**The father and mother
and little son have come
to pass the Holidays
with the grand-parents.**

**They are very happy
to meet one another.**

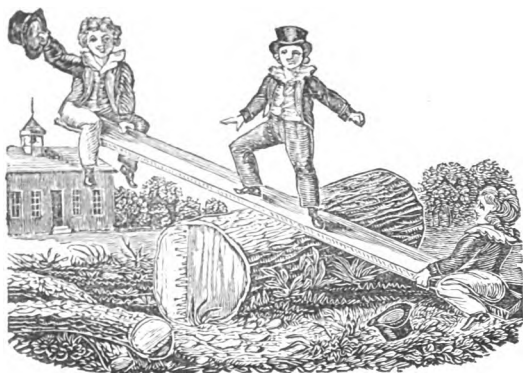


THE WOOD CUTTER.

An old man
 A bundle of
 sticks
 A black hat
 A short pipe
 Whitesmoke
 A sharp axe
 A short club
 A right hand

A lively dog
 A cottage
 Three windows
 One door
 An old woman
 A tree
 Dark clouds
 White snow.

That is an old man
carrying a bundle of sticks.
He is going to the cottage.
He is smoking tobacco.
He has a black hat.
He has an axe under his arm.
He looks old.
He walks slowly.
The dog is running before him.
The dog looks back.
The snow is on the ground.
The old man's wife
is standing at the door.
She will be glad to see him.
She has his supper ready.
The old man will be glad
to see his wife and children.

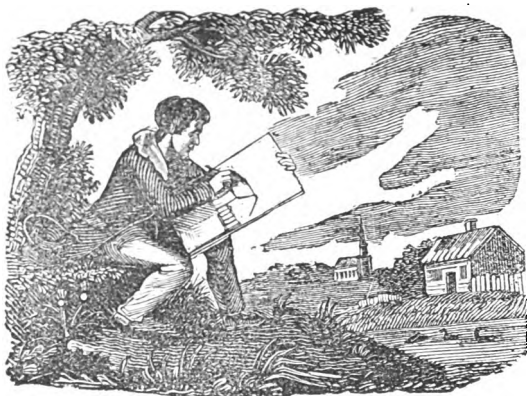


THE BOYS SEE-SAWING.

Three boys
 A long board
 The trunk
 of a tree
 One hat on
 Two hats off
 One boy up
 One boy down

One boy on the
 middle of the
 board
 A school-house
 A cupola
 A small bell
 Four windows
 A door.

**There are three boys.
They are on a board.
One boy is high up.
One boy is low down.
One boy is on the middle
stretching out his arms.
He is balancing.
The boy that is high up will
soon go down.
The boy that is low down
will soon go up.
They are see-sawing.
They are out of school.
They are playing.
They will go to school again
and say their lessons.
They are good boys.
Their teacher loves them.**



THE INDUSTRIOUS BOY.

A good boy	A church
A grassy bank	A high steeple
Thick paper	A black hat
A lead pencil	A bare head
A picture	A good seat
A house	A cool place
Two windows	A thistle
One door	A pond
A high tree	Three ducks.

The boy is sitting.
He holds the drawing paper.
He is drawing a picture
with a pencil.
He is drawing
that small house.
He will make
a very pretty picture.
There is a pond.
Three ducks are swimming
in the pond.
A high tree stands
behind the boy.
The steeple of the church
is very high.
The boy's hat is off.
His hat is behind him.
He has a good seat.



THE HORSES BROUGHT TO DRINK.

A boy
Two horses
A hat
A saddle
A collar
Two bridles
Four ears
Four eyes

Eight legs
A large dog
A short stick
Some reeds
A steep bank
A distant barn
Dark clouds
A river.

**That boy has brought
the horses to drink.**

One horse is not drinking.

He has drunk enough.

One horse is still drinking.

**One horse has a collar
and saddle on.**

The other horse has not.

**The boy sits on the horse
and is not afraid of falling
into the water.**

**The dog is swimming
with a stick in his mouth.**

The horses were very dry.

They were glad to drink.

**The boy will take them
to the stable.**

He will give them some hay.

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THE STONE BRIDGE AND TOLL-GATE.

A stone bridge
 Three arches
 A small boat
 Two boys
 A waggon
 A driver
 Two horses
 A toll-bar

A man riding
 A tollman
 An old woman
 A small basket
 A staff
 A steep bank
 Hard rocks
 Deep water.

**That stone bridge
has three arches.**

**The small boat
under one of the arches
has two boys in it.**

They are catching fish.

**The waggon full of wood
is crossing the river
by the bridge.**

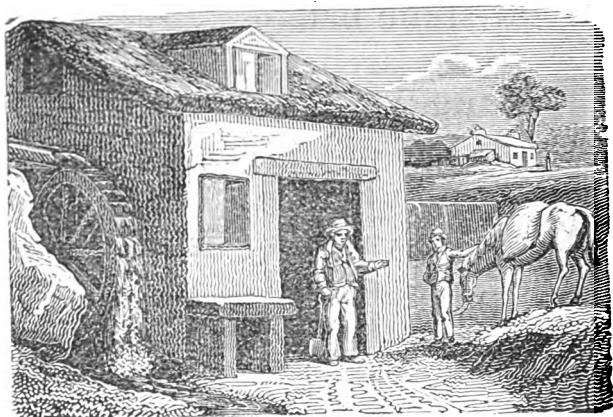
A man drives the horses.

**The man on horse back
is paying the toll.**

**A large tree
is at one end of the bridge.**

**A poor old woman
is sitting under the tree.**

**Her basket and staff
are on the ground behind her.**



THE FLOUR MILL.

A flour mill
A large wheel
Falling water
Rocks
A mill dam
A miller
A little boy
Door&window

An old horse
A flour sack
A bridle
A house
Two chimnies
A tall tree
A woman
Distant view.

That flour-mill
has a large door.
The falling water
turns the wheel.
The miller at the door
has a white hat
and white clothes.
A boy has brought
a sack of corn to the mill.
He wishes to get
the corn ground.
The sack is on the back of
the old horse.
The boy is talking
with the miller
about grinding the corn.
The miller will grind the corn.
The boy will come for the meal.



CAIN AND ABEL.

Two men
Brothers
Wicked Cain
Good Abel
A raised arm
A thick club

An angry face
Dark clouds
Bright beams
Cain's fruit
Abel's lambs
Two trees.

These two men are brothers.
Wicked Cain hated God.
Righteous Abel feared God.
Cain's arm is raised
to strike Abel with the club.
He will kill him.
He has thrown him down
on the ground.
Cain's face is like
the dark clouds behind him.
The bright beams
fall on good Abel.
Cain tilled the ground
to make fruit grow.
Abel kept sheep.
Cain's fruit is behind him
on the ground.
Abel's lambs are under
the trees.



ABRAHAM OFFERING UP HIS SON.

A young lad
 Isaac
 A pile of wood
 An old man
 Obedient man
 A bald head
 A white beard

Abraham
 A long knife
 A holy angel
 from heaven
 Two wings
 A pot of fire
 A large flame.

That young lad
on the wood is Isaac.
The old man his father
is Abraham.

Isaac's arms are tied.
Abraham is taking hold
of Isaac's head
with his left hand.

In his right hand
he holds a long knife.

Abraham is going
to slay Isaac.

Abraham sees an angel
coming down from heaven.

The angel tells Abraham
not to slay Isaac.

Abraham will not slay him.
He will slay the ram.

The ram is caught
in a thicket behind him.



THE BURIAL OF ABRAHAM.

A large cave
 A rock
 Nine persons
 Seven men
 Two women
 Long beards
 A dead body
 Abraham
 A bier

The handles
 A hollow tomb
 A heavy stone
 A torch
 The flame
 A woman
 crying
 An entrance
 A shadow.

Those men are raising
the body of Abraham
to put it into the tomb.
for it is a dead body.

They have taken it off the bier.
They will cover the tomb
with the stone behind it.

A man holds a torch
which lights the cave.

Near him stands a woman
who is weeping.

She feels very sorry
that Abraham is dead.

With her is another woman.

Two men are standing
at the entrance of the cave.

They are all looking to see
the body put into the tomb.



JOSEPH SOLD TO THE ISHMAELITES.

A young man
Joseph
Bare head
Bare feet
A tall man
Judah
Three men
behind Judah
A coat

A large tree
A great trunk
Many leaves
Ishmaelites
Two turbans
A long beard
Loose dresses
A long staff
A crook.

**That young man with
bare head and bare feet
is Joseph.**

**The two men near him
are Ishmaelites.**

They have turbans on.

**The other men
are the brothers of Joseph.**

**They were very wicked
and hated Joseph
because his father loved him.**

**They are selling Joseph
to the Ismaelites.**

**Judah, a brother of Joseph,
is taking the money
from the Ishmaelite.**

**They will carry poor Joseph
into Egypt to be a slave.**



THE MEETING OF JACOB & JOSEPH.

An old man

A beard

Jacob

A young man

A black robe

Joseph

A chariot

Two horses

A driver

Two wheels

Two other men

Five persons

Five beasts

A camel

An ass

A sheep.

**That young man
with a black robe is Joseph.
He has just got out of
his chariot.**

**The chariot has a driver
and is drawn by two horses.**

The old man is Jacob.

He has a long beard.

He is the father of Joseph.

The other men are his brothers.

**Joseph is very glad
to meet his dear father.**

**Jacob and Joseph
are embracing each other.**

**Jacob is very glad
to see his son again.**

**Joseph will take good care
of his father and brothers.**



THE FINDING OF MOSES.

An infant
Moses
A small ark
A deep river
A tall lady
The daughter
of Pharaoh
A crown

Four women
A princess
Attendants
The bank
of the river
Pyramids
Buildings
Reeds.

**That infant in the ark
is Moses.**

**The king of Egypt
a very wicked man
whose name was Pharaoh
wished to kill Moses.**

**The mother of Moses
tried to keep him
from being killed.**

She put him into the ark.

She went away and left him.

**The lady who wears the crown
is the daughter of Pharaoh.**

**The woman in the water
will take Moses from the ark.**

**She will give him
to the daughter of Pharaoh
who will take care of him.**



THE ISRAELITES PASSING THROUGH THE RED-SEA.

A high rock
Moses
A long rod
A raised arm
Flowing robes
Many people
Men women
A little child

Helmets
Spears
Shields
Two oxen
A cart
The Red-sea
Foaming Sea
Dark clouds.

**That man on the rock
is Moses.**

**He has a long rod
in his right hand.**

**His left arm is raised
towards heaven.**

**Those people
are the Israelites.**

**They are fleeing away
from a cruel king.**

**He and his soldiers
are not far behind them.**

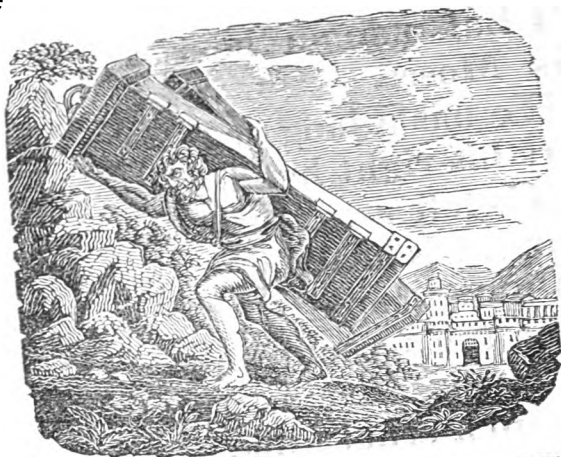
They are very much afraid.

**God told Moses
to stretch his rod over the sea.**

The waters are divided.

**The Israelites pass through
the Red sea and are safe.**

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SAMSON CARRYING OFF THE GATE
OF GAZA.

A strong man
Samson
Raised arms
Iron hinges
Thick doors
Heavy doors
A distant hill

A steep rock
Distant city
Gaza
A wall
Two towers
A gate
Buildings.

**That very strong man
is Samson.**

That city is Gaza.

**While the people were asleep
he took the doors of the gate.**

**He is carrying them
up that rocky hill.**

**How firmly he holds them
with his strong arms!**

They are very heavy.

**Any other man
who should try to carry them
would be crushed by them
and fall down on the ground.**

**The people of Gaza
intended to kill him.**

**That is the reason
that he fled away.**



SAMUEL PRESENTED TO ELI.

A little boy
Samuel

A bare head

Bare feet

High priest

Eli

A long beard

A rich dress

A woman

Hannah

Sandals

Steps

An altar

Pillars

The temple

Fire.

That little boy is Samuel.
That Man is the High priest.
His beard is long and white.
He has a very rich dress.
His name is Eli.
The woman's name is Hannah.
She is the mother of Samuel.
She has brought her son
to Eli to live with him
and help him to take care
of the temple.
They are all in the temple.
That is an altar behind Eli.
Little Samuel looks
as if he wished to stay with Eli.
Eli is willing to take him
and Samuel will stay
in the temple and serve God.



DAVID KILLING GOLIATH.

A great giant
Goliath
A helmet
A shield
A spear
Sandals
A young man
David

A sling
A shepherd's
crook
Soldiers
Philistines
An army
Israelites
Saul.

**That large man Goliath
is a strong giant.**

He is a Philistine.

That young man is David.

He is an Israelite.

**The Philistines came
to fight the Israelites.**

**Goliath dared any one
of the Israelites**

to come alone and fight him.

Young David came.

**He had no spear and shield
as Goliath had**

but only a sling and stones.

He trusted in God to help him.

He threw a stone from sling.

It hit Goliath in the forehead.

He is falling to the ground.



THE DEATH OF ABSALOM.

Aman hanging
from a bough
Absalom
Son of David
A fierce man
A soldier
on horseback
Joab

A long spear
Two soldiers
behind Joab
on horses
Many trees
A dark wood
A mule
running away.

That man hanging
from the boughs is Absalom.
He was the son of David.
He was a wicked man.
He fought against his father.
He wished to be king
in his father's stead.
He was riding on a mule
and passed under an oak.
His hair was caught by a bough.
The mule went away
from under him.
Joab a captain in David's army
was pursuing Absalom.
Joab saw Absalom hanging
and is thrusting a spear
through his heart.



ELIJAH FED BY THE RAVENS.

A good man
Elijah
A long beard
A loose dress
A girdle
Bare feet
Right elbow
Some bread

A raven
A branch
Another raven
Some meat
Two wings
Many leaves
A stream
A water-fall.

That good man is Elijah.
He was afraid of Ahab
a wicked king
who wished to kill him.
He fled away from Ahab
and hid himself in the woods.
He is sitting on a rock
near a small brook
of pure running water.
When he is thirsty
he drinks from the brook.
Every morning and evening
God sends the ravens
to bring Elijah food.
He is taking some bread
from the raven
with his left hand.
Another raven
is bringing him some meat.



THE FOX CHASE.

That man is riding very fast on a black horse. The horse is running. The man has a whip in his right hand, with which he is whipping the horse. He has a cap on his head, and is holding the reins with his left hand. He has boots on, and wears spurs. Sometimes he spurs the horse, to make him go faster. There is another man, also, riding very fast on a horse, and making him go into the wood. There are many trees in the wood, and

the trees are full of leaves. I think, it is summer. Three dogs are running after one of the horses, as fast as they can go. I think, they all must be running after something in the wood. What are they running after? What are they trying to find? Has any horse, or cow, run away, and are they going to find it, and bring it back? Has any little boy, or girl, walked away into the wood, and got lost? And are the men trying to find the poor child, and bring it back to its father and mother? No, no horse nor cow has run away. No little child is lost. A poor fox was seen by the men, and they are running their horses, to try to overtake him. They have called the dogs, to go with them. For the dogs can smell, and know which way the fox runs. The fox has run a great way into the wood, so that you cannot see him. If the dogs catch the poor fox, they will kill him. Had not the men better be doing something else, than to chase the poor fox?



THE POOR WOMAN BEGGING.

That gentlemen and lady, who are husband and wife, are taking a walk. The lady has a bonnet on, with a feather and veil. The veil is not drawn over her face, but it is thrown back on her shoulder. Her left arm is leaning on the right arm of her husband. A poor woman has met them. She is telling the lady, how poor she is. She is asking the lady, to give her some alms. Behind the poor woman, is her little son. Poor boy! he has no hat. His mother is not able to

get him any new clothes. She is very thankful, when the kind people give her any old clothes for herself, and for her little son. The lady is always kind to poor people. She is putting some money into the poor woman's hand. The poor woman is thanking her for the money. In the woods, not far off, are some gipsies, they are a wandering tribe. They have no house. They live in the woods. They have made a fire, and put a kettle over it. A great deal of smoke comes from the fire. I think they are cooking some food, and they will sit down on the grass, by and by, and eat it. A great many poor people have no good houses to live in, and good beds to sleep on, and good food to eat, and good clothes to wear, as you have. You ought to remember, that God is very kind to you, to give you kind parents and friends, to take care of you, and to get you what is good and comfortable. You should love these kind parents and friends, and you should love God, more than any other being or thing.

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VISITING GRANDFATHER.

That old man, with his hat off, is kissing a lady, who is his daughter. Her husband is shaking hands with the old man, and also holding the horses with his right hand. Their little son is putting his arms round the grandmother's neck, who is holding him. The grandmother has a cap on her head, and the daughter of the old man, wears a bonnet. The man who is holding the horses, has a surtout on, for it is cold weather. It must be winter, for one of the trees has

no leaves on it. The other tree which has leaves on it, must be an evergreen of some kind. The man who stands near the old man, and between him and the little boy, has come to take care of the horses, and to put them into the stable. The little dog is jumping up, and putting his fore-feet upon the man who holds the horses. The dog seems to be very glad to see him. The father and mother of the little boy have come from their house, to visit the grandparents. They have just got out of their chaise. The chaise looks very neat, and the horses very strong. The old people are very glad to see their daughter, and her husband, and little grandson. They will soon go into the house, and stay there some days, before they return to their own home. They will all be very happy to see each other. Little boys and girls should be very thankful to God for giving them kind grandfathers and grandmothers, and kind fathers and mothers, and they should love them, and obey them.

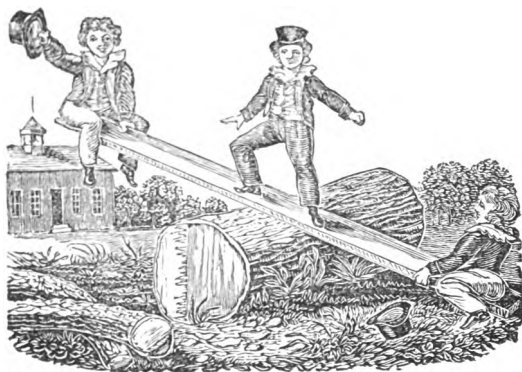


THE WOOD-CUTTER.

This old man is carrying a bundle of small sticks on his back. They are not very heavy. He has been in the woods where he got them, and he is going home with them, to make a fire. He holds a stick in his right hand, and the stick is across his shoulder, and it keeps the bundle on his back. He has a short club in his left hand. He is smoking a pipe. The smoke of the tobacco is coming out of the pipe. He has a black hat on his

head. His axe is under his right arm. He has been cutting the sticks with his axe. He looks old, and he walks slowly along. He has worked hard all day, and is very tired. His dog is running before him, and he looks back at his master. The dog is not tired, for he has not been at work. The snow is on the ground. The trees have no leaves. It is winter, and it is very cold. The old man wishes to get to his house. That is his house at a short distance. There is a pig sty at the end of it. His wife and children will be very glad to see him. She has just come out to see him coming home. She has got a good supper ready. He will be very happy with his wife and children round a good fire. He will read the Bible, and pray to God with them before they go to bed. Little boys and girls should pray to God every evening before they go to bed, and every morning when they rise. And when we pray to God, we should feel in our hearts, what we say to him.

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THE BOYS ARE SEA-SAWING.

These three boys are on a board. The board is across the trunk of a tree. One end of the board is high up in the air, and a boy is sitting on it, with his hat in his right hand. The other end of the board is on the ground, and a boy is sitting on it. His hat is on the ground. He takes hold of the board with both his hands. Pretty soon the end of the board on which he sits will go up in the air, and the other end will go down to the ground.

Each end will ascend, and then it will descend. The boys are see-sawing. One boy stands on the middle of the board, between the other two boys. His feet are wide apart. His arms are extended. He is balancing himself on the board. His right foot is up, pretty soon it will go down. His left foot is down, pretty soon it will go up. The boys are amusing themselves, and they must take care that they do not fall off from the board. They look like good little boys. They do not quarrel with each other. They have come from the school house to play. They will soon go back to study their books. The school house is that small building with a cupola on the roof of it. There is a small bell in the cupola. The school-master loves these little boys, because they behave well. If little boys and girls behave well, their teachers will love them, and their parents will love them, and God, their Heavenly Father will also love them.



THE INDUSTRIOUS BOY.

This boy is sitting on a bank, under the branches of a tree. It is a cool and pleasant seat. He has a large piece of paper before him. The paper is very thick. He holds a pencil in his right hand. He is going to draw a picture of the landscape around him. It will be a very pretty picture. He is now drawing that cottage which has a door and two windows in front. A small pond is on this side of the cottage. Three ducks are swimming in

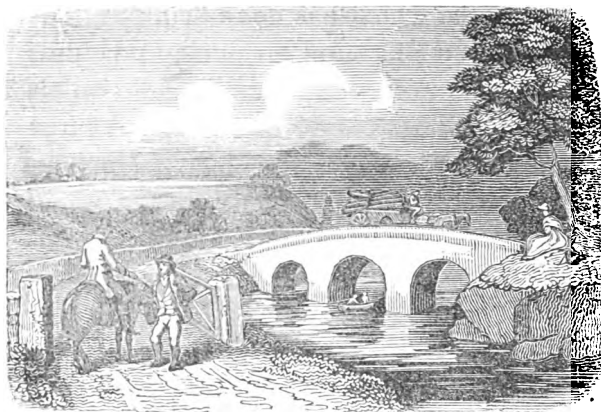
the pond. One duck has its head under the water. The church is at a distance, among the trees. It has a high steeple. The boy has taken off his hat. It lies behind him. It is between him and the trunk of the tree. It is summer, for the trees are full of leaves. The boy looks very attentively on his paper. He is an industrious boy, and wishes to improve. I think he will learn to draw well. You should always be attentive. You should wish to improve. If you are attentive and industrious, you will learn to do things. If you are inattentive or idle, you will not improve, and you will be very ignorant. Do you wish to be ignorant? I hope not. You should wish most to learn to read the Bible. It is the best of all books. God has given you the Bible. It teaches you how you may love and obey God, and be happy in heaven for ever. Learn to read the Bible, and pray to God, to help you to do all that He commands you to do.



THE HORSES BROUGHT TO DRINK.

This boy has brought the two horses to the river, to let them drink some water. One of the horses has done drinking. He stands very still. The horse on which the boy sits, is yet drinking. He has no collar round his neck, and no saddle on his back. The boy has not got the bridle in his hand. It is hanging over the horse's neck. He does not feel afraid of falling off from the horse. He knows how to ride very well. The boy has no coat on.

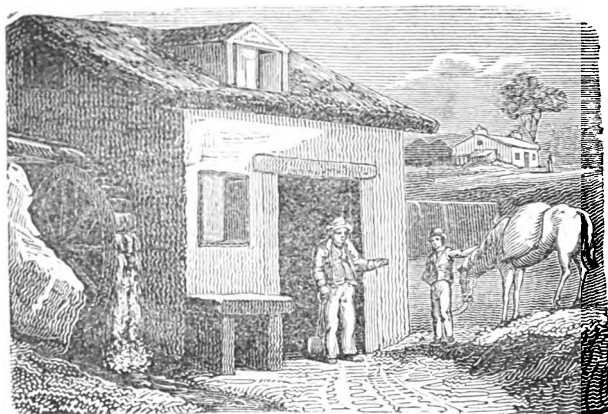
The horse which has done drinking, has a heavy collar round his neck, and blinds before his eyes, and a small saddle on his back. He looks fat and strong. A large dog is swimming in the river. His head is out of the water, and he has a small branch of a tree in his mouth. He is swimming towards the other side of the river. The horses are glad to drink, for they have been at work, and they are very thirsty. They are tired and they will soon go to the stable, and eat some good hay, and sleep on clean straw. The boy will take good care of them. They are his father's horses. He is very kind to them. His father is a farmer. We should be kind to horses, and to all other animals, for God made them, and He has commanded us to treat them kindly. Some little children catch flies, and pull their wings and legs off, and kill them. How it hurts the poor little flies! What wicked children to do so!



THE STONE BRIDGE AND TOLL-GATE.

This bridge is built of stone. It has three arches, two boys are sitting in a boat. They are fishing. A waggon loaded with wood is going along the bridge. The waggon is drawn by two horses. A man is sitting on the wood, and driving the horses. He holds the reins in his left hand, and a whip in his right hand. The waggon is on the middle of the bridge. It has just passed through the gate. It is called a tollbar ;

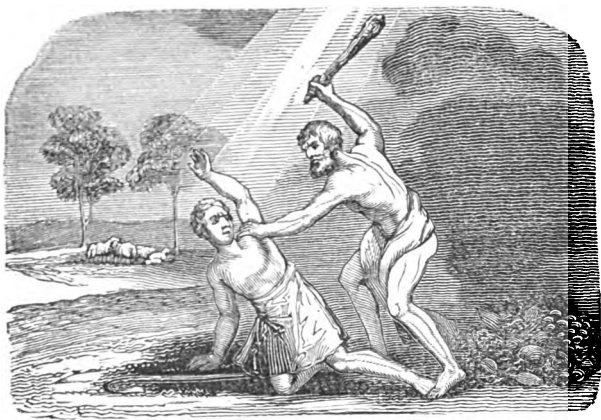
because every body who goes through it with a horse or carriage must pay toll. To pay toll is to pay money for getting through the toll bar. It cost a good deal of money to build the bridge, and people have to pay for horses, or carriages crossing it. That man standing keeps the gate. He is taking toll from the gentleman on the horse. Toll must be paid for every animal, and for every chaise, or cart, or coach that crosses the bridge. Near the other end of the bridge, there is a large tree. An old woman is sitting near the tree, on the grass. A small basket is by her side, and a crutch lies behind her. She is lame, and has sat down to rest. She has just crossed the bridge. She told the tollman she was very poor. He gave her a penny. He was kind to her, and he gave her some bread and cheese besides. You should be kind to poor persons. God is very kind to you. He gives you many good things; and you should give some of your good things to others.



THE FLOUR MILL.

This is a flour-mill. It is built of stone. Corn, wheat, and rye are ground in it. That large wheel is turned by the water. The mill stands on a small stream which runs rapidly. The water flows over the dam, and falls on the rocks below. A miller is standing at the door of the mill. His hat and clothes are white; they are covered with the dust of the flour. A boy has come to the mill, to get a bag of corn ground. The boy has

alighted from his horse, and the bag is on the back of the horse. He is talking with the miller about grinding the corn. The boy does not hold the bridle, for the horse is very gentle, and stands quietly. The miller says he will grind the corn. He is going to help the boy to carry the bag of corn into the mill. In two days the boy will come again, on his horse to the mill. The corn will be ground and the boy will carry the meal to his father's house. His mother will make porridge and bake cakes of the meal. The house stands near that tall tree, a short distance up the stream, on the other side of the river. The boy's mother is standing at the door, waiting for him to come home from the mill. He is a good boy and will go directly home. His mother told him to return soon, for she wished him to dig peats in the moss. You should always obey your father and your mother. When they send you on an errand, you should do it quickly, and not stop to play. It is very wicked to disobey your parents.



CAIN AND ABEL.

These two men are Cain and Abel. They were the sons of Adam and Eve. They were brothers. Cain, who has a club in his right hand, was a very wicked man. He did not love and obey God. Abel, who is on the ground, was a very good man. He loved and obeyed God. Cain was very angry because God loved Abel. He hated Abel very much. He determined to kill Abel. Cain met Abel in a field. He threw him down on the

ground. He holds his brother with his left hand. Abel is resting on his right hand. He is looking up at Cain, and is very much afraid that Cain will kill him. Cain is clenching the heavy club with his right hand. He is raising the club in the air. He stands over Abel, and looks at him with great malice. He will soon strike Abel with the club and kill him. Oh! what a wicked man, to kill his brother! God sees Cain. God will punish him very severely. Cain was a murderer. It is very wicked to be a murderer. It is very wicked to be angry and hate others. If you do, you will be like Cain, and God will punish you. God did not love Cain, because he was wicked, and hated his brother. God will not love you, if you be wicked, like Cain, and angry, and hate your brothers and sisters. God loved Abel, because he was good. If you wish God to love you, you must be good, and love and obey God, like Abel.

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ABRAHAM ABOUT TO SACRIFICE ISAAC

The lad lying on the pile of wood, is Isaac. The old man, with a long knife in his hand, is Abraham, the father of Isaac. God commanded Abraham to kill his son Isaac, and offer him as a sacrifice to God. God wished to see, if Abraham loved God, more than he loved Isaac. Abraham obeyed God. He went up a high mountain with Isaac. Isaac's arms are bound behind him. He looks very submissive and patient. He loves God, and

is not afraid to die. Abraham's left hand is grasping Isaac's head. His right arm is extended. His right hand holds a long knife, and he is just ready to slay his son. An angel appears in the air. Abraham is surprised to see him. He tells Abraham not to slay Isaac. A ram is caught in the thicket by his horns, behind him. Abraham will soon unbind Isaac. He will take the ram and slay it, and lay it on the wood, and offer it as a sacrifice to God, instead of Isaac. Because Abraham was obedient to God, and was willing to sacrifice his only son, God loved and blessed him very much. Abraham and Isaac are both now in heaven. You should be like Abraham. You should obey God, and do all things that He commands you to do. You should love God more than you love any body, or any thing, in the world.

Then God will love and bless you, as He did Abraham.



THE BURIAL OF ABRAHAM.

These persons are in a large cave. The cave is dug out of a rock. Three strong men are raising the body of a dead man. They have taken it from the bier, on which it was brought into the cave. It is the body of Abraham. They are going to put it into that hollow tomb. The tomb is made of stone. After the body is laid in the tomb, they will cover it with that large heavy stone which the man behind the tomb is holding. Behind the three men, there is another man who holds up a torch in his right hand. The

torch gives light in the cave. Without the torch the cave would be very dark, and the men could not see how to bury Abraham. Two women stand near the man who has the torch. One of them is weeping. She feels very sorry that Abraham is dead, and that she will see him no more in this world. The other woman is looking at the body of Abraham. Two men are at the entrance of the cave. They are all looking to see the body put into the tomb. They are all sorry that Abraham is dead. After they have buried Abraham, they will all go out of the cave. Abraham's body is dead; but his soul is not dead. His soul is very happy in heaven, with God, and Jesus Christ, and the holy angels. Your body will die, and it will be buried in the ground; but your soul will never—never—never die. Your soul will live forever. Do you wish to go to heaven when you die? Then you must be sorry for all your sins, and believe and trust in Jesus Christ, and love and obey God like faithful Abraham.



JOSEPH SOLD TO THE ISHMAELITES.

This young man who is stretching out his left hand is Joseph. The man with a long staff in his right hand is Judah. Judah and the three men behind him, are brothers of Joseph. They are the sons of Jacob, who was a very good man. He had twelve sons, and he loved Joseph more than all his other children. The brothers of Joseph hated him, because their father loved him most. It was very wicked for them to do so. They determined to kill Joseph. They threw him

into a deep pit. Judah wished to save his life. He begged his brothers not to kill him, but to sell him as a slave. They saw some Ishmaelites. The two men with turbans on their heads, are Ishmaelites. Joseph was taken out of the pit and sold to the Ishmaelites. One of them is paying some money to Judah, to buy Joseph of his brethren. The other Ishmaelite has got a hold of Joseph's left arm. They are going to carry Joseph away from his brethren. He feels very sorry. He thinks, he will never see his father again. They will carry Joseph into a distant country, called Egypt. They will sell him in Egypt, to be a slave. Joseph's brothers were very cruel and wicked. But God took care of Joseph, and blessed him very much. It is very wicked for brothers and sisters to hate each other. You should be kind to your brothers and sisters. You should love them, and try to do them good. Yes; you should be kind to them, and do them good, even if they are unkind to you.



THE MEETING OF JACOB & JOSEPH.

The Ishmaelites who bought Joseph, carried him into Egypt, and sold him there, to be a slave. But God took care of Joseph, and blessed him, because he loved and obeyed God, and feared to do evil. Joseph became governor of Egypt. He was very rich and powerful. He sent for his father Jacob, and for all Jacob's sons, and for all their families, to come into Egypt, that he might take care of them. They were very glad to go into Egypt.

This old man, with a long, white beard, is Jacob. He has met Joseph, who wears a black, rich robe. The chariot in which Joseph rides, and his two horses, and the driver, are behind him. One of Jacob's sons is behind him, supporting him, for he is very old and feeble. Jacob's right arm is round Joseph's neck; and Joseph's head rests on Jacob's shoulder, and his left arm is round Jacob's neck. They are embracing each other. Jacob is very glad to see his son again; and Joseph is very glad to see his father, and he will take good care of him in his old age. You should be grateful to your father and mother, for they have done a great deal for you. If they are sick, or old, or poor, you should be very kind to them. You should do every thing in your power, to make them comfortable and happy. It makes them very unhappy, to see you unkind or disobedient to them, or unkind to your brothers and sisters. Remember Joseph, and do as he did.



THE FINDING OF MOSES.

This little infant in the small ark, is Moses. His mother was afraid, that Pharaoh would kill Moses. Pharaoh was king of Egypt. He was very wicked and cruel. The mother of Moses took him and put him into the ark. She carried the ark to the river. She put the ark, with Moses in it, on the water. She did so, that Pharaoh might not find Moses and kill him. The ark floated down the river, and the mother of Moses left it and went away. She was very sorry to leave

him, but she trusted in God. She prayed to God to take care of her little son. God heard her prayer, and He preserved Moses from drowning. That lady with a crown on her head, is the daughter of Pharoah. The three women near her, are her attendants. They were walking by the side of the river. They have just found Moses. They are talking about him, as he lay in the ark. They wonder very much to see him. A young woman is stooping down. She is taking hold of the ark with her hand. She will lift the ark out of the water. The daughter of Pharoah will take Moses. She will carry him home with her. She will be very kind to him. She will take good care of him. She will have him taught a great many things. Thus God preserved Moses from death, and he grew up, and God blessed him. He was a very good and powerful man. You must trust in God. You must pray to God, to take care of you, and to bless you ; for He is almighty and good, and He can do it.



THE ISRAELITES PASSING THROUGH THE RED-SEA.

That man, standing on the rock, is Moses,—the same Moses who was in the little ark. These people are the Israelites. They have fled from Pharoah, the king of Egypt. He was very cruel to them. God told Moses to lead the Israelites away from Egypt. He chose Moses to govern them. God promised to take good care of Moses and the Israelites, if they would love and obey God. They came to the Red Sea. They looked back and saw

Pharoah and his soldiers pursuing them. They were in great terror. They thought that they could not cross the sea. It was very deep. They feared that Pharoah would overtake them, and kill them, or carry them back again to Egypt, to be slaves. They prayed unto God to deliver them from Pharaoh. God heard their prayers. God told Moses to stretch his rod over the sea, and said, that the waters should be divided. Moses is doing so. The waters are divided. The Israelites are walking on the dry ground. The waters do not flow over them. They pass between the waters. The waters are like walls on each side of them. They will go across in safety. God caused the waters to be divided. No man can do so; but God is almighty, and He can do all things. God is, also, good. He saved the Israelites from Pharaoh and his soldiers. He can save you from danger and from death. In trouble and in danger, you should pray to God, to deliver you.



SAMSON CARRYING OFF THE GATE OF GAZA.

This man is Samson. He lived a great many years ago. His father's name was Manoah. He was the strongest man that ever lived. He tore a lion in pieces, and killed him with his hands. He slew a thousand men with the jaw-bone of an ass. That city, at a distance, is Gaza. Samson was sleeping in that city. The people thought that they would kill him in the morning. He arose at midnight. He took the doors of the gate of the city.

He is carrying the doors on his back. They are made of wood and iron. They are very heavy. No other man could lift them. His arms are extended behind him, and he is grasping the doors with his hands. He is ascending a hill, and going away. He will soon be out of sight. The people wondered at his strength, and were greatly afraid of him. After this, three thousand men and women were in a great house. They were mocking Samson, who was blind. He took hold of two large pillars in the house. He pulled down the pillars. The house fell, and Samson and all the people were killed. God gave him his great strength. God is stronger than Samson was. God is almighty. God made the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and the earth, and all things. He takes care of all men and all animals. He governs all things. He made you. He preserves you. He gives you strength and life. He gives you a great many good things, and you should be very thankful to him.



SAMUEL PRESENTED TO ELI.

This little boy is Samuel. The woman is his mother; her name is Hannah. His father's name is Elkannah. That man is Eli, the high-priest of the Jews. He has a long white beard, and his dress is very rich and splendid. He wears a breast-plate. Behind him is an altar, and he is in a great temple, in which the Jews worshipped God. Eli prayed to God, and offered sacrifices, and took care of the temple. Hannah lived far from the temple. She came from home to the temple, with

her little son Samuel, and offered him to Eli, to assist him in the service of God. Eli is willing to take Samuel. He will live with Eli, and help him to take care of the temple. Eli was a good man, but the Lord was displeased with him for not keeping his sons from wickedness. God spake to Samuel when a child, and made known to him what was to happen to Eli's family. Eli's two wicked sons were slain in a battle with the Philistines. Eli fell from off his seat backward, and his neck broke, and he died. Samuel grew and became a prophet of the Lord, and the judge of Israel. Samuel's sons were unjust judges, and all the people of Israel desired a king. Saul was made king of Israel by Samuel. But Saul sinned and was rejected. He sought to murder David. David was made king at Saul's death. If you be good as Samuel was, God will take you to heaven when you die; but if you be bad like the wicked sons of Eli, God will punish you.



DAVID KILLING GOLIATH.

David killing Goliath. Those two armies, the Israelites and the Philistines, are about to fight. Saul is the King of the Israelites. He is afraid of the Philistines. That great giant, with a long spear in his hand, is a Philistine. The shepherd is David, the son of Jesse. Once, when he was keeping his father's sheep, there came a lion, and took a lamb out of the flock. David went out after the lion, and smote him, and delivered the lamb out of his mouth. David slew both

a lion and a bear. The Lord delivered him from them, because he was a good young man. Goliath, the giant, boasted that he could kill David. That he could easily kill any one of the Israelites. They feared him very much. No soldier among them dared fight Goliath. David was not afraid of him. He trusted in God to help him to fight Goliath. David took a small stone and put it into a sling. He comes to meet Goliath. He holds a sling in his right hand. He has just thrown the stone from the sling. The stone has struck Goliath in the forehead. Goliath is falling to the ground. David killed him. David drew Goliath's large sword, and cut off his head, and carried it to Saul, who is on his horse, in front of the army of the Israelites. God gave David strength to kill Goliath, because David trusted in God to help him. God can give strength to you, if you trust in Him. He can enable you to do difficult things. Pray to God, to enable you to overcome your sins.



THE DEATH OF ABSALOM.

David, who killed Goliath, became king of the Israelites. He had a son, called Absalom. David was very kind to Absalom. But Absalom was very wicked. He was very ungrateful to David, and disobeyed him. Absalom rebelled against his father ; and he excited the Israelites also, to rebel against David. They made Absalom king, instead of David. David, with his soldiers, fled from Absalom.

Absalom, with his soldiers, went to fight David. The soldiers of Absalom were conquered by the soldiers of David. Absalom fled. The mule, on which Absalom rode, passed under the boughs of a great oak. His hair was caught by the boughs, and the mule went away from under him. That is Absalom hanging from the boughs. He is held fast, and cannot escape. The man on the horse is Joab, a captain in David's army. He is thrusting a dart through Absalom's heart. Joab killed Absalom. David heard that Absalom was killed. David was very sorry, and wept bitterly. David was a good and kind father. Absalom was a wicked and ungrateful son. God punished Absalom severely; his death was dreadful indeed. It is very wicked for you, to be ungrateful and disobedient to your parents. If you are so, like Absalom, God will be greatly displeased with you. God will punish you.



ELIJAH FED BY THE RAVENS.

This man is Elijah. He is a very good man. He loved and obeyed God. He has fled from Ahab, the king of the Israelites. Ahab was a very wicked king. Elijah reproved him for his wickedness. Ahab was very angry, and wished to kill Elijah. God preserved Elijah, and told him to hide himself from Ahab. He is sitting on a rock. He has a long, white beard, and no shoes on his feet. He wears a loose dress, and has a girdle

round his waist. He is leaning on his right elbow. He is taking some bread from a raven, with his left hand. The raven is perching on the branch of a small, broken tree. Another raven is flying in the air. It is bringing some meat to Elijah. The ravens come, every morning and evening, with food to Elijah. He has enough to eat. He drinks the pure water out of the brook which flows near his feet. He sleeps on the ground at night, and is not afraid, for God takes care of him. God sent the ravens to feed Elijah. God does not send the ravens to feed you; but He makes the grain, and the vegetables grow for your food. He gives you the flesh of animals for food. He gives you enough to eat and drink. He gives you a great many blessings. He takes care of you, by day and by night. You should love God for all His goodness to you. You should love Him most of all, that He sent His son Jesus Christ into the world, to die on the Cross to save you.

