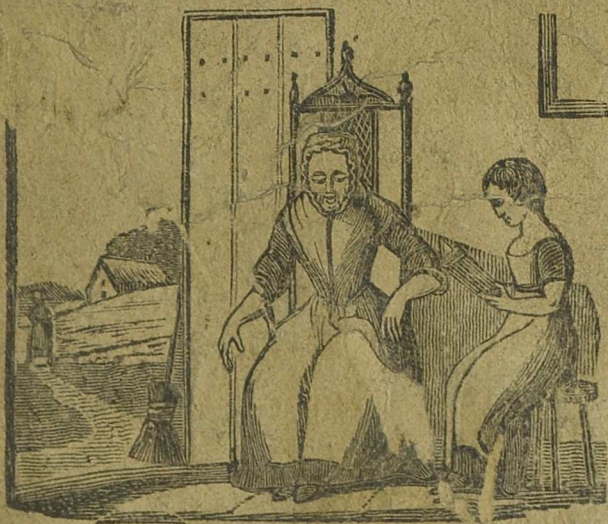


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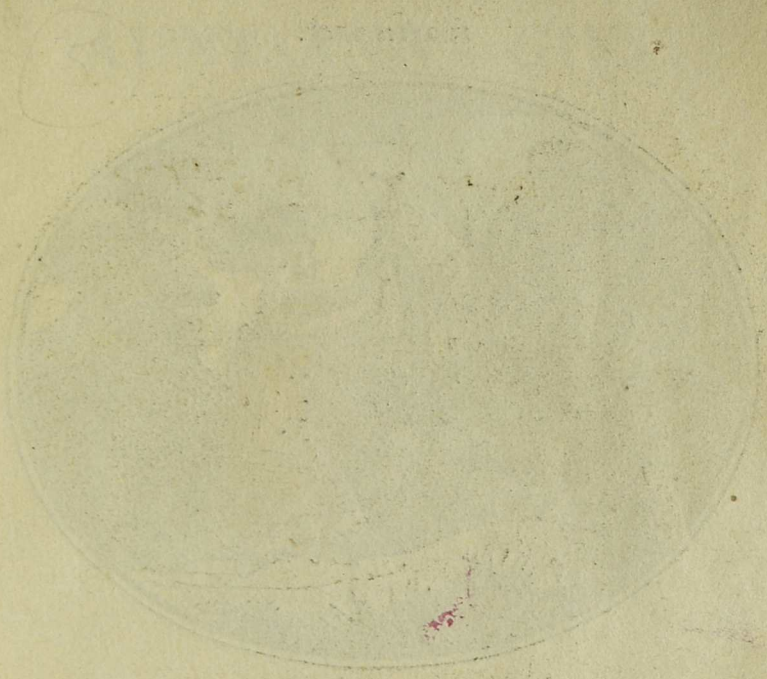
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'Tis Education forms the tender mind,
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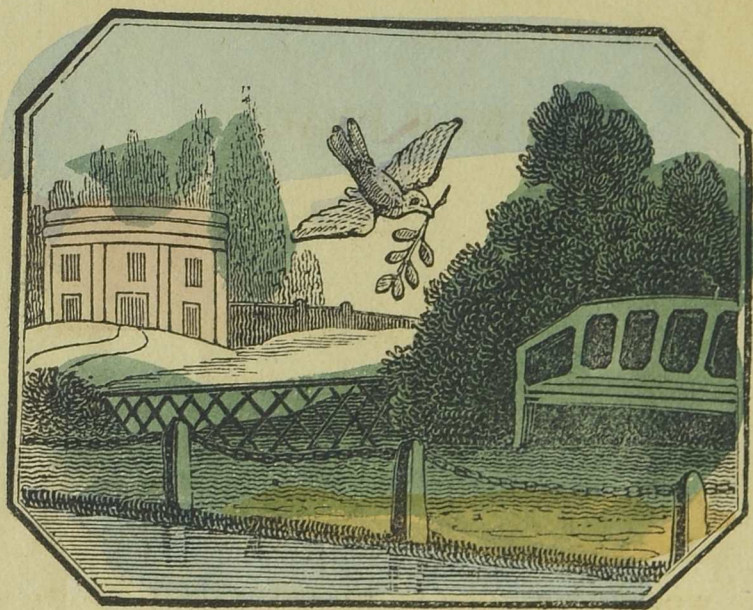


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The Dove and Olive-Branch.

THE Olive-branch and gentle dove
Are emblems of true peace and love,
Of love to all, to friends and foes,
As God to every creature shows.
They also are to us a token,
God's promises will ne'er be broken:
Then let us strive to do his will,
And all his precepts to fulfil.

TRUE PEACE.

I would have all my little friends aware that true peace can never be obtained without good deeds, a virtuous life, and an implicit dependence on the will of Heaven. In this world there are many cares and trials, and numerous temptations to evil; all of which they must endeavour to surmount honestly and justly; and in so doing they will obtain peace, and that within their own breasts. The Dove and Olive-Branch are used as emblems of peace; for Noah sent her out amidst the flood of waters, and on her third return she brought in her mouth the Olive-Branch.



Emblem of Humility and Content.

Happy in content possessing,
Even a cottage is a blessing;
But a discontented mind
In gilded domes repose can't find.
Then covet not another's wealth,
If Heaven has given you peace and health;
Be thankful for the good you have,
And never for another's crave.

CONTENT.



Content is indeed a great blessing; and the proverb most justly observes, that “a contented mind is a continual feast.” It is our duty, both in a religious and moral point of view, to be content with the state to which God hath appointed us, to be very thankful for the benefits we receive, and humbly submissive under the misfortunes with which we are afflicted. Content sweetens labour, and gives a relish to the humble meal. Where discontent reigns, all the good things of this life are wasted; and God is justly offended with our murmurs, for He can read the secrets of all hearts.



*The Lily of the Valley,—an Emblem of Filial
Love.*

An aged parent to maintain,
Behold poor little Sally;
She daily hies unto the town
With lilies of the Valley:
Modest and gentle as the flower
That shines in humble beauty;
Cheerful with her lowly means,
Content to do her duty.

LITTLE SALLY.

This is a very good little girl, and no doubt God will bless her for her duty and attention to her aged mother, who lives in a small hut by the side of the common; she is very lame, and nearly blind.

The flowers carried by Sally are truly delicate and pretty; they afford a fragrant smell, and poets often use them to express innocence, modesty, and beauty; of which every one must allow they are true emblems, being pure white, and shaded by large green leaves, which add to their lovely appearance.

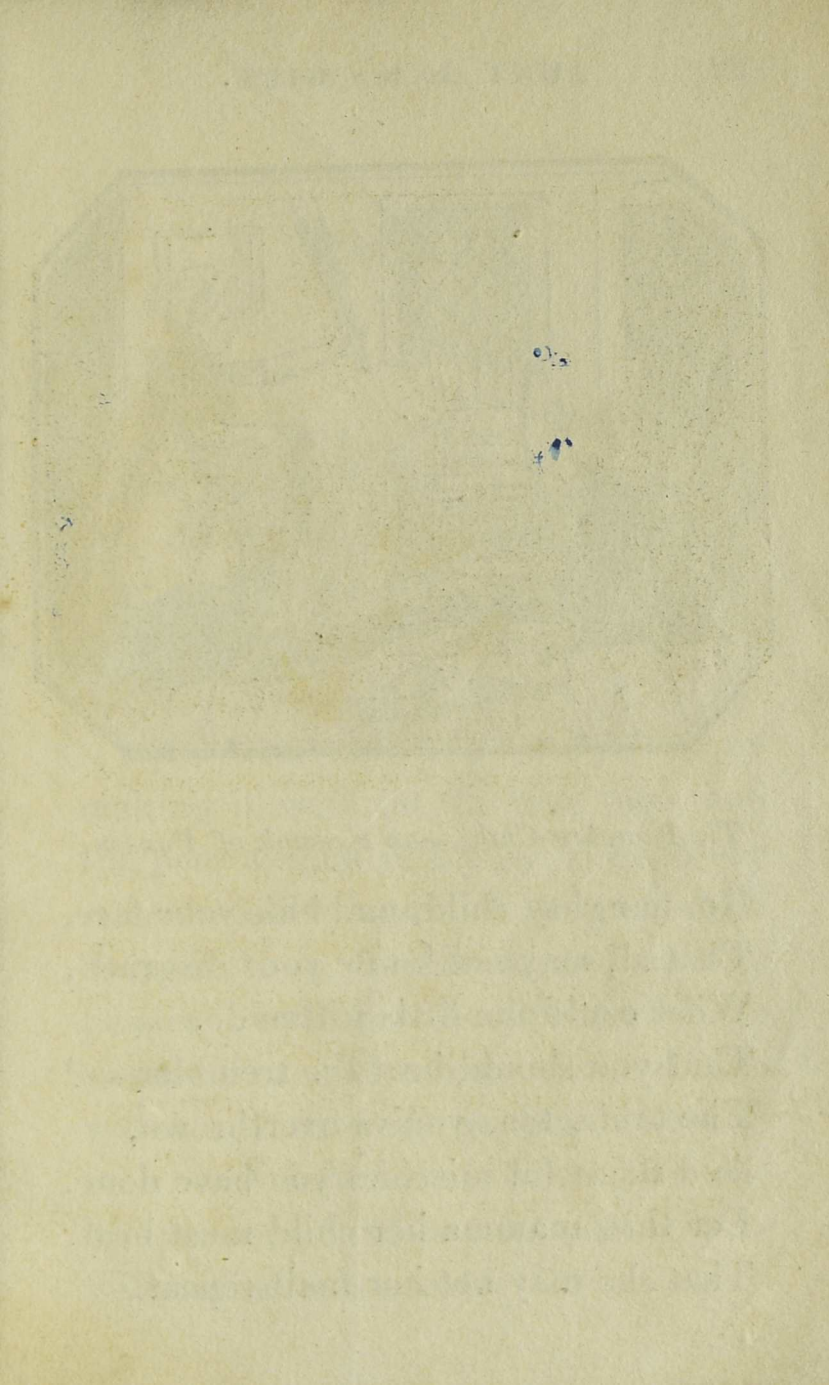
THE LITTLE ORPHAN.



This poor little girl, in the short space of six weeks, lost both her parents, who left no more property behind them, than was just sufficient to commit them decently to the ground, and put the child into proper mourning. After the funeral, some persons remarking her desolate situation, which they described as hopeless, the Orphan meekly, but firmly, answered, that she feared not for the future, but trusted in God to provide for her—and he did; young as she was, she procured a situation in a gentleman's family to assist an aged domestic, and is now very comfortable.

THE LITTLE GARDEN

The little garden was a very
small one, but it was
very beautiful. It was
filled with flowers of
all kinds, and the
grass was very green.
The children loved to
play in it, and they
often sat on the
grass and looked at
the flowers. They
were very happy
there, and they
loved to go to the
garden every day.





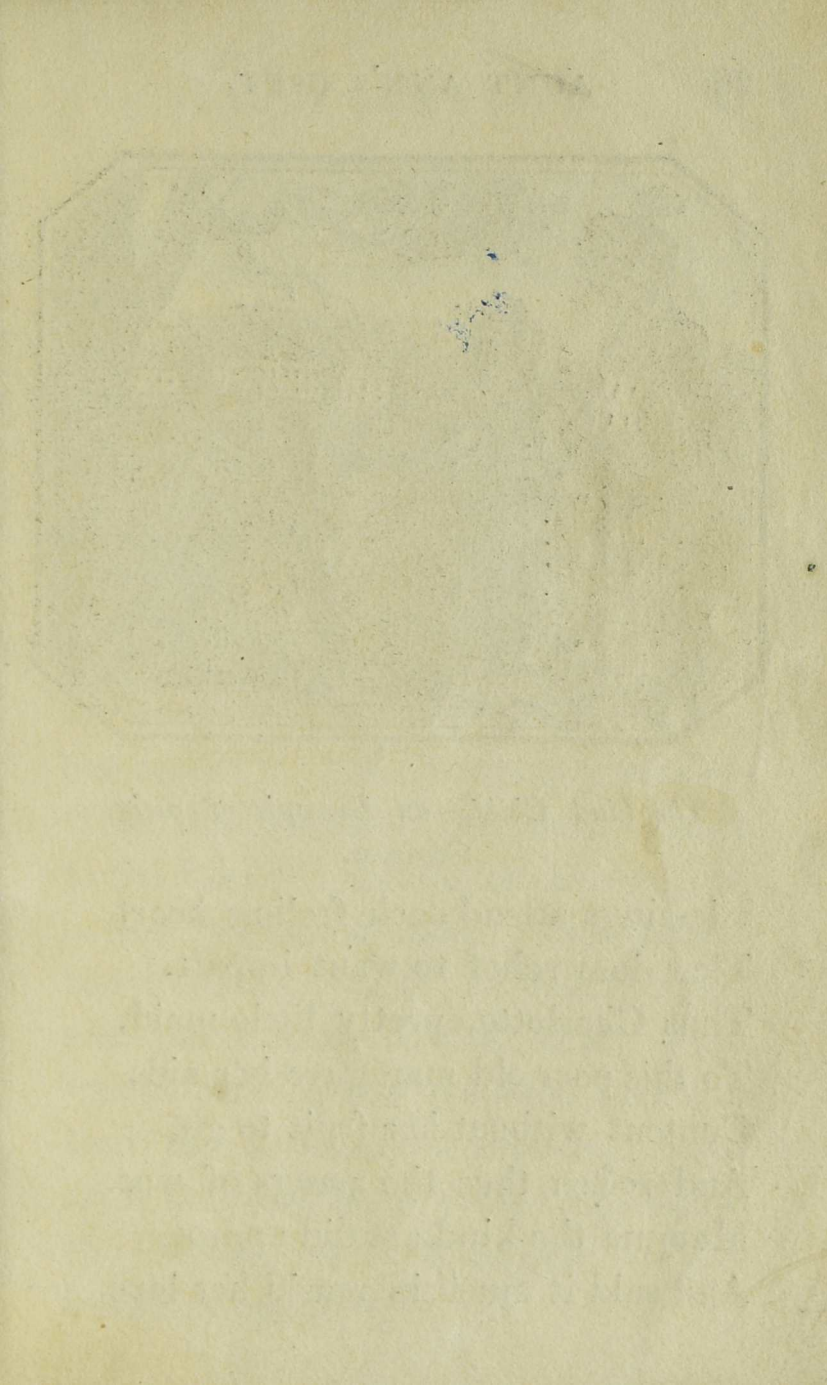
The Naughty Child,—an Example of Passion,

Go, naughty child, and hide your face,
 That all may not know your disgrace,
 What could the little kitten do,
 That you should beat the trembler so?
 The table, too, you've overthrown,
 And shameful mischief you have done.
 For this, mamma her child must beat.
 That she may not her fault repeat.

PASSION.

Passion is a dreadful thing, and people under its influence often commit deeds which, at another time, they would shrink from with horror, and for which no after repentance can atone.

Julia tormented her little kitten by making it walk on its hind legs, and the poor animal in trying to get away scratched her hand. The cruel child dashed it on the floor, and in her passion overthrew the table and broke some china. Mamma, who had been watching, entered, punished her for such bad behaviour; and gave the kitten away, where it would meet with better treatment.





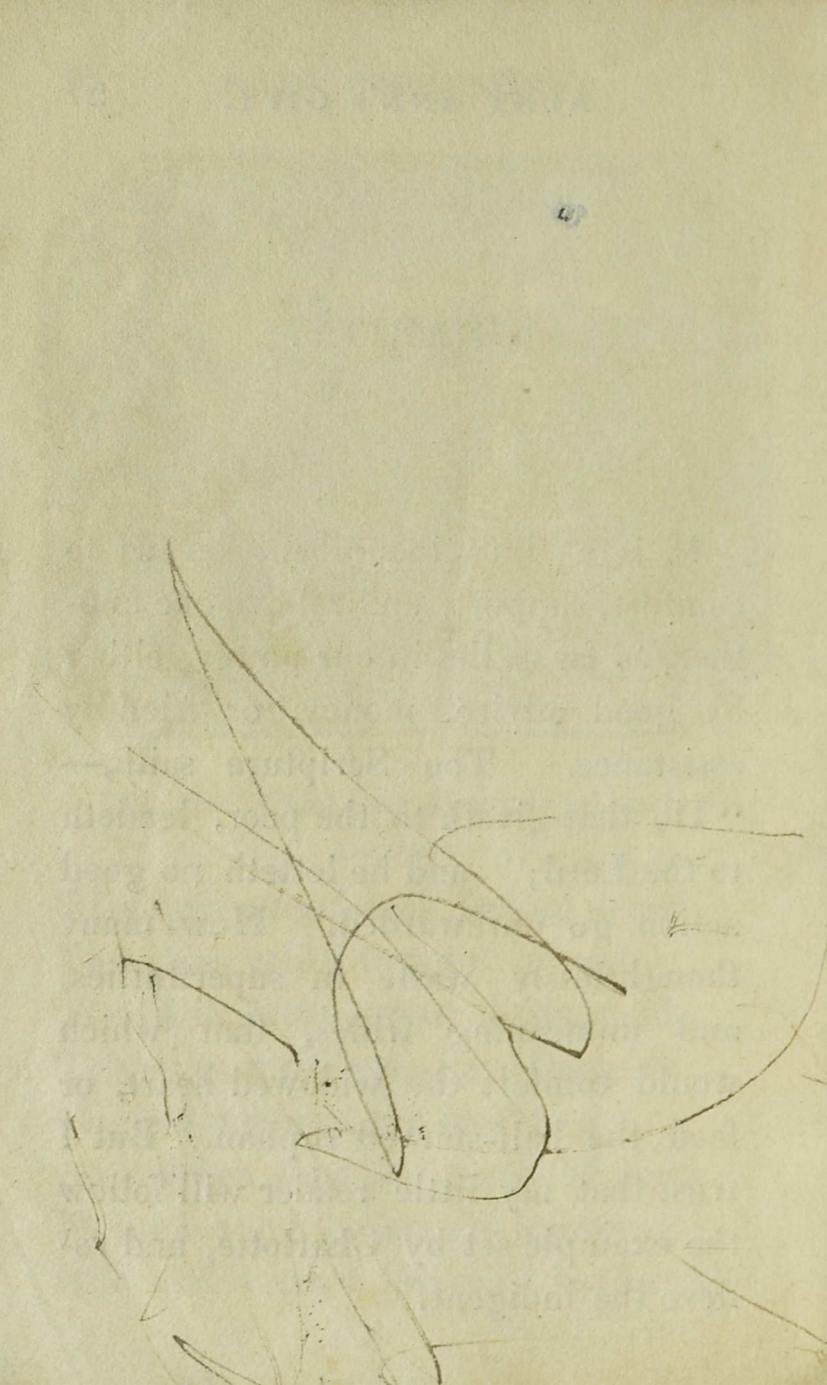
The kind Child,—an Example of early Goodness.

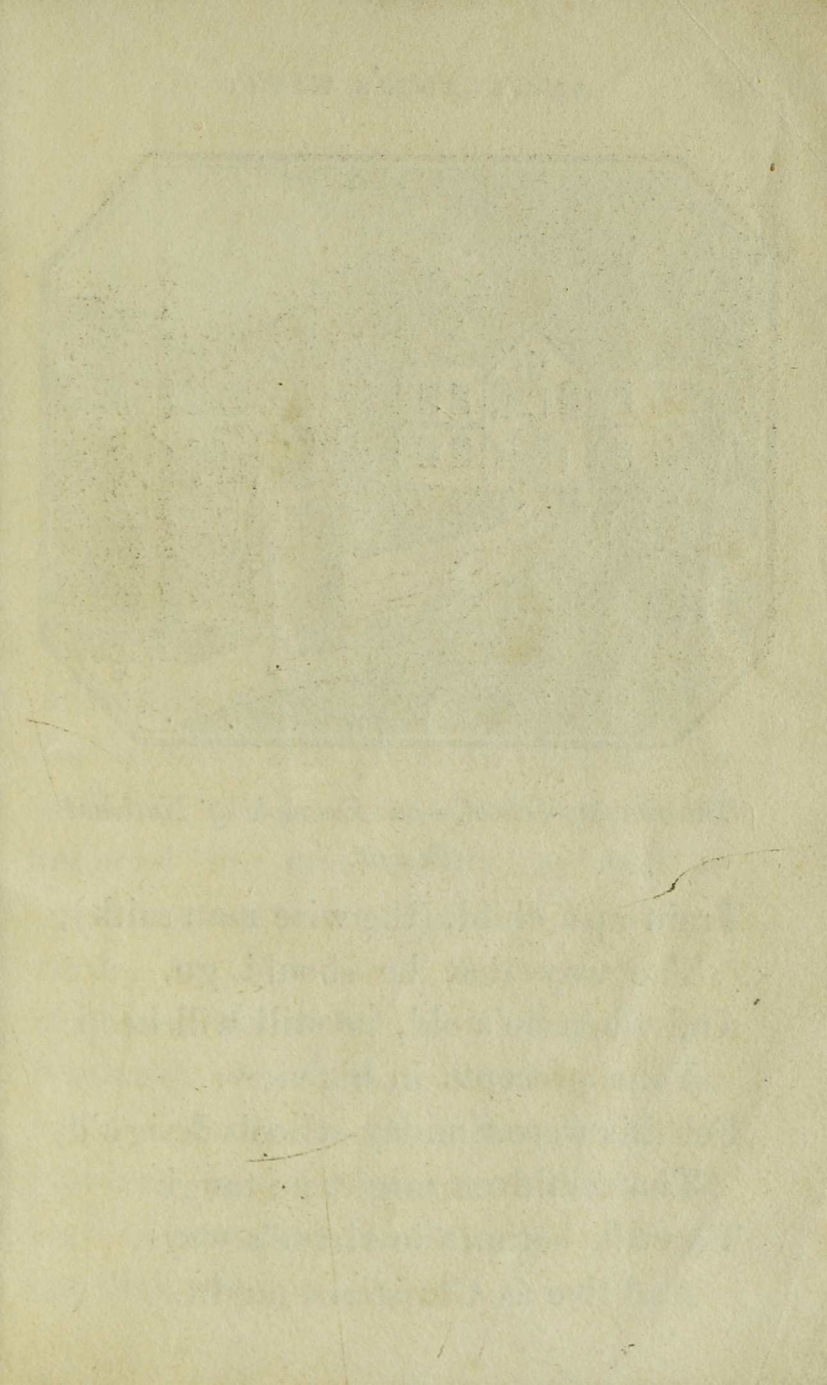
Blessings attend each feeling heart
 That does relief to want impart.
 Thus Charlotte, pretty little maid,
 To this poor old man gave her aid;
 Content without her fruit to go,
 And soften thus the pangs of woe.
 Mamma the kind act did approve,
 And said it much increas'd her love.

CHARITY.



It is a duty incumbent on us to comfort, support, and relieve one another, as far as lies in our power, either by good advice, money, or friendly assistance. The Scripture saith,—“He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord;” and he letteth no good action go unrewarded. How many thoughtlessly waste in superfluities, and unmeaning trifles, that which would comfort the widowed heart, or feed the half-starved orphan. But I trust that my little reader will follow the example set by Charlotte, and relieve the indigent.







The Sunday-School,—an Example of National Benefit.

Train up a child, (the wise man saith),
 The way that he should go,
 And when he's old, he still will keep
 Your precepts in his view.
 For this were Sunday-schools design'd,
 That children might be taught
 To walk betimes in virtue's ways,
 And live as Christians ought.

INSTRUCTION.

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Sunday-Schools are valuable Institutions, and reflect honour on their founders, patrons, and subscribers, which are indeed numerous. Children are thus led to seek the Lord in early youth, and they also receive the advantage of education to fit them for society, and promote their success in life; clothes are often distributed amongst the most needy, as well as good books, tracts, and moral emblem cards, &c., given as rewards to the children, for early and constant attendance at school. As the smallest sum is accepted, it is easy even for children to become subscribers, and tend to promote the interests of Sunday Schools.

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