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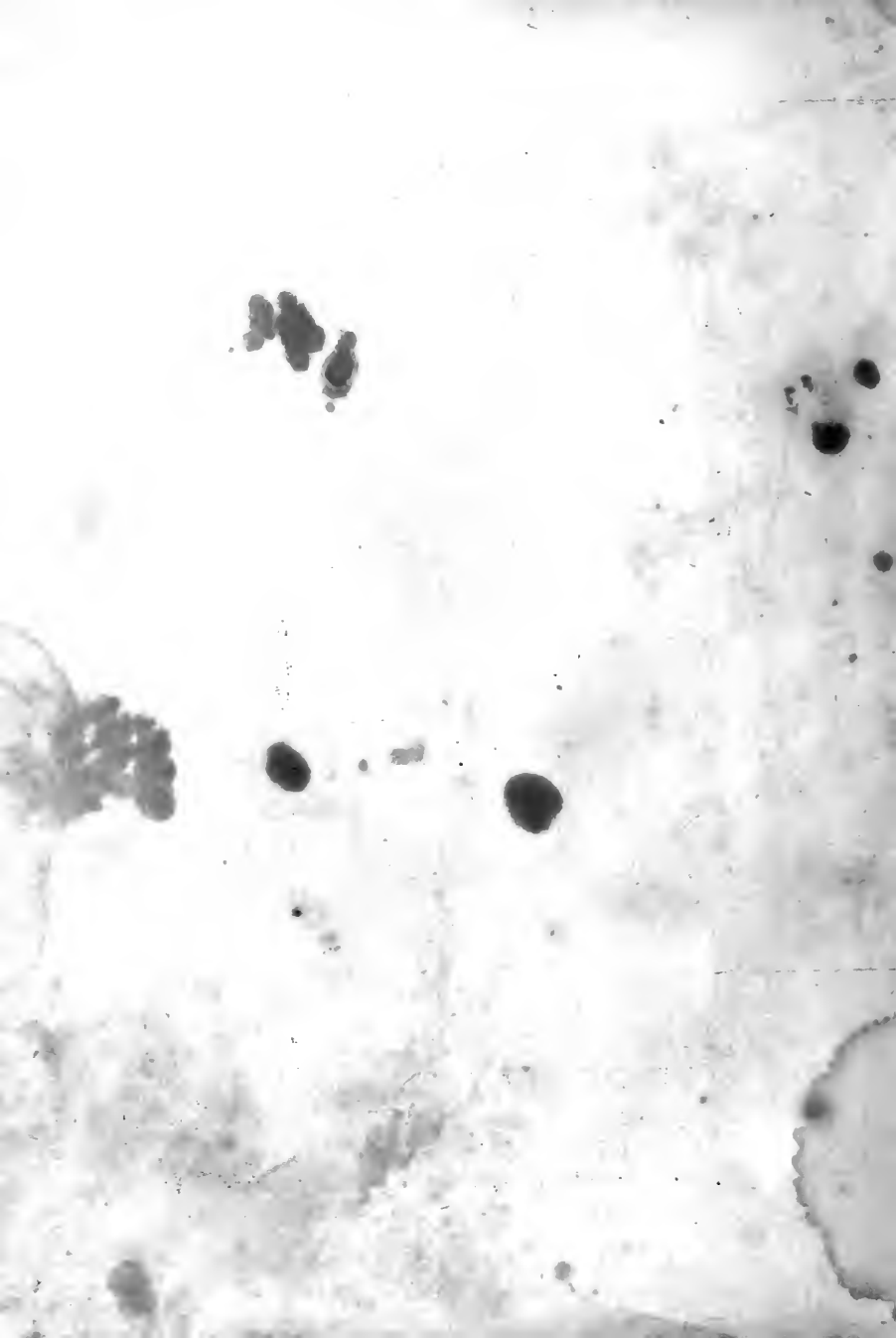
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MY PRETTY PRIMER.

“LOOK, mamma, I have just received the new Primer. I am so glad, I will now learn my letters, and soon be able to read in the Bible.”

“Yes, my dear, it is a beautiful book, and you must take great care of it. I have heard that some kind ladies, who love little children, had this pretty Primer made for their use.”

“But do, mamma, tell me all that is in it. I do want to know so much what all these pictures are.”

“Well, my dear, I will read it all through to you, and then you shall begin at the beginning, and learn to read every page for yourself. Here, you see these large A B C letters, and each one has a picture, which I will explain to you as you go on. Then here, you

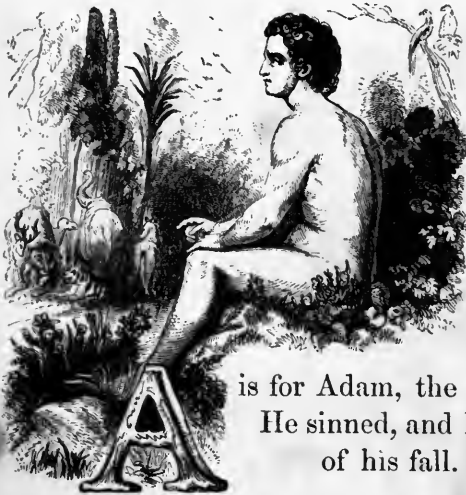
see these short words, which you shall learn to spell. Besides, there are some sweet little prayers and hymns, which you must learn by heart, and repeat them to me morning and evening, and a great many other things which will please you very much."

"O! I shall be so glad to learn it all myself."

"To-morrow, my dear, we will begin, bright and early, and if you are a good child, and will be attentive, you will soon be able to read."



THE PICTORIAL
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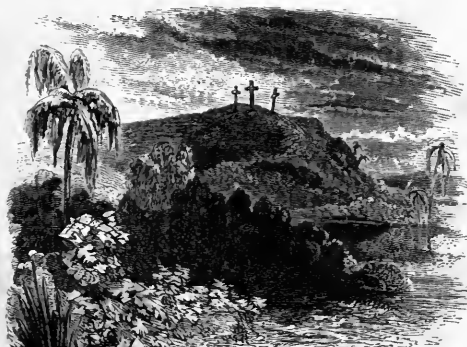
is for Adam, the father of all ;
He sinned, and his children partook
of his fall.



B
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is for Babel; how foolish and vain
The plan of its builders, a great
name to gain!



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is for Calvary; there may I see
God's hatred for sin, and compassion
for me.



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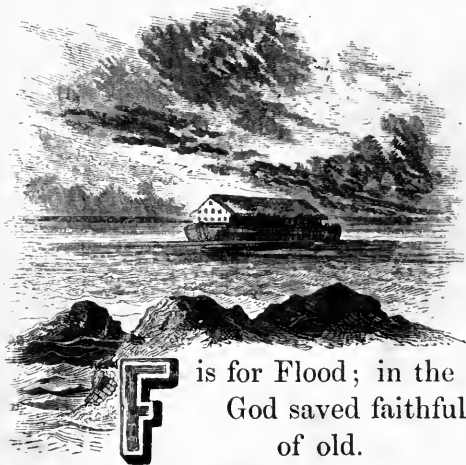
is for Daniel; the lions, though wild,
At the prayer of the Prophet are
harmless and mild.



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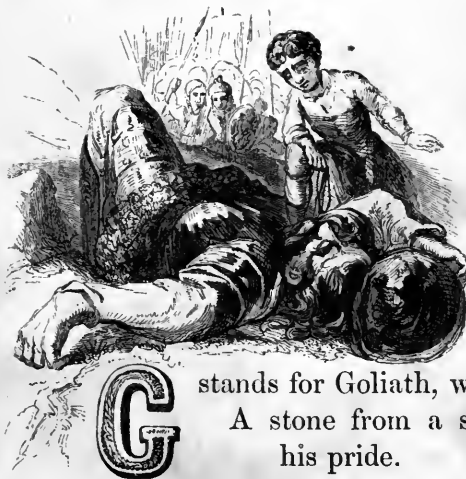


stands for Elijah, courageous and good;
The brook gave him drink, and the
ravens his food.



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F is for Flood; in the Ark, we are told,
God saved faithful Noah, his servant
of old.



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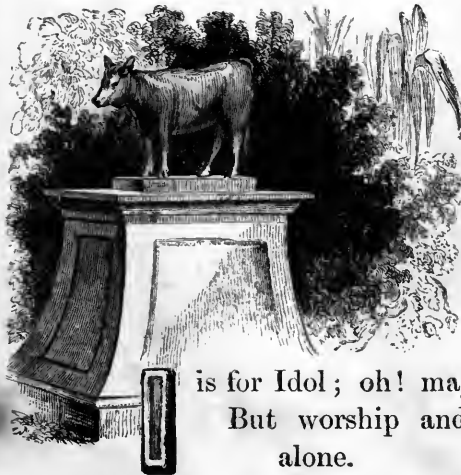
G stands for Goliath, who Israel defied;
A stone from a sling has humbled
his pride.



H
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is for Harp; when to heaven we soar,
God's praise shall resound from our
harps evermore.



I
i

is for Idol; oh! may I have none,
But worship and love my Creator
alone.



J
j

J

is for Jordan; the waters withdrew,
To the right and the left, till the
Prophet went through.



K
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is for Korah; how dreadful his doom!
The earth opening wide, prepares him
a tomb.



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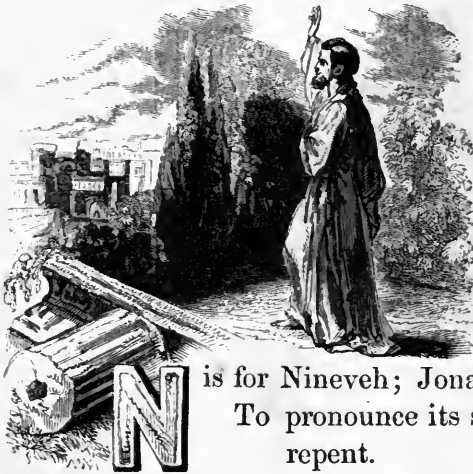
is for Lazarus; though poor and forlorn,
By angels his soul was to Paradise
borne.



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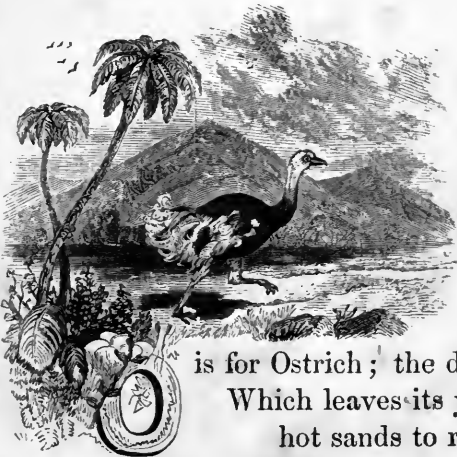
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is for Martyr; in the cause of his Lord
See Stephen expire, sustained by his
word.



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N is for Nineveh; Jonah was sent
To pronounce its sad doom, unless it
repent.



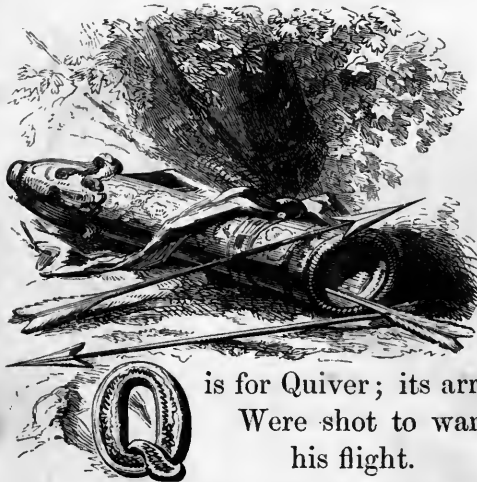
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O is for Ostrich; the desert its home,
Which leaves its young brood o'er the
hot sands to roam.



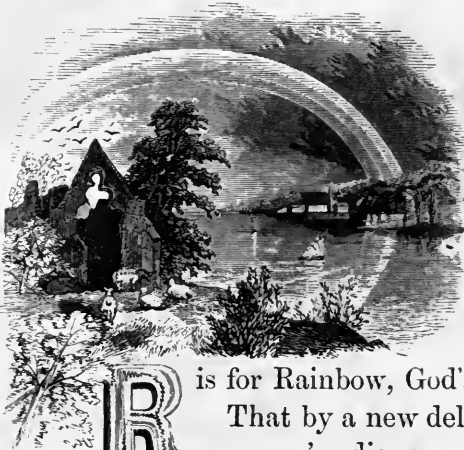
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P is for Prodigal; far, far away,
From his home and his God, he was
tempted to stray.



Q
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Q is for Quiver; its arrows, so bright,
Were shot to warn David to hasten
his flight.



R
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is for Rainbow, God's token on high,
That by a new deluge the world shall
ne'er die.



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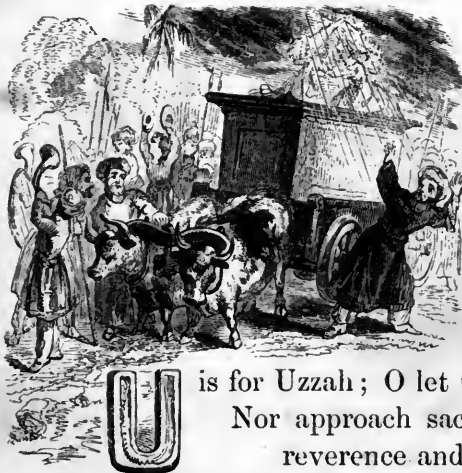
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is for Samuel; who still in his youth
Communed with his God, and held
fast to the truth.



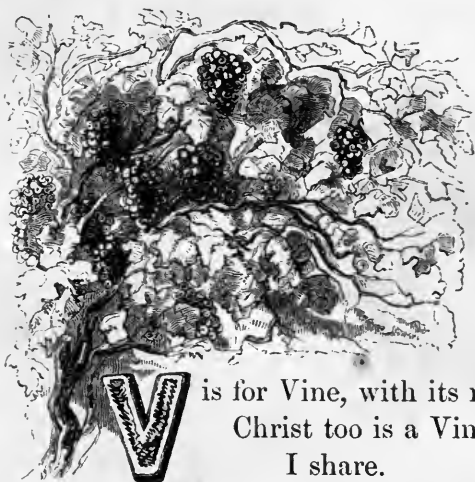
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is for Temple—the house of the Lord ;
Let each heart be a temple where
God is adored.

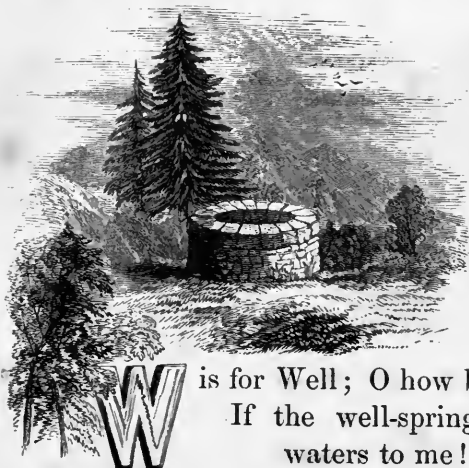


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is for Uzzah ; O let us beware,
Nor approach sacred things without
reverence and care.

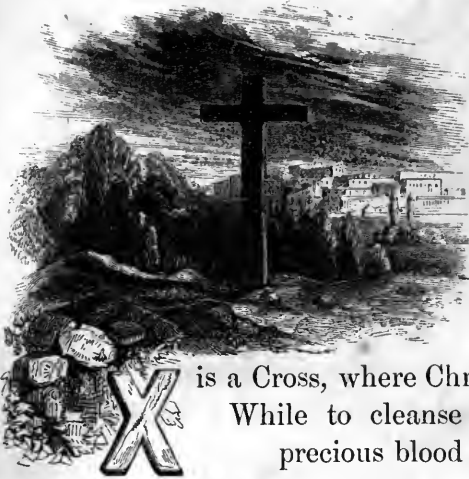
**V**

is for Vine, with its ripe clusters fair :
Christ too is a Vine ; of his fruit may
I share.

V**v****W**

is for Well ; O how blest shall I be,
If the well-spring of life yield its
waters to me !

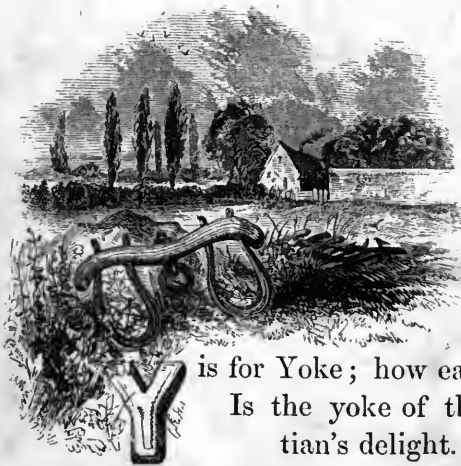
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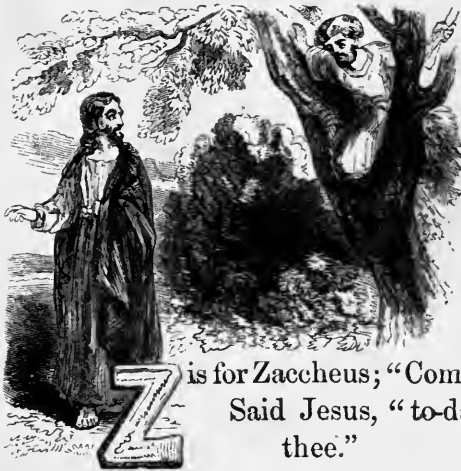
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is a Cross, where Christ bowed his head,
While to cleanse away sin was his
precious blood shed.



Y
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is for Yoke; how easy and light
Is the yoke of the Gospel! a Chris-
tian's delight.



Z
Z

is for Zaccheus; "Come down from the tree,"
Said Jesus, "to-day I will tarry with
thee."

A a	B b	C c	D d	E e	F f
G g	H h	I i	J j	K k	L l
M m	N n	O o	P p	Q q	R r
S s	T t	U u	V v	W w	X x
		Y y	Z z		

ALPHABET USED IN WRITING.

<i>A a</i>	<i>B b</i>	<i>C c</i>	<i>D d</i>
<i>E e</i>	<i>F f</i>	<i>G g</i>	<i>H h</i>
<i>I i</i>	<i>J j</i>	<i>K k</i>	<i>L l</i>
<i>M m</i>	<i>N n</i>	<i>O o</i>	<i>P p</i>
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<i>U u</i>	<i>V v</i>	<i>W w</i>	<i>X x</i>
	<i>Y y</i>	<i>Z z</i>	

ALPHABETICAL VERSE,

CONTAINING ALL THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET.

GOD gives the grazing ox his meat;
He quickly hears the raven's cry:
But man, who tastes his finest wheat,
Should joy to lift his praises high.



*God gives the grazing ox his meat;
He quickly hears the raven's cry:
But man, who tastes his finest wheat,
Should joy to lift his praises high.*

VOWELS.

A E I O U Y
 a e i o u y

DOUBLE LETTERS.

ff (ff) fi (fi) fl (fl) ffi (ffi) ffl (ffl)

DIPHTHONGS.

A and E.

O and E.

Æ or æ

Œ or œ

SPELLING IN TWO LETTERS.

AB BA CA DA FA GA HA KA LA
EB BE CE DE FE GE HE KE LE
IB BI CI DI FI GI HI KI LI
OB BO CO DO FO GO HO KO LO
UB BU CU DU FU GU HU KU LU

ma na pa ra sa ta va wa ya
me ne pe re se te ve we ye
mi ni pi ri si ti vi wi yi
mo no po ro so to vo wo yo
mu nu pu ru su tu vu wu yu



FLY.



FAN.



DOG.



BOWL.



CART.



PIG.



GIRL.



FEET.



DEER.



DUCK.



BOOK.



CROW.

SPELLING IN THREE LETTERS.

Ark	Dun	Hut	Lap	Old	Tar
Arm	Eat	Hot	Lad	Pig	Tan
Art	Eye	Inn	Law	Pet	Tub
Ant	Ear	Ill	Leg	Pen	Urn
Age	Egg	Ink	Man	Pin	Use
Bag	End	Ire	Mat	Pat	Vat
Boy	Fat	Ivy	Mob	Red	Van
Bee	Fig	Jug	Mow	Rag	Vie
But	Fog	Jaw	Met	Rat	Vow
Big	Fly	Jet	Nut	Ray	Wet
Car	Fed	Job	Nap	Rod	Wit
Cat	Gun	Jog	Net	Sun	Wag
Cap	Get	Kid	Not	Sea	Wax
Cut	Gas	Keg	Nun	Set	Way
Can	Gay	Key	Oar	Say	Yea
Dog	Gag	Kin	Oak	Sow	Yet
Dig	Hog	Ken	Odd	Top	Yes
Den	Hug	Log	Oil	Tea	You
Did	Hit	Let	Our	Tin	Yon



GOOSE.



WELL.



KITE.



GRAPES.



HOOP.



BROOM.



SWAN.



GOAT.



TONGS.



HARP.



STAR.



CHAIR.

SPELLING IN FOUR LETTERS.

Arts	Dust	Hand	Nail	Seal
Arms	Drum	Hunt	Nest	Save
Boat	Eyes	Harp	Nose	Seat
Bark	Ears	Isle	Nuts	Town
Bell	Eggs	Jump	Oats	Time
Book	Fear	John	Oars	True
Bird	Face	Jane	Pond	Turn
Bowl	Frog	Kill	Pear	Vine
Cart	Foot	Kind	Pump	Vile
Call	Fowl	Love	Pink	Well
Cull	Fork	Live	Ring	Wood
Corn	Fire	Leaf	Rake	Work
Crow	Goat	Meek	Rage	Whip
Duck	Girl	Meat	Read	Yarn
Deer	Good	Moon	Rain	Year
Door	Hill	Mind	Swan	Zest



SWING.



SCYTHE.



INKSTAND.



SPADE.



HOUSE.



HANDS.

See how that boy swings. If the *swing* should break, he will get a bad fall.

The *scythe* is a kind of large knife, which men use to mow grass with.

An *inkstand* holds the ink, with which we write.

The *spade* is a tool with which men dig up the ground.

This *house* was made with men's *hands*. Good boys and girls, when they are dead, will dwell in a *house* not made with *hands*.

SENTENCES IN ONE SYLLABLE.

God is good.

I love God.

The rose is red.

The sun shines.

The boy is good.

Trees bear fruit.

The day dawns.

Dogs will bark.

Read your book.

Rain wets the ground.

The bee stings.

He takes a walk.

The house is on fire.

God loves good boys.

Hope cheers the heart.

Be kind to all.

Let us pray.

Grass is green.

The horse runs.

The leaves fall.

He lost his hat.

Sing praise to God.

Birds sing.

Stars are bright.

Ice is cold.

Christ died for us.

God's works are great.

Swear not at all.

My dear boy.

My dear good girl.

SPELLING IN FIVE LETTERS.

Bread	Stick	Cries	World
House	There	Clear	Earth
Chair	Where	Nests	Cross
Grass	Think	Month	Plume
Stove	Brook	Brush	Laugh
Straw	Stool	Fresh	Green
Frame	Straw	Quite	Child
Brand	Wound	Sweet	Deign
Fruit	Large	Which	Shook
Brown	Build	Right	Stuck
Piece	Leave	Round	Could
Watch	Field	Mouth	Would
Winds	Heard	First	Whose
Steel	Sings	Grand	Nurse
Burnt	Broom	Learn	Shall
Lamps	Bring	Quick	Dress
Spade	Voice	Teach	Pride

SPELLING IN TWO SYLLABLES.

A-bate	En-joy	Je-sus	Pat-tern
A-buse	Ex-alt	Ju-dah	Pas-tor
Ad-mire	Ex-cel	Jes-se	Pray-er
A-dorn	Ex-pel	Jew-ish	Pon-der
Be-gin	Fa-tal	Keep-er	Re-lax
Be-ware	Fi-nal	Kneel-ing	Re-call
Be-low	Fa-ble	Kin-dle	Re-pent
But-ter	Fan-cy	Li-ar	Re-deem
Bi-ble	God-ly	Let-ter	Sin-ner
Chi-na	Gid-dy	Lis-ten	Sa-ved
Cel-lar	Glo-ry	Mer-it	Tru-ly
Ce-dar	Hap-py	Mer-cy	Ten-der
Da-vid	Har-bour	Mu-sic	Un-wise
Dol-lar	Ho-ly	Nar-row	Ver-sion
De-cay	Has-ten	Nev-er	Vol-ume
De-fer	In-ward	Ob-ject	Wis-dom
Ef-face	Im-age	Or-der	World-ly

EASY READING.

CREATION.

In six days, God made all things.

He made the sun to shine by day.

He made the moon and stars to shine by night.

He made the trees and the grass and the flowers.

He made the beasts of the field and the fish of the sea.

When he had made all things he said they were very good.

The same God made my soul and body.

He gives me food to eat, water to drink, and clothes to wear.

He gives me kind friends to take care of me.

I should love God for all he does for me.

PRAISE FOR MERCIES SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL.

WHENE'ER I take my walks abroad,
How many poor I see!
What shall I render to my God
For all his gifts to me?

Not more than others I deserve,
Yet God has given me more;
For I have food, while others starve,
Or beg from door to door.

How many children in the street
Half naked I behold;
While I am clothed from head to feet,
And covered from the cold!

While some poor wretches scarce can tell
Where they may lay their head,
I have a home wherein to dwell,
And rest upon my bed.

While others early learn to swear,
And curse, and lie, and steal,
LORD, I am taught thy name to fear,
And do thy holy will.

Are these thy favours day by day,
To me above the rest?
Then let me love thee more than they,
And try to serve thee best.



The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies
are over all his works.

THE FIRST MAN.

ADAM was the first man. Eve was the first woman.

Cain and Abel were their sons.

Cain was wicked and Abel was good.

Cain was angry and killed Abel.

Little children should not let their angry passions rise, or they may become like Cain.

AGAINST QUARRELLING AND FIGHTING.

LET dogs delight to bark and bite,
For God hath made them so;
Let bears and lions growl and fight,
For 'tis their nature too.

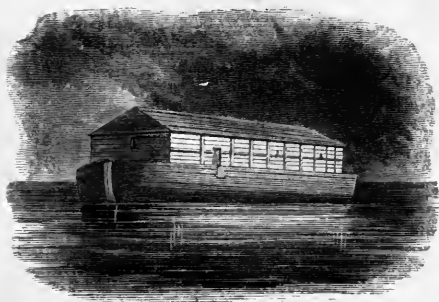
But, children, you should never let
Such angry passions rise ;
Your little hands were never made
To tear each other's eyes.

Let love through all your actions run,
And all your words be mild ;
Live like the blessed Virgin's Son,
That sweet and lovely child.

His soul was gentle as a lamb ;
And, as his stature grew,
He grew in favour, both with man
And God his Father too.

Now, LORD of all, he reigns above,
And from his heavenly throne
He sees what children dwell in love,
And marks them for his own.

THE FLOOD.



WHEN the world became very wicked, God sent a great flood of waters, and drowned the people.

Noah was a good man, and God told him to make a great ark, or boat, which would float on the waters.

In this ark, Noah and his wife, and his three sons and their wives, were saved, with a great many animals, while all the rest were drowned.

THE RAINBOW.



WHEN the Flood was over, the ark rested on the top of a high mountain.

Then GOD told Noah that He would never drown the world again with a Flood.

He placed the Rainbow in the clouds as a sign that the world should never again be drowned with a Flood.

LIVING IN TENTS.

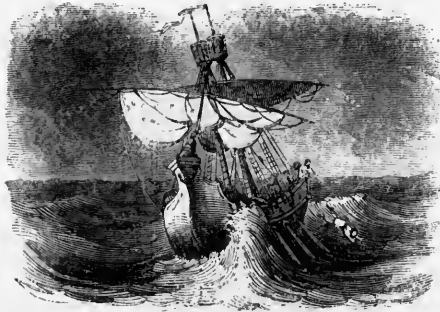


IN the time of Abraham, the people lived in tents instead of houses.

The Arabs and the American Indians still live in tents.

When they travel, they take them down, and put them on the backs of camels and horses, and they carry them.

JONAH CAST INTO THE SEA.



THE prophet Jonah thought he could escape from God by going to sea in a ship.

But God raised a great storm, and when the sailors knew that it was because they had disobedient Jonah with them, they threw him into the sea.

A great fish swallowed Jonah.

God will punish all who disobey Him.

DANIEL PRAYING.



A WICKED king told Daniel that if he prayed to God, he would cast him into a den of lions.

Daniel was not afraid, but kneeled down three times a day, and prayed to GOD with all his heart.

Then the king cast him into the den, but the lions would not hurt him.

GOD will take care of all who trust in Him and obey his holy will.

THE PRODIGAL SON.



THE Prodigal Son left his father's house, and spent all his money in bad company.

Then he was in great distress, and could not get bread to eat.

This made him think how wicked he had been; and he was very sorry for what he had done.

He went back to his father, and confessed his sin, and his kind father fell on his neck and kissed him.

If we are sorry for our sins, God will forgive us.

IDOLATERS.



THERE are many heathen people that do not know the true God, and never have heard of the Bible.

They make images of wood and stone, and call them gods, and bow before them, and worship them.

Poor blind people! how we should pity them, and pray that missionaries should be sent to them, to teach them better.

GRAPES.



Look at these beautiful grapes! They grow upon a vine, and the bunches are called clusters. In the land of Judea the grapes were very large and sweet. When grapes are dried they are called raisins. Wine is made of the juice of grapes.

FIGURES.

1 One	2 Two	3 Three	4 Four
5 Five	6 Six	7 Seven	8 Eight
9 Nine	10 Ten	11 Eleven	12 Twelve
13 Thirteen	14 Fourteen	15 Fifteen	16 Sixteen
17 Seventeen	18 Eighteen	19 Nineteen	20 Twenty

OTHER FIGURES.

I One	II Two	III Three	IV Four
V Five	VI Six	VII Seven	VIII Eight
IX Nine	X Ten	XI Eleven	XII Twelve
XIII Thirteen	XIV Fourteen	XV Fifteen	XVI Sixteen
XVII Seventeen	XVIII Eighteen	XIX Nineteen	XX Twenty
XXX Thirty	XL Forty	L Fifty	LX Sixty
LXX Seventy	LXXX Eighty	XC Ninety	C One Hundred

THESE ARE POINTS OR STOPS.

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| , Comma. | - Hyphen. |
| ; Semicolon. | ^ ^ Accents. |
| : Colon. | — Dash. |
| . Period. | ? Note of interrogation. |
| () Parenthesis. | ! Note of exclamation. |

QUESTIONS.

- Q. How many days are there in a week ?
- A. Seven.
- Q. What are their names ?
- A. Sunday (or Sabbath), Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.
- Q. How many months are there in a year ?
- A. Twelve.
- Q. What are their names and order ?
- A. January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

Q. How many days are there in a month ?

A. Some have thirty-one, some thirty, and one twenty-eight or nine.

Q. Repeat the little verse, showing these numbers.

A. Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November,
All the rest have thirty-one
Except February alone.
This has twenty-eight in fine,
Till leap year gives it twenty-nine.

Q. How often does leap year come ?

A. Once every four years.

Q. Which are called the Spring months ?

A. March, April, and May.

Q. Which are the Summer months ?

A. June, July, and August.

Q. Which the Fall or Autumn months ?

A. September, October, and November.

Q. And which the Winter months ?

A. December, January, February.

Q. How many hours are there in a day ?

A. Twenty-four.

Q. How many minutes in an hour ?

A. Sixty.

Q. How many seconds in a minute ?

A. Sixty.

WHERE IS GOD ?

IN the sun, the moon, the sky ;
On the mountain, wild and high ;
In the thunder, in the rain,
In the grove, the wood, the plain ;
In the little birds that sing :
God is seen in everything.

LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temp-
tation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN VERSE.

1. THOU no gods shalt have but me :
2. Before no idol bend the knee.
3. Take not the name of GOD in vain :
4. Dare not the Sabbath day profane.
5. Give both thy parents honour due :
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean :
8. Steal not, though thou be poor and mean.
9. Make not a wilful lie, nor love it :
10. What is thy neighbour's do not covet.

SUM OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

WITH all thy soul love GOD above,
And as thyself thy neighbour love.

THE BIBLE.

THE Bible is GOD's holy book. All good people love the Bible. I should read in it every day. It tells me of JESUS

CHRIST who is my Saviour. It points out the way to heaven. I must not therefore forget or neglect my Bible.

THE SAVIOUR.

WHO is the Saviour of men?

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the only Saviour. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father in heaven, but by him.

Do little children need a Saviour?

Yes, children are sinners, and cannot save themselves. JESUS said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER FOR A CHILD.

My Father in heaven, I am a sinful child. I pray thee to forgive whatever I have done wrong. Give me a better heart, that I may love and serve GOD. Make me obedient to my dear father and mother. Keep me from all sinful thoughts, words, and ways. Bless my dear parents, brothers, sisters, and all relations. Prepare me to die, and go to heaven, for the sake of JESUS CHRIST, my Saviour. Amen.

GOING TO BED.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the LORD my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the LORD my soul to take;
And this I ask for JESUS' sake.

AN EVENING PRAYER.

FATHER, I thank thee for this day,
For health, and friends, and food;
Oh wash my many sins away
In JESUS' precious blood.
LORD, through the silence of the night,
Be to my pillow near,
And with returning life and light,
Still make a child thy care.

GETTING UP IN THE MORNING.

Now I awake and see the light,
'Tis GOD who kept me through the night.

To him I lift my voice and pray,
That he would keep me through the day ;
If I should die before 'tis done,
O God, accept me through thy Son.

A MORNING PRAYER.

I THANK my GOD who, through the night,
Has kept me, till the morning light.
LORD, on my knees I humbly pray
For grace and mercy, through the day.
Keep me this day from every sin,
And every wicked thought within ;
Under thy care my childhood take,
And hear my prayer, for JESUS' sake.

MORNING HYMN.

THE morning bright
With rosy light,
Hath waked me from my sleep ;
Father, I own,
Thy love alone,
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day,
I humbly pray,
Be thou my guard and guide ;
My sins forgive,
And let me live,
Blest JESUS! near thy side.

O make thy rest
Within my breast,
Great Spirit of all grace ;
Make me like thee,
Then I shall be
Prepared to see thy face.

EVENING HYMN.

JESUS, tender Shepherd, hear me !
Bless thy little lamb, to-night :
Through the darkness be thou near me ;—
Watch my sleep till morning light.

All this day thy hand has led me,
And I thank thee for thy care ;

Thou hast clothed me warmed and fed me,—
Listen to my evening prayer.

Let my sins be all forgiven ;
Bless the friends I love so well ;
Take me, when I die, to heaven,
Happy there with thee to dwell.

GOLDEN RULE.

To do to all men as I would
That they should do to me,
Will make me kind, and just, and good,
And so I'll try to be.

DUTY TO GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOUR.

LOVE GOD with all your soul and strength,
With all your heart and mind,
And love your neighbour as yourself :
Be faithful, just, and kind.

KEEP THE SABBATH HOLY.

A SABBATH well spent
Brings a week of content,
And strength for the toils of the morrow ;
But a Sabbath profaned,
Whatsoever be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of sorrow.

METRICAL CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN.

1. *Who made all things ?*

GOD made all things in earth and sky,
From worms that creep, to clouds that fly.

2. *Where is God ?*

I cannot find a lonely spot,
Where the Almighty GOD is not.

3. *What is God ?*

GOD is a Spirit, just and wise,
We cannot see with mortal eyes.

4. *Can God see you?*

He sees me in the darkest night,
As well as in the noonday bright.

5. *Can you hide from God?*

I cannot from his presence fly,
Nor hide me from his piercing eye.

6. *How long has God lived?*

Before the sun, he lived always,
I cannot count eternal days.

7. *Is God great?*

He must be very, very great,
Who could such mighty worlds create.

8. *Is God powerful?*

He holds the lightnings in his hand,
And thunders roll at his command.

9. *Is God holy?*

He is so holy and so pure,
He can't the smallest sin endure.

10. *Is God good?*

How good he is no man can tell,
Nor angels, who in glory dwell.

11. *What good has God done you?*

He sent His only Son to die
For such a sinful worm as I.

12. *Is God merciful?*

If I repent, He will forgive
My sinful soul, and let me live.

13. *Will God ever change?*

He changes not—that awful name
From age to age is still the same.

WHAT THE GOOD CHILD LOVES.

I LOVE the LORD who died for me,
I love his little child to be ;
I love the Bible, where I find
How good my Saviour was, and kind ;
I love his people and their ways,
I love with them to pray and praise ;
I love the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one ;
I love to think the time will come
When I shall be in Heaven my home.



MARY AND THE RAGGED CHILDREN.

LITTLE Mary was going with a light and joyful heart to the Sabbath school, with her book in her hand, when she saw at the side of the road a little girl and boy pulling flowers. They were very meanly dressed, and Mary supposed they were poor, and had no one to take care of them. She could not help pitying them as she passed by, and at once the thought came into her mind, "Oh, I wish I could do some good to these poor children." She turned back, and taking the little ragged girl by the hand, she said, "Do you not know, little girl, that this is the holy Sabbath, and

that you should not spend your time idly here? Would you not like to go to the church, and attend the Sabbath school?"

The poor little girl said, "We have no clothes fit to go among grand people."

"Oh," said Mary, "if you will come with me, the people at the church will be very kind to you. Do come." The little girl seemed ashamed and hung down her head, and then turning to her little brother she said, "Tommy, let us go. I should like to learn to read very much." Tommy agreed, and little Mary, with her heart full of joy, led them to the Sabbath school. They were put into the A B C class, and their kind teacher promised that if they would attend regularly she would give them some decent clothes. In a few months the once ragged girl and boy might be seen very neatly dressed, and both able to read in any part of the Bible. How much happier they are now than when they were found playing on the Sabbath, at the roadside! And how happy little Mary felt when she saw how much good she had been the instrument of, to those poor children!

BE thankful, children, that you may
Read this good Bible every day:
'Tis GOD's own Word, which He has given
To show your souls the way to heaven.



SUSAN IN HER FATHER'S STUDY.

“FATHER,” said little Susan, “will you let me come into your study?”

“Yes, my dear,” said her father, “if you will be quiet, and sit down with your book, like a good girl.”

Susan came tripping in, but soon she began to meddle with the things on the table, and to disturb her father at his studies.

“My dear,” said he, “I am afraid you have forgotten your promise to be quiet. Do you not know that a study is not the place for play?”

Susan saw that he had a smile on his face. He was not

angry, for he loved his little Susan very much, and liked to have her near him, when he had not any thing particular to do.

Susan looked up gaily and said, "Dear papa, I'll tell you what to do. Just put down your pen, and hear me spell and read in my beautiful new Primer."

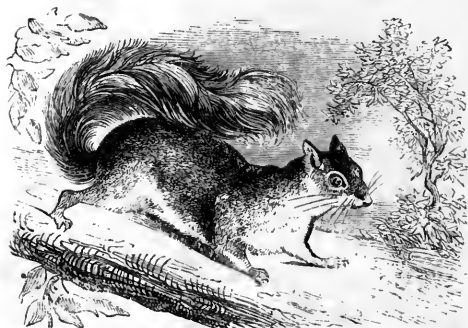
"That I will," said her father, "and be very well pleased." And now if you will look at the picture, there you will see kind papa sitting at his study-table, surrounded by his books, and globes, and papers, and little Susan standing by his side, spelling out the words in her Primer, and very much pleased that papa is listening to her

FLOWERS.

YE are the Scriptures of the earth,
Sweet flowers, fair and frail;
A sermon speaks in every bud
That woos the summer gale.

Ye lift your heads at early morn,
To greet the sunny ray;
And cast your fragrance forth to praise
The LORD of night and day.

THE SQUIRREL.



“THE squirrel is happy, the squirrel is gay !”
Little Harry exclaimed to his brother ;
“He has nothing to do, or to think of, but play,
And to jump from one bough to another.”

But William was older and wiser, and knew
That all play and no work wouldn't answer ;
So he asked what the squirrel in winter must do,
If he spent all the summer a dancer.

“The squirrel, dear Harry, is merry and wise :
For true wisdom and joy go together :
He lays up in summer his winter supplies,
And then he don't mind the cold weather.”



