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THE
CHILD'S
BEST GUIDE
TO
Reading.

Master John Lewis

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Frontispiece.



Ah! don't you remember 'tis almost December,
And soon will the holidays come ;
Oh, 'twill be so funny, I've plenty of money,
I'll buy me a sword and a drum.

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TO
LEARNING ;

OR,
READING MADE COMPLETELY EASY.

CONTAINING
LESSONS

IN WORDS OF
Two, Three, Four and Five Letters ;

AND FROM
One to Five Syllables ;

WITH
CATECHISMS, and SUITABLE PRAYERS.

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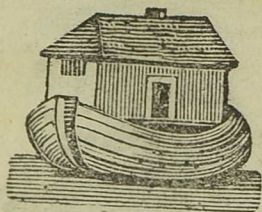
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Lessons consisting of Words of two Letters.

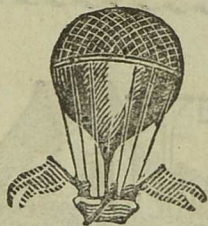
At it	go on	it is in	wo is me
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on me	do go	is it on	do it ye
in me	do it	it is on	am I in
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to me	so do	is it up	it is by
an ax	be so	up it is	by it is
an ox	is he	it is up	ye do it
my ox	he is	do I go	it ye do
no ox	to us	I do go	be at it
I am	to it	is it me	at it be
am I	we be	it is me	I do go
be in	be ye	me it is	so do ye
be on	be it so	I do it	if we go
so be	is it so	as I go	ye do go
I go	it is so	if I go	if he be
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go in	in it is	my it is	I am he

Ant	art	ark	and
Bag	bat	bad	but
Cat	cop	cap	cup
Dad	dot	dub	dip
Egg	eat	eel	eke
Fat	fan	for	fox
Gat	get	got	gut
Hat	hep	hip	hop
Lot	let	lip	lop
Mat	man	met	mop
Nat	ned	not	nut
Pat	pet	pit	pot
Rat	rib	rob	rub
Sat	set	sop	sup
Tap	tan	tip	top

Ash	Box	Elm	Fir
Oak	Bay	Yew	Rue
Ale	Rum	Mug	Tea
Ear	Lip	Leg	Toe



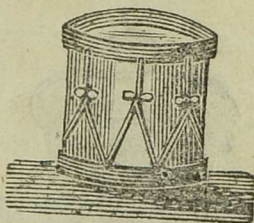
Ark.



Bal-loon.



Cock.



Drum.



Ea-gle.



Fid-dle.



Goat.



Harp.



Inn



Kit-ten.



Li-on.



Mi-tre.



Nuts.



Os-trich.



Pea-cock.



Quince.



Rab-bit.



Sports-man.



Tent.



U-ni-corn.



Wo-man.



Xer-xes.



Youth.



Za-ny.



Boy and Hoop.



Play-ing with Dog.



Man with Load.



Chairs to mend!



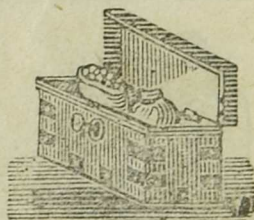
Blow-ing the Trum-pet.



Dutch-man ska-ting.



Beat-ing the Drum.



Chest with Mo-ney.

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Lessons consisting of Words not exceeding three Letters.



A BAD Boy and a bad Man
go in a bad Way, and put
off the Law of God.

All who sin go in a bad Way ;
so do no ill, nor use the ill Way,
for the End of it is bad.

My Son, let not a bad Boy
sit by you, nor go in his ill Way
if you are bid ; for if you do ill,
you can not go to God.

My Joy is to try the Law of
my God. I am not in the Way
of Sin ; for if I do sin, I can not
go to God.

Go not far off me, O my God!
and let me not go out of the Way
of thy Law.

The Eye of God is on all Men,
he can see all we do. In God do
I put my Joy, and to him do I
cry all the Day.

If Sin be in us, we are in an
ill Way; let us go out of it, for
it is bad for us. Who can say
he has no Sin? not one can say
so.

But all my Joy is to try and
use the Way of God, for no one
is set far off by Him, who use his
Way.

Let not my Sin put me off, let
me not go to the Pit, but try me
in thy Way.

I see thy Way, O God; O
how I joy in it! O let me not
sin.

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Arms	arts	aunt	arch
Bake	broil	bade	babe
Cake	came	cool	clay
Dame	draw	dear	down
Earn	ease	each	else
Face	full	fame	fate
Goat	gate	grow	gave
Hope	held	herd	hole
Itch	join	joke	jack
Kind	kate	kiss	kick
Lamb	lend	love	long
Maid	mend	mind	mule
Neck	near	nigh	note
Oars	oats	oils	odes
Part	pint	pass	play
Quil	quit	quip	quiz
Rate	rake	rain	rend
Safe	soft	sick	sent
Time	test	tend	tent
Vain	vast	vent	view

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Lessons consisting of Words not exceeding four Letters.



RISE soon each Day, for it is bad to lose your Time in Bed. Each Day when you rise pray to God to keep you, and do the same when you go to Bed.

Take Care and not play with bad Boys, for in Time they will make you as bad as they are.

I must tell no Lies, for one Lie will oft draw on ten more. No one will tell a Lie, who has not done some bad Act.

I must be kind and good to all Men, and then God will be sure to love me.

He that is poor must not be sad at his Lot in this Life, for the Poor are in the Care of the Lord.

Mock not the Lame or Deaf, or Dumb, but be glad God has not made you so.

Make good Use of your Time, for when it is once gone, it will come no more.

Mock not at an old Man, for it is not good in the Eyes of the Lord so to do.

Love your Book more than Play, for he who will love his Book, and try to read well in it, may come to be a rich Man ; but if you love Play most, you will be poor.

Fear God and keep his Laws ; for they who fear him he will love, and do them good ; but they who do not fear him, will be sure to come to want.

Bread	bless	bound	blank
Cakes	crust	capas	could
Dwell	dream	drink	drown
Eight	earth	earls	eaves
Fowls	flock	fawns	faint
Grant	grunt	grief	grave
Hands	horse	heard	house
James	judge	joint	joist
Ketch	knife	knots	knead
Large	light	lamps	larks
Mouth	munch	month	means
Names	night	notch	north
Ounce	ought	oints	oaths
Patch	pence	piques	poles
Quack	queen	quite	quire
Racks	reins	right	round
Saint	scent	sight	sound
Tarts	tench	tight	toast
Vails	veins	voice	vends
Watch	walks	would	wound
Youth	young	yield	yeast

Lessons consisting of Words not exceeding five Letters.



AS soon as you go to say your Task, speak out plain, and mind to sound all your words right.

Be sure to mind your Stops ; read from Stop to Stop, as you see them in the Book ; and do not make a Stop where there is none in your Book.

Spell such Words as you can't read, and then you will know them next Time you see them.

Take your Time when you read ; be not in too much haste ; and do not look off your Book.

If you have done wrong, do not tell a Lie to hide it ; for one Fault is made two, if you tell a Lie lest you be found out ; so speak the Truth at all times.

For if you hide it from all Men, yet God knows when you tell a Lie, and will bring Shame on you for it.

Play not too much at once, but come Home soon, like a good Child.

When a Child who is told of a Fault, says he does not care, there are no Hopes that he will mend.

When you are at Meals, beg of God to bless you, and thank him for what you have. It is God that gives you all you have, and he can take it from you ; then be not proud, for Pride is a great Sin.

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Branch	bought	blends
Charge	chairs	chests
Dearth	drench	droops
Fought	friend	fright
Grieve	ground	groove
Hearth	hearts	hearse
Jaunts	jounce	joints
Knocks	knight	knives
Leaves	loaves	lights
Moulds	mounts	months
Naught	nights	nought
Quakes	quails	quince
Realms	reigns	rounce
Speech	spikes	spokes
Thanks	thatch	thirst
Vaults	vaunts	vouch
Wreath	wretch	wrench

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Lessons consisting of Words not exceeding six Letters.



COME to School clean and neat ; play not by the Way, nor let your Voice be heard in the Street.

When you are at School, take your Book and go to your Place ; make no Noise, but strive to learn as fast as you can.

When School is done, go strait Home, and go not to play, till your Friend gives you leave.

Be not proud of what you have, for Fools may wear fine Things, but a wise Man is known by his Words.

Be not false in thy Words, but speak the Truth at all Times ; let thy Words be few, and sin not with thy Tongue.

Love God with all your Heart, and serve him with all your might, so shall he bring you to Joy and Peace.

There is but one God, who made the whole World ; both Trees and Plants to grow out of the Earth, and Men and Beasts to live on the Land, and Birds to fly in the Air, and Worms to live in the Ground, and Fish to swim in the Sea.

He gives us Bread to eat, and Clothes to keep us from the cold ; He guards us from Harm all the Day, and keeps us safe whilst we sleep in the Night.

All Things are known to God, He views all the Ways of the Sons of Men.

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Words of one Syllable, expressive of the most natural and easy Things to the Apprehension of Children.

THE PARTS OF A MAN, &c.

Mouth	Tongue	Throat	Tooth
Head	Breast	Skull	Hair
Lip	Brain	Hand	Bone
Rib	Cheek	Back	Eye
Face	Knee	Ear	Chap
Chin	Nose	Jaw	Flesh
Joint	Nail	Nerve	Arm
Fist	Wrist	Leg	Skip
Ham	Foot	Neck	Palm
Toe	Blood	Sole	Skin
Vein	Young	Loin	Heart
Old	Thumb	Lungs	Man

APPAREL, &c.

Cloth	Gown	Ring	Stuff
Hat	Glove	Plush	Cap
Shirt	Silk	Hood	Muff
Sleeve	Clasp	Cloak	Scarf
Lawn	Stock	Hose	Coat
Shoe	Frock	Lace	Boot

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EATABLES, &c.

Bread	Eggs	Tench	Cheese
Salt	Pike	Crumb	Ducks
Eels	Crust	Geese	Sprats
Beef	Swans	Trout	Veal
Beans	Plaice	Sheep	Pease
Drink	Lamb	Nut	Wine
Hare	Tart	Beer	Pork
Cake	Ale	Brawn	Curds
Milk	Tripe	Cream	Tea
Fowl	Carp	Punch	Shrimp
Chub	Rum	Roach	Perch

BELONGING TO A HOUSE, &c.

Stone	Hatch	Cork	Brick
Lock	Grate	Wall	Key
Quilt	Lime	Ball	Torch
Slate	Hinge	Lamp	Tile
Bench	Flame	Thatch	Chest
Glass	Ridge	Desk	Jug
Porch	Trunk	Knife	Gate
Box	Sash	Door	Press
Spoon	Fork	Mug	Dish

COLOURS.

Green	Brown	Pink	White
Black	Blue	Red	Grey

History of the Creation,

*In easy Sentences, containing Words not exceeding
two Syllables.*



IN six Days the Lord made the Hea-vens and the Earth, the Sea, and all that there-in is. And on the se-venth Day God end-ed his Work, and he rest-ed on that Day.

For this Rea-son we keep the Sab-bath ho-ly, be-cause the Lord rest-ed on that Day.

Six Days are for work-ing, in which our La-bour is to be done, but the se-venth Day is a Day of Rest.

And the Lord God plant-ed a Gar-den in E-den, and pla-ced there A-dam whom he had form-ed.

In the midst there-of was the Tree of Know-ledge of Good and E-vil.

And God said to A-dam, thou shalt not eat of this Tree; for in the Day that thou eat-est there-of, thou shalt sure-ly die.

And the Lord caus-ed a deep Sleep, to fall up-on A-dam, and while he slept, the Lord took one of his Ribs, and clos-ed up the Flesh in-stead there-of.

And he made a Wo-man of the Rib which he had ta-ken, and brought her un-to A-dam.

And when A-dam saw Eve his Wife, he said, This is Bone of my Bone, and Flesh of my Flesh.

And A-dam liv-ed with Eve his Wife in the Gar-den of E-den.

Now the Ser-pent was more cun-ning than a-ny Beast of the Field.

And the Ser-pent said un-to the Wo-man, God hath said, if ye eat of the Fruit of this Tree, ye shall sure-ly die.

But it shall not be so; for in the Day that you eat there-of, your Eyes shall be o-pen, and ye shall be as Gods, know-ing Good and E-vil.

And when the Wo-man saw that the Fruit was fair to look up-on, she took and eat there-of. And she gave it to her Hus-band, and he did al-so eat of it.

And the Lord call-ed up-on A-dam and said, Hast thou eat-en of the Fruit of that Tree which I for-bade thee, that thou should-est not eat ?

Be-cause thou hast done this, curs-ed is the Ground for thy Sake; and by the Sweat of thy Brow thou shalt eat Bread, till thou re-turn to the Earth a-gain. For Dust thou art, and un-to Dust thou shalt re-turn.

And the Lord said un-to the Wo-man, Be-cause thou didst eat of the Fruit of this Tree, in Sor-row shalt thou bring forth Chil-dren, and thy Hus-band shall rule over thee.

And the Lord said un-to the Ser-pent, Be-cause thou hast done this, thou art curs-ed a-bove all Cat-tle; up-on thy Bel-ly shalt thou go all the Days of thy Life.

And God sent forth A-dam and his Wife Eve from the Gar-den of E-den, that they might till the Ground.

And at the East Gate of the Gar-den he pla-ced an An-gel with a flam-ing Sword, to pre-serve the Tree of Life.

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Words of two Syllables, accented on the first.

A-corn	em-bers	kin-dle	Rab-bit
am-bush	Fa-ble	kin-dred	ren-der
an-cle	fast-ness	Lat-ter	rub-bish
art-ful	fear-ful	let-ter	Sad-dle
Bab-ble	feast-ing	lin-net	safe-ly
bad-ger	fe-male	lug-gage	scan-dal
board-er	Gar-den	lus-tre	Ta-per
bur-nish	ges-ture	Mai-den	ten-der
bra-zen	gos-pel	mil-ler	trum-pet
Call-ing	gun-ner	mix-ture	tu-lip
ca-vern	Har-vest	mur-der	Va-pour
cen-sure	hel-met	Na-vy	ven-ture
com-fort	ho-nest	nim-ble	Ud-der
cost-ly	hope-ful	nose-gay	un-der
Dag-ger	Jan-gle	Of-fer	use-ful
day-light	jес-ter	oys-ter	wan-der
daz-zle	join-ture	Pa-per	wea-ther
debt-or	jus-tice	pain-ful	win-ter
dim-ness	I-dle	pew-ter	wis-dom
Ea-gle	in-fant	pru-dent	Yel-low
ea-ger	irk-some	Qui-et	youth-ful
el-bow	Ker-nel	quar-rel	Zeal-ous

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Words of two Syllables, accented on the second.

A-base	de-fer	mis-take	re-ward
ab-hor	de-form	mo-lest	ro-bust
a-bide	de-light	mo-rose	ro-mance
a-bout	dis-like	Neg-lect	Se-cure
af-fix	di-vine	Ob-tain	se-duce
af-firm	Ef-fect	of-fend	sup-pose
ar-rest	e-lope	op-press	sur-vey
a-wake	en-joy	out-live	sur-vive
Be-got	en-tice	Par-take	Tra-duce
be-gun	ex-ert	per-form	trans-mit
be-hold	For-get	per-mit	trans-act
be-long	ful-fil	po-lite	trans-pire
be-tide	Gal-lant	pre-pare	Un-apt
be-wail	ga-zette	pur-suit	un-arm
Ca-nal	Here-in	Re-buke	un-dress
com-pel	him-self	re-count	un-fold
com-ply	Im-part	re-joice	un-lock
con-dole	im-press	re-mark	un-seen
con-vey	im-pose	re-mind	Where-of
cor-rect	in-vade	re-mit	where-by
De-bate	in-vite	re pair	with-al

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Lessons consisting of Words not exceeding three Syllables.

Those of three Syllables are to be divided thus :

Ex-cel-lent	A-ven-ger	Ho-li-ness
Go-ver-nor	Righ-te-ous	Won-der-ful
Or-dain-ed	Re-mem-brance	Mer-ci-ful
E-ne-my	De-li-ver	



1 **O** LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the Earth ! Thou hast set thy Glory above the Heavens.

2 Out of the Mouths of Babes and Sucklings hast thou ordained Strength, that thou mightest still the Enemy and the Avenger.

3 Be glad and rejoice in the Lord, ye Righteous and give Thanks at the Remembrance of his Holiness.

4 O that Men would praise the Lord for his Goodness, and for his wonderful Works to the Children of Men.

5 For the Lord is merciful, and will deliver those in time of need that trust in him.

6 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; yea in the Shadow of thy Wings will I make my Refuge.

7 Be thou exalted, O God, above the Heavens; let thy Glory be above all the Earth.

8 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the People, I will sing unto thee, O thou Most High.

9 For thy Mercy is great unto the Heavens, and thy Truth unto the Clouds.

10 All the Earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy Name.

11 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my Soul.

12 Trust in God at all Times, ye People; pour out your Hearts before him.

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Words of three Syllables, accented on the first.

Ab-so-lute	Hap-pi-ness	or-na-ment
ad-vo-cate	he-re-sy	Pa-ci-fy
au-di-ence	hos-pi-tal	pe-nal-ty
Ba-ro-net	Jo-cu-lar	pro-phe-cy
be-ne-fit	ju-bi-lee	Qua-li-ty
bra-ve-ry	I-dle-ness	quan-ti-ty
Ca-bi-net	ig-no-rant	qui-et-ness
cer-ti-fy	im-pu-dent	Ra-ri-ty
ci-ti-zen	Ka-len-dar	re-gu-lar
con-fi-dent	kil-der-kin	ri-di-cule
cu-cum-ber	kna-ve-ry	Sa-tis-fy
Dan-ge-rous	La-bour-er	se-pa-rate
dig-ni-ty	li-ber-ty	sin-gu-lar
du-ra-ble	loy-al-ty	syl-la-ble
E-di-fy	Mag-ni-fy	Ter-ri-ble
e-qui-page	ma-ri-ner	tes-ta-ment
ex-er-cise	me-mo-ry	Va-can-cy
Fa-mi-ly	mi-ni-ster	vic-to-ry
fes-ti-val	Na-tu-ral	U-ni-verse
for-ge-ry	nun-ne-ry	Wag-gon-er
Gal-le-ry	nur-se-ry	wor-thi-ly
gar-ri-son	Ob-sta-cle	Yes-ter-day
ge-ne-ral	o-pe-rate	Zeal-ous-ly

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Words of three Syllables, accented on the second.

A. ban-don	For. bid-den	Par-ta-ker
a-gree-ment	for-get-ful	per-for-mer
at-ten-tive	for-sa-ken	pro-tec-tor
Be-gin-ning	Gen-tee-ly	Re-cor-der
be-got ten	How-e-ver	re-mem-ber
be-lo-ved	In-car-nate	ro-man tic
Co-ha-bit	in-con-stant	Se-du-cer
co-e-qual	in-dul-gent	spec-ta-tor
De-ceit-ful	in-for-mer	To-bac-co
de-co-rum	Lieu-te-nant	tri-bu-nal
de-par-ture	Ma-ter-nal	Un-co-ver
de-ter-mine	mis-car-ry	un-ea-sy
E-lec-tor	mis-for-tune	un-god-ly
em-bel-lish	Noc tur-nal	u-ten-sils

Accented on the last Syllable.

Af-ter-noon	En-ter-tain	In-cor-rect
ap-per-tain	e-ver-more	in-ter-fere
Bri-ga-dier	Fri-ca-see	Ma-ga-zine
Ca-ra-van	Gre-na-dier	O-ver-bear
Dis-al-low	here-to-fore	Per-se-vere

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Re-mem-ber	Con-si-der	En-dea-vour
Cre-a-tor	Al-migh-ty	Peace-a-ble
Ac-know-ledge	Qui-et-ly	Com-mand-ments
Di-li-gent	A-no-ther	Bro-ther-ly
Thank-ful-ness	Quar-rel-some	Re-ward-eth



1 **R**EMEMBER thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth ; in all thy Ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy Paths.

2 Be diligent in Prayer to God, pray to him and praise him ; and serve him with all Thankfulness.

3 Consider the great goodness of Almighty God, and keep his Commandments.

4 Be not quarrelsome, or given to Anger, but endeavour to be peaceable.

5 Let brotherly Love dwell among you, and do all that is worthy of Praise in the Sight of God.

6 For the Lord rewardeth those that love him, and walk in the Ways that he hath set before them.

7 If a Man loveth not his Brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen?

8 My Son, attend to my Words, incline thine Ear unto my Sayings.

9 Keep thine Heart with all Diligence, for out of it are the Issues of Life.

10 Enter not into the Path of the Wicked, and go not in the Way of evil Men.

11 Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

12 But the Path of the Just is as the shining Light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect Day.

13 Get Wisdom, get Knowledge, and forget it not; neither decline from the Words of my Mouth.

14 The Curse of the Lord is in the House of the Wicked, but he blesseth the Dwelling of the Just.

Words of four Syllables.

Ac-cep-ta-ble	Ju-di-ci-ous
ad-ver-si-ty	La-bo-ri-ous
au-tho-ri-ty	le-gi-ti-mate
Be-ha-vi-our	Ma-tri-mo-ny
be-ne-fac-tor	Na-ti-vi-ty
be-ne-vo-lence	O-be-di-ent
Ca-la-mi-ty	ob-jec-ti-on
ce-re-mo-ny	o-ri-gi-nal
cus-to-ma-ry	Par-ti-cu-lar
De-for-mi-ty	prac-ti-ca-ble
du-ra-ti-on	pro-di-gi-ous
Ef-fec-tu-al	Quo-ta-ti-on
ex-pe-di-ent	Re-li-gi-on
Fa-mi-li-ar	re-pu-ta-ble
fe-li-ci-ty	se-cre-ta-ry
foun-da-ti-on	se-ve-ri-ty
Gen-ti-li-ty	Temp-ta-ti-on
go-vern-a-ble	to-bac-co-nist
Har-mo-ni-ous	Va-lu-a-ble
hu-ma-ni-ty	ve-ne-ra-ble
hu-mi-li-ty	Ū-ni-ver-sal
Il-li-te-rate	War-ran-ta-ble

Lessons containing Words of four Syllables.

Ta-ber-na-cle	Un-de-fi-led	Who-so-e-ver
Un-cor-rupt	Tes-ti-mo-nies	E-ver-las-ting
Righ-te-ous-ly	De-li-ver-est	Un-der-stand-ing
Sal-va-ti-on	Ad-ver-sa-ries	Com-pa-ri-son
Ad-ver-si-ty	Re-mem-ber-eth	



1 **L**ORD, who shall dwell in thy Ta-bernacle, or who shall rest upon thy holy Hill?

2 Even he that liveth an uncorrupt Life, and doeth righteously in thy Sight.

3 Blessed is the Man whose Trust is in thy Mercy, and whose Heart is joyful in thy Salvation.

4 The Lord will save the People that are in Adversity; He is the Defender of those that put their Trust in him.

5 The Way of the Lord is an undefiled Way, and blessed are they that keep the Testimonies of their God.

6 It is thou, Lord, who deliverest us from our Enemies, and settest us up above our Adversaries.

7 For the Lord knoweth whereof we are made; he remembereth that we are but Dust.

8 God so loved the World, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall have everlasting Life.

9 We are thy servants, O Lord; give us Understanding, that we may know thy Laws.

10 Lift up your Heads, ye Gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting Doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.

11 Who is the King of Glory? the Lord of our Salvation, the Lord strong and mighty!

12 Behold how high the Heavens are in Comparison of the Earth; so is the Mercy of God to them that fear him.

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Lessons containing Words of five Syllables.

Me-di-ta-ti-ons Con-ti-nu-al-ly Un-pro-fi-ta-b'le
In-dig-na-ti-on Dis-o-be-di-ent Es-ti-ma-ti-on
Im-mor-ta-li-ty



1 **L**ET the Words of my Mouth,
and the Meditations of my Heart
be found acceptable in thy sight.

2 Let not thine Indignation be upon
us, but keep us in Remembrance of thy
Kindness continually.

3 Thou punishest the Wicked and
Disobedient, but the Righteous shall find
Favour with thee.

4 Woe unto him that despiseth Wisdom,
his Works are unprofitable, and his life is
miserable.

5 The foolish Man is wise in his own Estimation, but Humility is the Companion of a religious Man.

6 Blessed is he whose Hope is full of Immortality ; yea, blessed is the Man whose Hope is in the Lord.

7 Let the Ungodliness of the Wicked be punished ; and let their Iniquity come to an End.

8 For they are corrupt and detestable in all their Doings ; and their Lips are full of Deceit.

9 But let thy People rejoice in thee, and say always, the Lord is our Inheritance.

10 The Righteous shall possess thy Kingdom, but the Wicked shall be put to confusion.

11 Keep me, O Lord, from presumptive Sin, lest it get the Dominion over me, so shall I be undefiled in thy Sight, and live according to thy Word.

12 Behold, thou hast made our Days as it were a Span long, and every Man living is altogether Vanity.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

2. WHAT is your name ?

A. N. or M.

2. Who gave you this name ?

A. My god-fathers and god-mothers in my baptism, wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

2. What did your god-fathers and god-mothers then for you ?

A. They did promise and vow three things in my name. First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh. Secondly, that I should believe all the articles of the Christian faith. And thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

2. Dost thou not think that thou art bound to believe and to do as they have promised for thee ?

A. Yes, verily: and by God's help, so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: and I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life's end.

2. Rehearse the Articles of thy belief ?

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A. I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

2. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy belief.

A. First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me and all the world: Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me and all mankind: Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

2. You said that your god-fathers and god-mothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's holy will and commandments: Tell me how many there be?

A. Ten.

2. Which be they?

A. The same which God spake in the twentieth chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

1. Thou shalt have none other gods but Me,

II. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man servant, and thy maid servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,

thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

2. What dost thou chiefly learn by these commandments ?

A I learn two things ; my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbour.

2. What is your duty to God ?

A. My duty towards God is to believe in him, to fear him, and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength ; to worship him, to give him thanks, to put my whole trust in him, to call upon him, to honour his holy name and his word, and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

2. What is thy duty towards thy neighbour ?

A. My duty towards my neighbour is, to love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me. To love, honour, and succour my father and mother. To honour and obey the king, and all that are put in authority under him. To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters. To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters. To hurt nobody by word nor deed. To be true and just in all my dealings. To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart. To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering. To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity. Not to covet nor desire other mens' goods ; but to learn and labour truly to get my own living, and do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me.

2. My good child, know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thyself, nor to walk in the commandments of God, and to serve him without his special grace, which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer. Let me hear, therefore, if thou canst say the Lord's Prayer.

A. 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 trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

2. What desirest thou of God in this prayer?

A. I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, to send his grace unto me, and to all people, that we may worship him, serve him and obey him as we ought to do. And I pray unto God that he will send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it will please him to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. And this I trust he will do of his mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ; and therefore I say Amen. So be it.

2. How many sacraments hath Christ ordained in his church?

A. Two only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

2. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

A. I mean an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, given unto us, ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

2. How many parts are there in a sacrament ?

A. Two: the outward visible sign, and the inward spiritual grace.

2. What is the outward visible sign, or form in Baptism ?

A. Water, wherein the person is baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

2. What is the inward and spiritual grace ?

A. A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: for being by nature born in sin, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

2. What is required of persons to be baptized ?

A. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and faith, whereby they stedfastly believe the promises of God made to them in that sacrament.

2. Why then are infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them ?

A. Because they promise them both by their sureties; which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

2. Why was the sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained ?

A. For a continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

2. What is the outward part, or sign of the Lord's Supper ?

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A. Bread and wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

2. What is the inward part, or things signified?

A. The body and blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

2. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

A. The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the body and blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the bread and wine.

2. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?

A. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life, have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and be in charity with all men.

A PRAYER ON GOING INTO CHURCH.

O LORD, I pray thee assist me in my duty; keep me from all wandering thoughts, and dispose my heart to seriousness and devotion, thro' Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH.

GRANT, O LORD, that what I have heard this day in thine house, may be implanted in my heart, so as to make me live to thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE MEAT.

SANCTIFY, O LORD, we beseech thee, these thy good creatures to our use, and us to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING AFTER MEAT.

FOR these, and all other his mercies, GOD's holy Name be bless'd and prais'd, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Catechism for a young Child.

Q. *CAN you tell me, Child, who made you ?*

A. The great God, who made heaven and earth.

Q. *What doth God do for you ?*

A. He keeps me from harm by night and by day, and is always doing me good.

Q. *And what must you do for this great God who is so good to you ?*

A. I must learn to know him first, and then I must do every thing to please him.

Q. *Where doth he teach us to know him and to please him ?*

A. In his holy word which is contained in the Bible

Q. *Have you learnt to know who God is ?*

A. God is a spirit, and tho' we cannot see him, yet he sees and knows all things, and he can do all things.

Q. *What must you do to please God ?*

A. I must do my duty both towards God and towards man.

Q. *What is your duty to God ?*

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A. My duty to God is to fear and honor him, to love and serve him, to pray to him, and to praise him.

Q. *What is your duty to man?*

A. My duty to man is to obey my parents, to speak the truth always, & to be honest and kind to all.

Q. *What good do you hope for, by seeking to please God?*

A. Then I shall be a child of God, and have God for my father and friend for ever.

Q. *And what if you do not fear God, nor love him, nor seek to please him?*

A. Then I shall be a wicked child, and the great God will be very angry with me.

Q. *Why are you afraid of God's anger?*

A. Because he can kill my body, and make my soul miserable after my body is dead.

Q. *But have you never done any thing to make God angry with you already?*

A. Yes, I fear I have too often sinned against God, and deserved his anger.

Q. *What do you mean by sinning against God?*

A. To sin against God, is to do any thing that God forbids me, or not to do what he commands me.

Q. *And what must you do to be saved from the anger of God, which your sins have deserved?*

A. I must be sorry for my sins, I must pray to God to forgive me what is past, and serve him better for the time to come.

Q. *Will God forgive you, if you pray for it?*

A. I hope he will forgive me, if I trust in his mercy, for the sake of what Jesus Christ has done and what he has suffered.

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Q. *Do you know who Jesus Christ is ?*

A. He is God's own Son, who came down from heaven to save us from our sins, & from God's anger.

Q. *What has Christ done towards the saving of men ?*

A. He obeyed the law of God himself, and hath taught us to obey it also.

Q. *And what has Christ suffered in order to save men ?*

A. He died for sinners, who have broke the law of God, and who deserved to die themselves.

Q. *Where is Jesus Christ now ?*

A. He is alive again, and gone to heaven to provide a place there for all that serve God, and love his Son Jesus.

Q. *Can you, of yourself, love and serve God and Christ ?*

A. No, I cannot do it of myself, but God will help me by his own Spirit, if I ask him for it.

Q. *Will Jesus Christ ever come again ?*

A. Christ will come again, and call me and all the world to account for what we have done.

Q. *For what purpose is this account to be given ?*

A. That the children of God, as well as the wicked, may all receive according to their works.

Q. *What must become of you, if you are wicked ?*

A. If I am wicked, I shall be sent down to everlasting fire in hell, among wicked and miserable creatures.

Q. *And whither will you go, if you are a child of God ?*

A. If I am a child of God, I shall be taken up to heaven, and dwell there with God and Christ for ever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE NAMES

IN THE

NEW TESTAMENT.

Q Who was Jesus Christ?

A The Son of God, and the Saviour of men,

Q Who was the Virgin Mary?

A The mother of Jesus Christ

Q Who was Joseph the carpenter?

A The supposed father of Christ, because he married his mother

Q Who were the Jews?

A The family of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and God chose them for his own people

Q Who were the Gentiles?

A All the nations besides the Jews.

Q Who was Cæsar?

A The Emperor of Rome, and the ruler of the world

Q Who was Herod the Great?

A The king of Judea, who killed all the children in a town, in hopes to kill Christ

Q Who was John the Baptist?

A The prophet who told the Jews that Christ was come

Q Who was the other Herod?

A The king of Galilee, who cut off John the Baptist's head

Q Who were the Disciples of Christ?

A Those who learned of him as their master

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Q Who was Nathaniel?

A A disciple of Christ, and a man without guile.

Q Who was Nicodemus?

A The fearful disciple, who came to Jesus by night

Q Who was Mary Magdalene?

A A great sinner, who washed Christ's feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair

Q Who was Lazarus?

A A friend of Christ's, whom he raised to life when he had been dead four days

Q Who was Martha?

A Lazarus's sister, who was cumbered too much in making a feast for Christ

Q Who was Mary the Sister of Martha?

A The woman that chose the better part, and heard Jesus preach

Q Who were the Apostles?

A Those disciples whom Christ chose for the chief ministers of his gospel

Q Who was Simon Peter?

A The apostle who denied Christ, and repented

Q Who was John?

A The beloved apostle who leaned on the bosom of Christ

Q Who was Thomas?

A The apostle who was hard to be persuaded that Christ rose from the dead

Q Who was Judas?

A The wicked disciple who betrayed Christ with a kiss

Q Who was Caiaphas?

A The high priest who condemned Christ.

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Q. Who was Pontius Pilate?

A. The governor of Judea, who ordered Christ to be crucified.

Q. Who was Joseph of Arimathea?

A. A rich man who buried Christ in his own tomb.

Q. Who were the four Evangelists?

A. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, who wrote the History of Christ's life and death.

Q. Who were Ananias and Sapphira?

A. A man and his wife who were struck dead for telling a lie.

Q. Who was Stephen?

A. The first man who was put to death for Christ's sake.

Q. Who was Paul?

A. A young man who was first a persecutor and afterwards an apostle of Christ.

Q. Who was Dorcas?

A. A good woman who made clothes for the poor, and she was raised from the dead.

Q. Who was Elymas?

A. A wicked man who was struck blind for speaking against the gospel.

Q. Who was Apollos?

A. A warm and lively preacher of the gospel.

Q. Who was Eutychus?

A. A youth who slept at sermon, and falling down was taken up dead.

Q. Who was Timothy?

A. A young minister who knew the scriptures from his youth.

Q. Who was Agrippa?

A. A king who was almost persuaded to be a Christian.

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A MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD GOD, my heavenly Father! I return thee my most grateful thanks for preserving me in safety throughout the night past. Bless me, O Lord, and keep me from sin and danger this day, and all the days of my life. Teach me to hate and abhor all evil ways. Give me grace to love and serve thee, and to honour and obey my Parents, that I may inherit eternal life, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

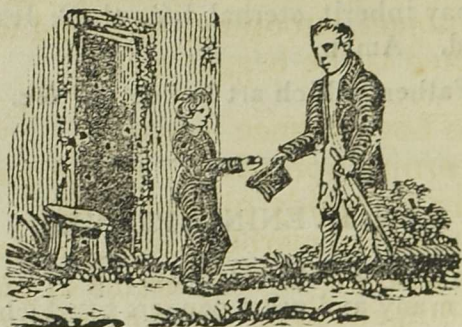
AN EVENING PRAYER.

GLORY be to thee, O Lord, for preserving me from the many and great dangers to which I am always exposed, and for the numerous blessings I daily enjoy from thy bounteous providence. Pardon, O Lord, whatever thou hast seen amiss in me this day, and give me grace to do so no more; but grant that as I grow in years, I may increase in wisdom and goodness, that I may be a faithful servant to Thee, and a comfort to my dear Parents, whom I beseech thee evermore to bless and preserve for all their care and love towards me. Protect me, O Lord, from all the perils and dangers of this night, and refresh me with easy and quiet sleep, that I may rise the next morning more fit for thy service, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

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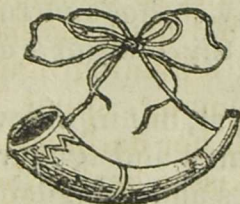


THE BEGGAR MAN.

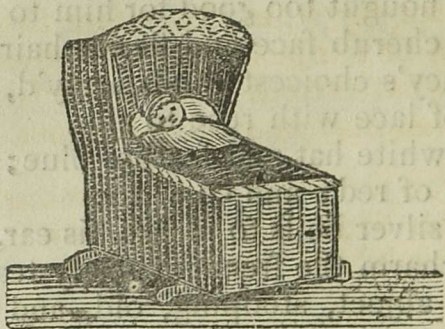
ABJECT, stooping, old, and wan,
See you wretched beggar man;
Once a father's hopeful heir,
Once a mother's tender care.
When too young to understand,
He but scorch'd his little hand
By the candle's flaming light
Attracted, dancing, spiral, bright;
Clasping fond her darling round,
A thousand kisses heal'd the wound.
Now, abject, stooping, old, and wan,
No mother tends the beggar man.

Then nought too good for him to wear,
With cherub face and flaxen hair,
In fancy's choicest gauds array'd,
Cap of lace with rose to aid ;
Milk-white hat and feather blue ;
Shoes of red ; and coral too
With silver bells to please his ear,
And charm the frequent ready tear.
Now, abject, stooping, old, and wan,
Neglected is the beggar man.

See the boy advance in age,
And learning spreads her useful page
In vain ; for giddy pleasure calls,
And shows the marbles, tops, and balls.
What's learning to the charms of play ?
The indulgent tutor must give way ;
A heedless wilful dunce, and wild,
The parents' fondness spoil'd the child ;
The youth in vagrant courses ran.
Now, abject, stooping, old, and wan,
Their fondling is the beggar man.



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ON THE BIRTH OF AN INFANT.

WELCOME, little helpless stranger,
Welcome to the light of day,
Smile, upon thy happymother,
Smile, and chase her cares away.

Lift thy eyes and look around thee,
Various objects court thy sight ;
Nature spreads her verdant carpet,
Earth was made for thy delight.

Welcome to a mother's bosom,
Welcome to a father's arms ;
Heir to all thy father's virtues,
Heir to all thy mother's charms.

Joythou bring'st, but mix'd with tremblings,
Anxious cares and tender fears
Pleasing hopes and mingled sorrows,
Smiles of transport dash'd with tears.

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Who can say what lies before thee,
Calm or tempest, peace or strife;
With what various turns and trials
Heaven may mark thy chequer'd life?

Who can tell what eager passions
In this little breast shall beat;
When ambition, love, or glory,
Shall invade this peaceful seat?

Angels guard thee, lovely blossom,
Hover round and shield from ill;
Crown thy parents' largest wishes,
And their fondest hopes fulfil!

INVITATION TO THE BEE.

CHILD of patient industry,
Little active, busy bee,
Thou art out at early morn,
Just as the opening flowers are born,
Among the green and grassy meads
Where the cowslips hang their heads;
Or by hedge-rows, while the dew
Glitters on the harebell blue.—

Then on eager wing art flown
To thymy hillocks on the down;
Or to revel on the broom;
Or suck the clover's crimson bloom

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Murmuring still, thou busy bee,
Thy little ode to industry !

Go while summer suns are bright,
Take at large thy wandering flight ;
Go and load thy tiny feet
With every rich and various sweet ;
Cling around the flow'ring thorn,
Dive in the woodbine's honey'd horn,
Seek the wild rose that sheds the fell,
Explore the foxglove's freckled bell,
Or in the hearth-flower's fairy cup
Drink the fragrant spirit up.



THE BLIND BOY.

O SAY, what is that thing call'd light,
Which I must ne'er enjoy ?
What are the blessings of the sight ?
O tell your poor blind boy

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You talk of wondrous things you see ;

You say the sun shines bright :
I feel him warm, but how can he
Or make it day or night ?

My day or night myself I make,
Whene'er I sleep or play,
And could I always keep awake,
With me 'twere always day.

With heavy sighs I often hear
You mourn my hapless woe ;
But sure with patience I can bear
A loss I ne'er can know.

Then let not what I cannot have
My cheer of mind destroy ;
While thus I sing, I am a king,
Although a poor blind boy.

THE VIOLET.

SHELTER'D from the blight Ambition,
Fatal to the pride of rank,
See me in my low condition,
Laughing on the tufted bank.

Modest though the maids declare me,—
May in her fantastic train,
When Pastora deigns to wear me,
Has no floweret halfso vain.



Spinning.

Look at this nice soft yarn ; a little while ago it was the rough wool on the sheep's back ; but it has been combed and dressed. And see, here is Mary with her spinning-wheel, making it into worsted. This will do to knit stockings with, and at the weaver's you may see it made into flannel and broad-cloth. Well, Mary, this must be very pleasant work for you : I think that I should like to learn to spin.



Indigent Lad.

POOR perishing beggar! my heart melts to see what a wretched case thou art in; with thread-bare jacket, full of great holes for the wind to whistle through, and without a morsel of shoe or stocking for thy poor thin legs, it is miserably hard to wander about in such a terrible evening, when the snow falls so fast, and the wind blusters so loud; and cold, dark night is coming on apace. Poor perishing beggar! I am sorry to see the gentlefolks in that comfortable, warm parlour, sitting so carelessly, and never offering to give thee a morsel of victuals to eat, or a rag or two to throw over thy poor shivering back.

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As the use of Black Letter has been revived, it was presumed the insertion of both those Alphabets, would be acceptable to Teachers.

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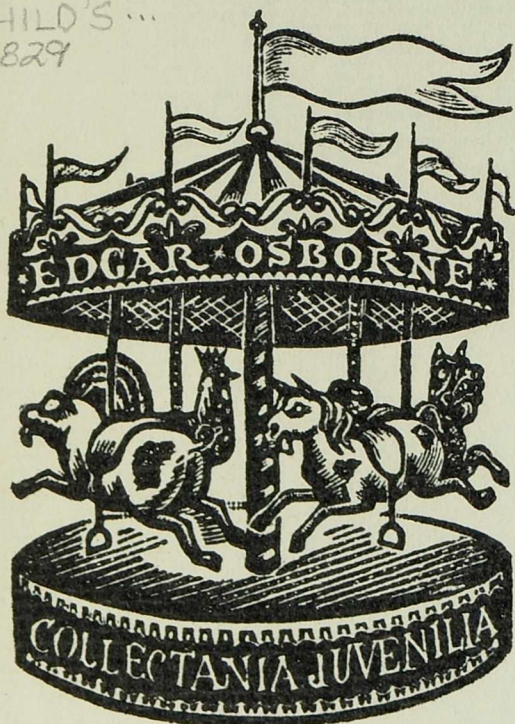
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