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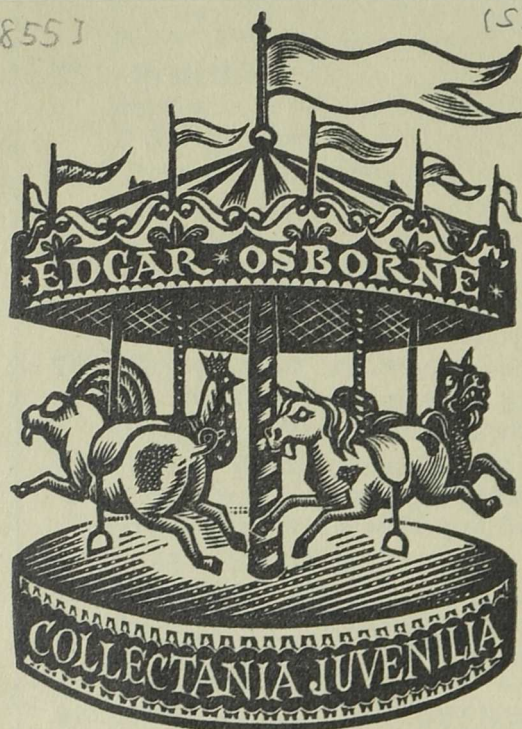
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THE "MOLLY."

"I do not like to play with Sam Brown;—he is a nice boy, too," said Philip; "but he's such a molly."

"Pray, Philip, what do you mean by a molly?" said his papa, who happened to hear his speech.

"Why he's afraid of spoiling his clothes, papa, or wearing out his shoes; so he won't climb up the trees in the wood, nor go along the road that we like, sometimes, instead of the fields, because it is a nearer way;—he says it is so rough."

"I wish you and your brothers were somewhat afraid of spoiling your clothes, and wearing out your shoes, Philip," said his father; "for it costs me a great deal of money to supply you with those things."

"We are as careful as we can be, papa;

but I should not like to be such a molly as Sam Brown is."

"And do you know why it is that Sam is so careful of his clothes? You do not; then I can tell you. His mother is a widow, with a very small income, and she has two children, younger than Sam. Sam knows this; and he knows, also, that she denies herself many comforts for the sake of giving him a good education.

"If she had to spend as much on his clothes as I have on yours, she could not afford to send him to school. Sam is grateful for her kindness, and takes care to save her all the expense he can.

"This is the reason why he is afraid of spoiling his clothes, and wearing out his shoes. Do you think he deserves to be praised or blamed?"

"Oh! papa, he deserves to be praised. I am glad that you told me all this, for I shall like him more, now; and will never call him a 'molly' again."

DO AS YOU WOULD BE DONE BY.

"I AM afraid, Betsey, you have been trying to make Rosa give you her doll's house for your box of tea-things: is it not so?"

"I thought she would like the tea-things quite as well, mamma."

"Was it not because you liked the doll's house better, my dear?"

"Why, yes, I like the doll's house better, and I thought Rosa would like the tea-things; for I have heard her wish for a set of tea-things; besides, these are quite new, and her doll's house is old, you know, mamma."

"I know that one is not quite so new as the other, Betsey; but I also know that one is a much better toy than the other; and it is not fair nor just to take away your little sister's good and expensive toy

in exchange for one that is not worth half as much."

"But if she likes it as well, mamma, what difference can it make to her?"

"She might like the exchange, just now, while it is new to her, my dear; but most likely she would wish, to-morrow, that she had her baby-house back again.

"But this is not all; I wish you to see that you are acting unjustly. You are much older than your sister, and know very well that the toy you would take from her is better than the one you would give her for it.

"She is too young to understand the difference of their value, so when you ask her to make an exchange, you are taking advantage of her simplicity for your own benefit. This is not just.

"If you were to ask your brother George to exchange any one of his playthings for one of yours, it would be fair enough, because he knows which are the best, as well as you do: so, if he chooses to give you

a better one than you give to him, I should say he was a good-natured boy, and there would be no harm in your taking it.

“But to give your little sister an inferior thing in exchange, because she knows no better, is quite another affair. You would not like any one to act in the same way towards yourself.

“At all times, do as you would be done by. Always say to yourself, ‘Should I like any body to act thus by me?’ If the answer is ‘No,’ you may be quite sure you ought not to do the thing you were intending to do.

“Your attention to what I have said, makes me think that I shall not again have cause to call any of your actions unjust.”



AGE AND YOUTH.

It is the duty of youth to pay respect and attention to age.

They who neglect to do so, may fear a like neglect when they grow old.

Youth will not last for ever. Those who are young and gay, now, will, in a few years, be aged and infirm.

Yes, little boys and girls, old age will come sooner than you imagine. Time flies very fast.

Then, if you should be deaf, or lame, or blind, you will want somebody to soothe and comfort you. When old age comes, you will have pleasure in knowing that while you were young you did all you could to soothe and comfort those who were old.

Susan's grandmamma is almost blind. She cannot see to read, even with her spectacles.

So every evening, after tea, Susan gets the Bible, and sits down by her to read a chapter aloud.

She also goes out with her to walk, and takes care she does not fall over any thing that may be in the way.

She never misses saying, "Good morning Grandmamma; how do you do this morning?" and always wishes her a good night's rest.

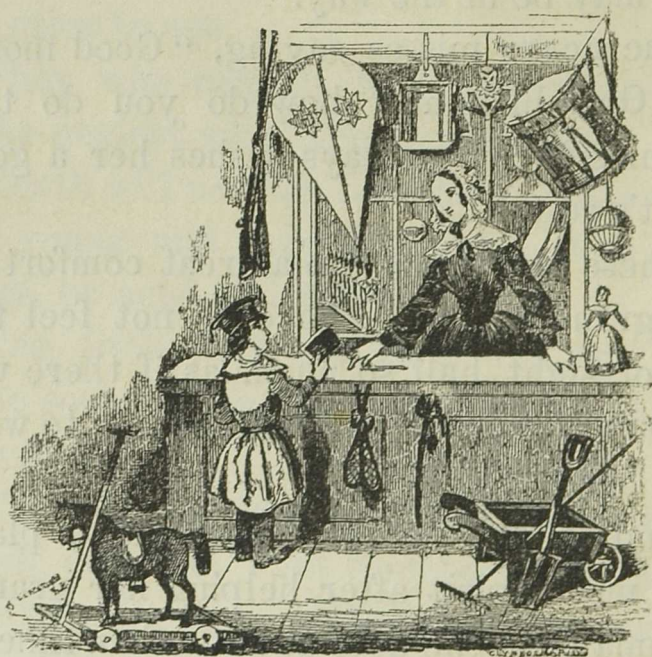
These attentions are a great comfort to her grandmamma, who does not feel the loss of sight half so much as if there was nobody to read the Bible to her, or to walk with her in the fields.

And it is remarked that Susan plays with more spirit after helping her grandmamma than she does at any other time.

Her own happiness seems to be increased by being kind to her aged relative.

When she grows old, it is to be hoped she will have a good grandchild to be kind and attentive to her.

WE CANNOT HAVE OUR CAKE
AND EAT IT TOO.



WHAT can be more foolish than to buy things you do not want, merely because you happen to have money in your pocket?

You should keep it there till you do want something.

This would be much wiser.

Bob Turner is one of those silly boys who can never keep a single penny.

His father allows him four-pence a-week, for pocket-money. But pocket-money is not its right name; for it seldom remains in his pocket half-an-hour.

The moment Bob receives his four-pence, he goes out to spend it. If he is not in want of any thing, he goes to the little toy-shop, at the corner of the street, and looks in at the window till he sees something he thinks he should like.

Then he goes in and buys it; and, perhaps, before the day is over, he wishes he had his money back again.

The other day, as soon as he had received his pocket-money, he went, as usual, to the little shop.

He looked at every thing in the window, but saw nothing that took his fancy.

At last he went into the shop and asked the price of one thing, and then another.

"How much is this knife?" said he. "It is six-pence," replied the woman who kept the shop.

Six-pence was too dear; he had but four-pence.

The woman showed him a number of things that were but four-pence each.

He looked at one after another; but as he did not really want any of them, he was a long time making up his mind which he would have.

At last he chose a little almanack in a red case.

"If I have this," said he, "I can always see what day of the month it is, and can tell how long it will be before my birthday comes."

Now, Bob very seldom cared about knowing what day of the month it was: and if he did want to know at any time, he could ask somebody.

Then, as to his birth-day, his mamma could tell him how long it was to that; so the almanack was not of much use.

However, he paid the four-pence, put the book in his pocket, and went out of the shop.

In his way home, he met one of his school-fellows, George Harley.

“Oh, Bob,” said George, “I was just coming to your house to tell you there are to be some fireworks let off to-night in Cooper’s cricket ground, and we are to pay four-pence a-piece to go in; will you go?”

Here was a fine piece of news! There was not any thing in the world Bob liked so much to see as fireworks; but he had no money.

“I wonder,” said he, “if the woman would take this almanack back again. I wish I had not bought it. I shall never want it. I wish I had my four-pence to go to the fireworks.”

He went back to the shop: but the woman said she could not take back any thing she had sold; for if she did, she might always have foolish children coming with their toys again, as soon as they were tired of them.

Then Bob thought he would ask his papa for money to go and see the fireworks.

His papa, of course, asked him what he had done with the four-pence that had only just now been given to him.

Bob was obliged to own how he had spent it.

"I am sorry, Bob," said his father, "that you cannot go to-night; but if you have spent your money in a foolish manner, it is not my fault.

"I give you, every week, as much as I think it is right for you to do as you like with; if I were to give you more, because you choose to spend that idly, I should be as foolish as you are.

"You cannot spend your money twice. When it is once gone, you can have nothing more for it.

"You are always in too great a hurry to get rid of it.

"Be a little wiser, my boy; and try to remember, for the future, that you cannot have your cake, and eat it too."

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