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# SUNDAY PICTURE BOOK.

COMPRISING

Joseph and his Brethren.

The Wonders of Providence.

The Story of King David.

The Proverbs of Solomon.

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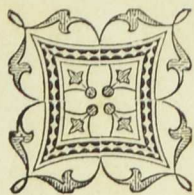




## Preface.

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AUNT LOUISA'S SUNDAY PICTURE BOOK contains the story which of all others children love best,—Joseph and his Brethren. To this is added the almost equally delightful Bible record of David the Shepherd Boy, who became a King. These are followed by the most beautiful of the Psalms,—a perfect record of the Wonders of GOD'S Providence; and by easy explanations of some of the Proverbs of the wisest of men—Solomon. We hope “Aunt Louisa” will thus help “Mamma” in making Sunday the happiest day in the week.









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JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN.

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JOSEPH'S  
DREAM  
OF THE  
SUN,  
MOON,  
AND  
STARS.



JOSEPH  
CAST INTO  
THE PIT  
BY HIS  
BRETHREN.

















## JOSEPH'S DREAMS.

ONE night, while little Joseph, the son of Jacob, was asleep, God sent him a wonderful dream. He thought he saw the sun, moon, and stars bow down to him. Once before he had dreamed that he and his brothers were in the harvest field, binding sheaves of golden corn, and that their sheaves bowed down to his sheaf. His brethren hated him because of his dreams; and they said, "Shalt thou reign over us?" His father also reproved him for telling these visions; but, as you will see, they came true. All dreams do not come true; only those which God sends to men.

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## JOSEPH IN THE PIT.

JOSEPH'S brothers were jealous of him, because their father loved him best, and gave him more than he gave to them. One day when Joseph came to them in the field, bringing a kind message from their father, they said, "Behold, this dreamer cometh; let us kill him, and see what will become of his dreams." But Reuben, the eldest brother, would not let them; he said, "Do not kill him, but put him into this deep, dry pit in the wilderness." So they took off Joseph's pretty coat, and, in spite of his tears and entreaties, they put him down into the dark, dismal pit, to die there.







## JOSEPH SOLD TO THE MERCHANTS BY HIS BRETHREN.

**R**EUBEN did not mean to leave his brother to die in the pit; he meant to come back and take Joseph out when they were all gone. But while he was away, the brothers saw some camels coming, laden with spice and myrrh; and Judah said, "Let us not leave our brother to die, but let us sell him to these merchants who are coming." And his brethren listened to this advice, and drew Joseph up out of the pit, and sold him to the travelling merchants for twenty pieces of silver, and the Ishmaelites took him down into Egypt and sold him for a slave.

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## JOSEPH'S COAT OF MANY COLOURS BROUGHT TO HIS FATHER.

**T**HEN the wicked ten brothers took Joseph's pretty coat of many colours, and dipped it in the blood of a kid. And they brought it, all blood-stained, to his father Jacob, and said, "We have found this coat. Is it your son Joseph's?" And Jacob said, "It is my son's coat—a wild beast has eaten him. Joseph is without doubt rent to pieces."

And the poor old man cried bitterly and was very miserable. Once he had deceived his own father with the skin of a kid; now his sons deceive him with the blood of one.













J O S E P H  
S O L D  
BY HIS BRETHREN  
TO THE  
ISHMEELITE  
MERCHANTS,  
FOR TWENTY PIECES  
OF SILVER.



J O S E P H ' S  
C O A T O F  
M A N Y C O L O U R S  
B R O U G H T T O  
J A C O B  
H I S F A T H E R .













## JOSEPH ACCUSED FALSELY AND SENT TO PRISON.

JOSEPH'S master was captain of the King of Egypt's guards. He was very kind to his young servant, and finding him good and honest, trusted him with everything. But Potiphar had a wicked wife, who wanted to make Joseph deceive his kind master. When she found that Joseph would not do anything wrong, because he knew that GOD could always see him, she grew very angry; and she told her husband that Joseph was very wicked and ought to be punished. Potiphar believed her, and sent poor Joseph away to prison. But GOD knew that Joseph was good; and made the keeper of the prison kind to him.

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## JOSEPH INTERPRETING THE DREAMS OF THE CHIEF BUTLER AND BAKER IN PRISON.

THE keeper of the prison let Joseph help him to take care of the prisoners. Among them were the butler and baker of King Pharaoh. One morning Joseph found these men looking very sad, and asked them what was the matter. They said they had had strange dreams, and were sorry that there was no one to tell them what they meant. Joseph said, that only GOD could tell what a dream meant, but he wished to hear them. And when he had heard the dreams, GOD taught him how to explain them; and just as he said, so it happened. The baker was hung, and the King restored the butler to his place.

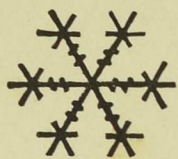












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JOSEPH  
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## JOSEPH INTERPRETING PHARAOH'S DREAMS.

BY-AND-BY Pharaoh had a dream. He thought he saw seven fat cows feeding in a meadow, and seven thin cows came and eat them up; so Pharaoh awoke. And he slept and dreamed the second time. And he saw in his dream seven thin ears of bad corn eat up seven good ears of corn. He wished very much to know what his dreams meant; and the chief butler said, "There is a young man in the prison who can tell the King."

Then the King sent for Joseph; and he said, "The dreams mean that there will be seven good harvests, and they will be followed by seven years when no corn will grow, and there will be no bread to eat."

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## JOSEPH MADE RULER OVER THE LAND OF EGYPT.

THEN King Pharaoh said, "If this is to be so, what had we better do?" And Joseph advised the King to buy up all the corn, and save it against the time when the harvests should be bad. And the King told Joseph that *he* should do so for him; and he made Joseph ruler over all the land, and put his ring on his finger, and a gold chain on his neck, and the poor captive became the greatest man in Egypt next to the King. And he saved up the corn, and when the bad harvests came he sold it to the people for King Pharaoh.











JOSEPH'S  
BRETHREN  
FINDING  
THE MONEY  
IN THE  
SACKS.



JOSEPH  
MAKING HIMSELF  
KNOWN  
TO HIS  
BRETHREN.













## JOSEPH'S BRETHREN FINDING THE MONEY IN THEIR SACKS.

**T**HERE was no corn in Canaan either, and when Jacob heard that there was wheat to be sold in Egypt, he sent his ten sons down to buy some. Joseph knew his cruel brothers, but they did not know him, because he was grown a man. He pretended to be unkind to them, and asked them many questions, and took Simeon, and put him in prison, telling them that he should not be set free till they brought their brother Benjamin to him. But he had their sacks filled with corn; and when they reached home and opened them, they found that the money they had paid for it was put inside their sacks.

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## JOSEPH MAKING HIMSELF KNOWN TO HIS BRETHREN.

**J**ACOB did not like to let Benjamin go into Egypt, but at last they had no bread to eat; and then he was obliged to send his dear son with his brothers. When Joseph saw Benjamin, who was his own mother's son, he was so glad that he cried for joy. Then he told his cruel brothers who he was, and forgave them; and kissed Benjamin, and made a great feast for them. And he bade them go home and tell his dear old father that he was alive, and that he wished him to come to him in Egypt.











THE  
MEETING  
OF JOSEPH  
WITH HIS  
FATHER  
ISRAEL.



JOSEPH'S  
FATHER  
BROUGHT BEFORE  
PHARAOH.













## THE MEETING OF JOSEPH AND HIS FATHER.

THEN the eleven brothers went back joyfully to their father; and told old Jacob the good news that Joseph was alive, and governor of the land of Egypt. And Jacob made haste to go at once to this beloved son, sending on Judah, to tell Joseph by which road he should journey. And Joseph went to meet his father in the land of Goshen. And when he saw the old man, he “fell on his neck, and wept on his neck, a good while.”

And Jacob thanked God for letting him see Joseph once more before he died.

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## JACOB BROUGHT BEFORE PHARAOH.

PHARAOH wished to see the father of his wise servant Joseph; so Joseph brought Jacob into the presence of the King. And the aged man blessed the monarch who had been so good to his lost son. Pharaoh gave the land of Goshen to Joseph for his family to dwell in; and Jacob was blessed with the tender care of his dear son all the rest of his life. Thus Joseph's dreams were fulfilled. His brethren bowed down to him; his father depended on his care.

In the story of these brothers we see the truth of the Proverb—

“The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the promotion of fools” (the wicked).—Prov. iii. 35.



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THE STORY OF KING DAVID.

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## David keeping his Father's Flocks.

And Samuel said unto  
Jesse, Are here all thy  
children? And he said,  
There remaineth yet the  
youngest, and, behold, he  
keepeth the sheep.

1 Sam. xvi. 11.



## David slaying the Lion and the Bear.

And David said unto Saul.  
Thy servant kept his father's  
sheep, and there came a lion,  
and a bear, and took a lamb  
out of the flock: and I went  
out after him, and smote  
him, and delivered it out of  
his mouth: and when he  
rose against me, I caught  
him by his beard, and smote  
him, and slew him.

1 Sam. xvii. 34, 35.









AND DAVID took five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a sling or shepherd's bag which he had, and went out to meet the giant. When the giant saw that it was only a boy who had come to fight with him, he laughed, and said very wicked words to David; but the lad answered, 'I come in the name of the great God whom thou hast defied; He will fight for me.' And he took a stone and put it in his sling, and threw it at the giant. It struck him in the forehead, and he fell to the earth with a loud noise. Then David ran, and drew the Philistine's sword and cut off his head with it.

WHEN the Philistines saw that their giant was killed, they fled; and thus the Israelites won the victory. And the king's son, Jonathan, loved David from that time, and wished him to be just like his brother; so he gave the lad his own rich dress, and his sword and bow. It was the custom in those days to make such presents as these to the person selected to be one's greatest friend. Jonathan and David loved each other always, for they were both good, and both loved God.

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## David slaying the Giant Goliath.

Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

1 Sam. xvii. 51.



## Jonathan giving David his Sword and Bow.

And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

1 Sam. xviii. 4.













NOW King Saul was very ill. He was sad and unhappy, because he was no longer good, and nothing made him well but music. Then his servants asked David to play the harp to him as the youth had done before he killed the giant; and David, who was very kind, played to him. But Saul had grown jealous of David now, and wished to kill him; therefore, one day as David was playing before him, the king threw his javelin at him, and would have killed him, had not David slipped on one side, and run out of the room.

Jonathan had told David before that his father wished to kill him, so David was not taken by surprise.

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THEN David fled from King Saul, and hid in a cave in the mountains. And his mother and father and his brothers came to him, and stayed with him there. And a great many men who did not love King Saul, or who could not pay money which they owed, came to David; till at last he had quite a number of soldiers with him—four hundred men! But David did not wish to fight against the king: he only wanted to prevent Saul from killing him; so he lived quietly with his soldiers in the cave. It is a sad thing to be jealous.

We should pray to be kept from jealousy; and to be made patient and forgiving as David was.











## Saul seeks to kill David with a Javelin.

And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

1 Sam. xix. 10.



## David in the Cave of Adullam.

David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. . . . And there were with him about four hundred men.

1 Sam. xxii. 1, 2.













## David crowned King of Israel.

So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David king over Israel.

2 Sam. v. 3.



## David bringing the Ark to Mount Zion.

And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

2 Sam. vi. 5.













**G**OD took care of David and would not let the wicked king hurt him. At last in a great battle Saul and his good son Jonathan were killed. David was very sorry. He sang a sweet song about them both; and did not remember how cruel Saul had been to him. Then the people came to David and asked him to be their king; and he was crowned in Hebron, as Samuel the prophet had said he should be long ago.

Everything in this world is ordered by God. He “setteth up and pulleth down; He maketh rich and maketh poor.” Now, He called the young shepherd boy to be king over His people.

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**A**S soon as David was king he went to fetch the Ark of God, which had been for many years at a place called Kirjath-jearim. This Ark was a gold box, having inside it the stone tables of the ten commandments which God gave to Moses, Aaron’s rod which blossomed, and a pot of the manna which the children of Israel had eaten in the wilderness. When it was in the Tabernacle the bright cloud of God’s glory rested on it. David, who truly loved God, could not rest till the Ark should be again in the Tabernacle. And he brought it back with great rejoicings, dancing before it himself and singing psalms of praise to his harp.











## King David in Battle.

And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Me-  
theg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 Sam. viii. 1.



## Nathan reprobing David.

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man.

2 Sam. xii. 7.













**K**ING David won a great many battles. The young lad who had killed the lion and the bear, and slain the giant, proved a brave soldier, and fought for his native land. He subdued the Philistines, who had been so cruel to Israel, and conquered the Moabites, and made them obey him and bring him gifts. He defeated all his enemies; and when the conquered people brought him vessels of gold and vessels of silver, he carried them to the Tabernacle and gave them as an offering to God; for he said, "It is God that giveth me the victory."

We should always thank God whenever He lets us do brave or good actions.

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**A**FTER a time David grew idle, and did not go out to fight, but stayed at home to amuse himself, and sent his nephew Joab to fight for him. And then he did a wicked thing. He had one of his brave soldiers killed, that he might marry the poor man's widow.

God was very angry with David, and He sent His prophet Nathan to the king, to rebuke him. Nathan told the king a story of a rich man who, not content with his own flocks and herds, took away the one little lamb of his poor neighbour, which was all he had. David was very angry with the greedy rich man, and said, "He shall surely die." Then Nathan said to the king, "THOU art the man."

Do you not think that David must have been very much ashamed?











## Absalom caught by his Hair.

And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away.

2 Sam. xviii. 9.



## David leading the Psalms with the Levites.

And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel.

1 Chron. xvi. 4.













**K**ING David was very sorry for his sin, and prayed to God to forgive him. And the Lord did forgive him, but said that he must be punished very severely, to show the people that God hates everything that is evil. Now Absalom, David's favourite son, was a very wicked young man, vain of his great beauty and his fine hair; and he tried to make himself king, and drove his poor old father out of Jerusalem. But David's soldiers fought with Absalom's in a wood, and the prince, during the battle, rode under the thick branches of an oak. One of them caught his long hair and dragged him off his mule's back, and the animal ran off and left him hanging by it. Here the wicked son was found by the king's soldiers, and was killed with a javelin.

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**D**AVID'S old age was peaceful; and he took pains to teach the Levites, who ministered in God's Tabernacle, how to sing beautiful psalms in honour of God. We sing and read the psalms that David wrote, in church every Sunday. These are some of the words which he taught the Levites to sing:—

“I will extol Thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.

“Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

“The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.”—Psalm cxlv. verses 1, 2, 8, 9.







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THE WONDERS OF PROVIDENCE.

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**B**LESS the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.













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Ver. 3.



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Ver. 9.









10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys,

which run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field:

the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have

their habitation, which sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from his chambers:

the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,

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Ver. 14.













15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;

17 Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.













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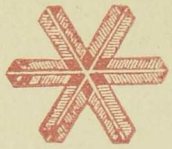












Man goeth forth  
unto his work and  
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the evening.

Ver. 23.



So is this great  
and wide sea,  
wherein are things  
creeping innumer-  
able, both small  
and great beasts.

Ver. 25.













21 The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.



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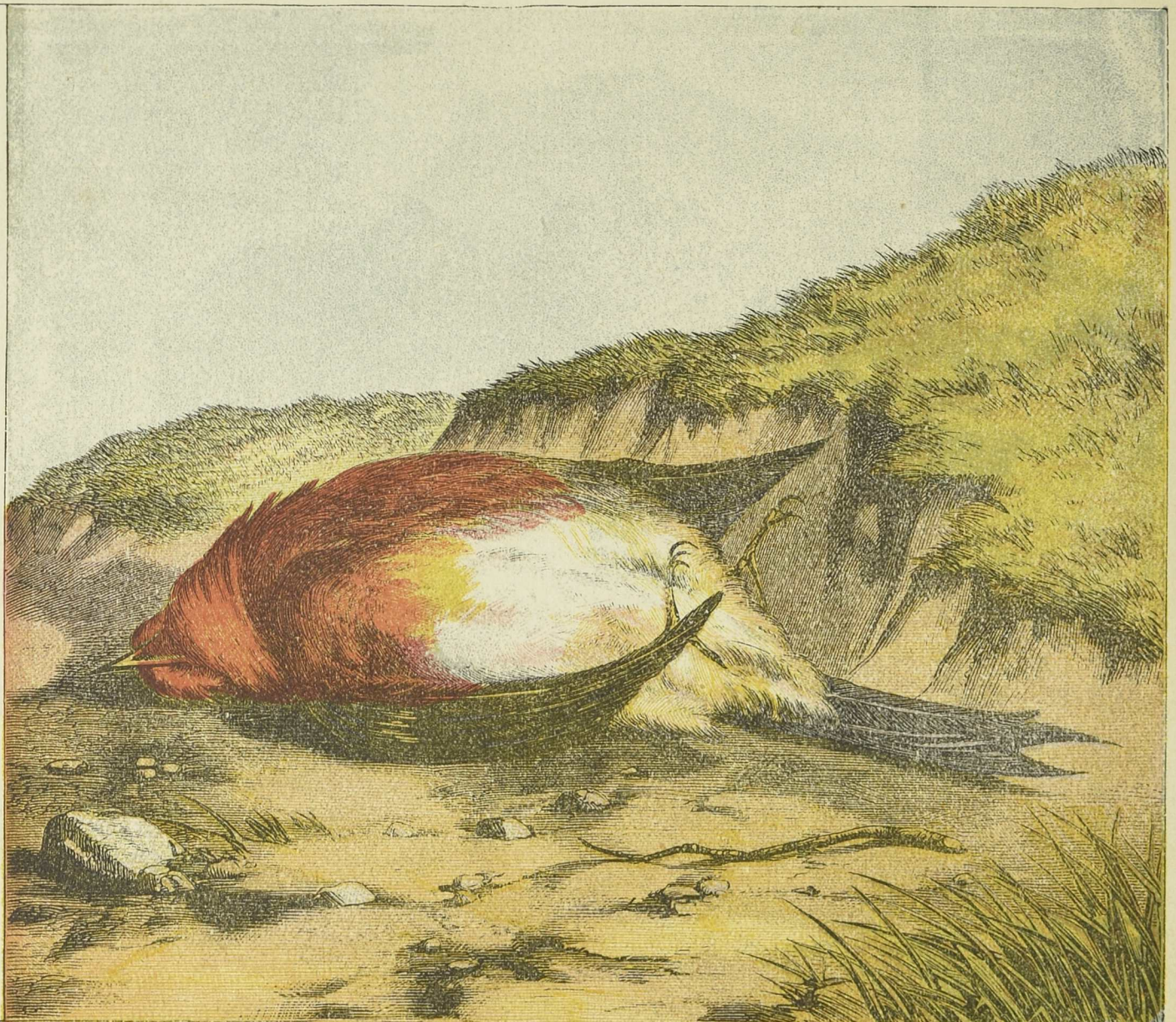
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ships: there is  
that leviathan,  
whom thou hast  
made to play there-  
in.

Ver. 26.



Thou hidest thy  
face, they are trou-  
bled: thou takest  
away their breath,  
they die, and return  
to their dust.

Ver. 29.













26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan,  
whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest  
give them their meat in due season.

28 That thou givest them they gather: thou  
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to their dust.

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created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for  
ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.



26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan,

whom thou hast made to play therein.

27 These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest

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Ver. 33.













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34 My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will  
be glad in the LORD.

35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the  
earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou  
the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.









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THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON.

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**W**ITHHOLD not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

PROVERBS, Chapter xvii. v. 27.

You will see in this picture, that even the young and poor may help others ; these little children are doing just as kind an action as if they gave money to the poor woman. They are giving her their time and toil. And how pleased and happy they look ! Our Blessed Lord says that if we give only a cup of cold water in His Name we shall not lose our reward. Once upon a time, some little school-girls in Paris were walking near a sentinel on the walls. The man begged a cup of cold water from them. He was ill, he said, and could not leave his post. An English child ran and brought him some. Only a few nights afterwards the same soldier saved her from being killed at the risk of his own life. Thus she had her reward !

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**E**NTER not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it—turn from it and pass away.—Chapter iv. v. 14.

I HOPE the little boy in this picture will mind his mother, and keep away from those wicked boys who are fighting, and from the idle men who are looking on—the very geese seem ashamed of them ! It is very dangerous to be friendly with bad people. They soon teach us to be like themselves ; and even if we are not quite as bad as they are, we should be thought so, for we are generally judged by our friends. Keep away from naughty boys at school. I once heard of a lad who was put in prison as a thief, because he had been walking with thieves, and they had put the thing they had stolen into his pocket to hide it ; thus they escaped at his cost. Remember that “Evil communications corrupt good manners.”











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Chap. iii., ver. 27.



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Chap. iv., ver. 14, 15.













**H**E that gathereth in summer is a wise son ; but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

PROVERBS, Chapter x. v. 5.

THE sun is very hot in the sky, and George is lazy and has lain down on the wheat, and fallen fast asleep. I am afraid such an idle, self-indulgent boy will never do any good for himself ; and that his father will be quite ashamed of such a “poor thing” of a son. If boys will not bear a little discomfort they will never grow into brave and prosperous men. I am sure this lazy boy will never make a man like Dr. Livingstone, who bears the heat of Africa that he may do good ; nor like brave Captain McClintock, who did not fear the cold North Pole. No wonder that (as God’s Book tells us) his father will feel ashamed of him ! Do not be like him. Learn to “endure hardness, as a good soldier of Christ.”

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**A** RIGHTEOUS man regardeth the life of his beast.

Chapter xii. v. 10.

KINDHEARTED people always take care of animals. I like to see a little girl feeding chickens. God cares for the poor beasts, and has made many laws about them. We must never be cruel to anything God made ; or He will be much displeased. “The cattle upon a thousand hills seek their meat from God ;” and He cares even for the poor little birds. A Welsh prince once killed a faithful hound he had, because he believed that the dog had slain his baby son. But he found that he had been mistaken, and that the faithful Gelert had, in fact, killed the wolf that would have devoured his babe. His grief was so great when he learned this, that he reared a stately tomb to his poor dog ; which is still to be seen in Wales, and is called Beth Gelert, that is, “Gelert’s Grave.” Remember that God will call you to account for every act of cruelty shown to His creatures.











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Chap. xii., ver. 10.













**A** SOFT answer turneth away wrath ; but grievous words stir up anger.—PROVERBS, Chapter xv. v. 1.

IF you wish to be a great man and to rule over others, you must first learn to rule yourself. Impatience, passion, and anger are sad sins, and very degrading to a creature who can reason. The great Sir Isaac Newton was never seen angry. Once his little dog threw down a taper or candle among his papers. It set fire to them, and thus destroyed the labour of years. What a passion the little boy in the picture would have been in, if it had happened to him ! I fear he would have beaten the dog. But Sir Isaac only said, gently and sadly, “Oh, Diamond, Diamond ! you little know the mischief you have done !” Diamond was the dog’s name.

This good man would have been ashamed to fret even over so a great loss. Do not let trifles make you angry.

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**B**BETTER is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith.—Chapter xv. v. 16.

IN the fine house, which you see at the back of this picture, there lives a man whose only son is just dead. Do you see them carrying poor Baby to the grave ? In the cottage lives a poor woman who has many happy, strong children. Which is the happier—the poor woman or the rich man ? I am sure I know that you will answer—the poor woman ! And it is well to remember that riches cannot give happiness ; that many a sad heart is to be found in a grand house, and many a merry one in a poor cottage. But neither in a cottage, nor in a grand house, can people be happy unless they love and fear God.

“Love God, and everything He sends will be  
A blessing, whether known or hid from thee.”





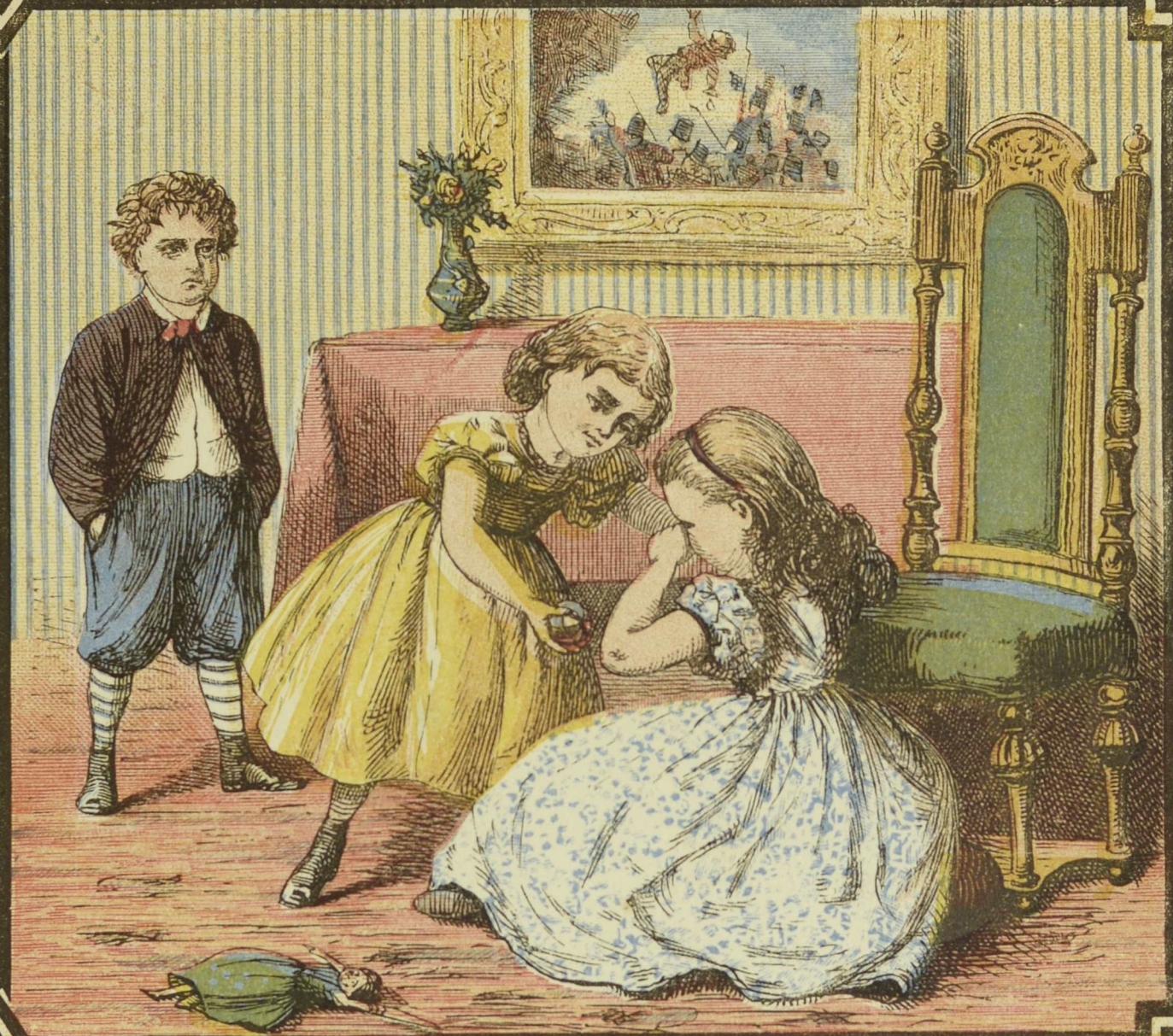






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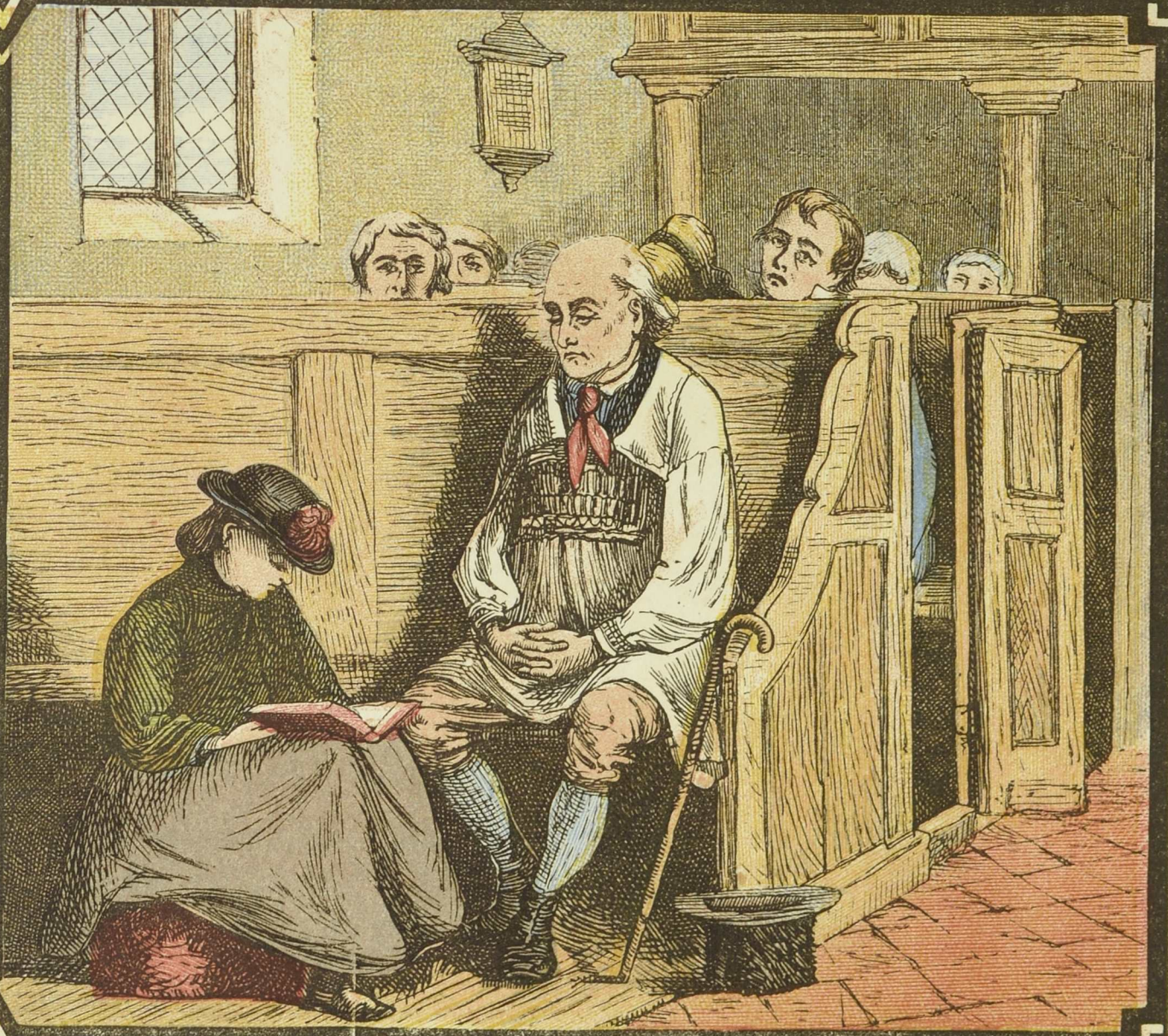
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Chap. xvi., ver. 31.













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PROVERBS, Chapter xvi. v. 24.

ONE of the most delicious kinds of food is provided for us by the honey-bees. A honeycomb is as nice as it is beautiful to look at; and there is great nourishment in honey also. When King Saul's good son Jonathan was once weary and faint with hunger, so that he could hardly see, some honey, which he found in the wood, made him quite strong again. And kind words will often give strength to a weary heart, and help us to go on patiently in the path of our duty. You remember the old fable of diamonds and toads. Take care that all *your* words are drops of honey, and your mouth a honeycomb. Words win even more love than deeds do; an ungracious kindness done to us is not so welcome as a kind word lovingly spoken, or a tender, pitying expression when we are in grief.

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THE hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.—Chapter xvi. v. 31.

A PIOUS, aged man ought to be revered by every one; God's word tells us that His aged saints wear a crown of glory even on earth. The wisest of the heathen, even, revered old age. One day a very old man came into one of the Greek theatres. The Spartans all stood up to receive him, and gave him a seat. The Athenians who had not moved, saw how good this conduct was, and cheered the Spartans. The old man cried, "The Athenians *know* what is right; but the Spartans *do* it." Now we, also, know what is right. Let *us* do it, and reverence the grey hairs of a godly old man; it would be a shame if the heathen Greeks were to set a better example than those who have God's own word to teach them how the aged should be treated by the young.











He that hath pity  
upon the poor lend-  
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pay him again.

Chap. xix., ver. 17.



Hearken unto thy  
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Chap. xxiii., ver. 22.













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PROVERBS, Chapter xix. v. 17.

How very good it is of our Heavenly Father to care so tenderly for the poor ; and what a blessing it is for us thus to be able to give to God Himself ! I will tell you a little Greek fable about this promise. There was a certain dwelling which seemed greatly blessed by God. A traveller who had seen it in its happy days, came back there, and found it falling to decay, and only an old porter sitting at the gates. “Why, what has caused this?” he asked. “Ah, sir,” said the porter, “once two brothers dwelt here ; one was called ‘Give,’ and the other ‘Given unto you.’ Whilst they lived together all went well ; but ‘Give’ went away, and then ‘Given unto you’ died !” Do you understand this allegory ? It means that God blesses the store of the cheerful giver.

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**H**EARKEN unto thy father, and despise not thy mother when she is old.—Chapter xxiii. v. 22.

THE little children in this picture look very good. I am sure they love their poor father and mother very much. They do not forget that their father works very hard to get them bread ; and that their dear mother has taken care of them ever since they were babies. Little children may be great comforts to their parents. I knew a little girl once who used to scrub the floor, and dust the house for her poor mother ; and when other children were at play, good little Nelly would run out into the coppice, and pick up sticks to make a bright fire against the time when her father would come home. You can all help your parents a little ; or, at least, you can meet them with smiles and good-tempered faces, and make them happy by being good.











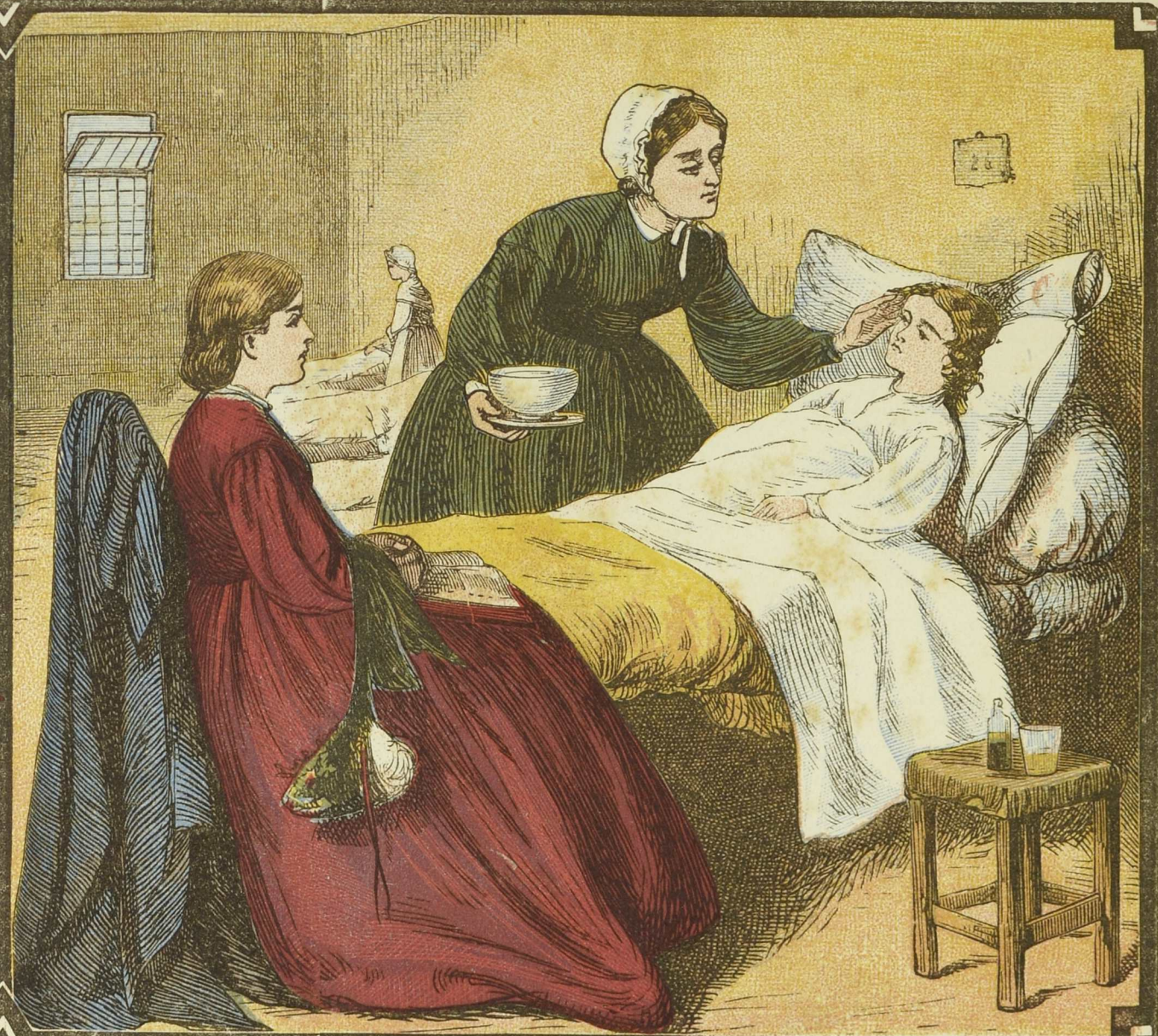
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Chap. xxv., ver. 25.



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but a woman that  
feareth the Lord, she  
shall be praised.

Chap. xxxv., ver. 30,













**A**S cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.—PROVERBS, Chapter xxv. v. 25.

WATER is a very precious thing in the East. In that part of the world there are miles and miles of sand without any springs; or if one is to be found, the water is generally salt and bitter. English children would not drink it, but the Arabs, who have never tasted better, think it very good. Once a poor Arab travelled a great many miles to carry some of this bad water to his king, the Caliph of Bagdad, to whom he thought it would be a treat. The Caliph tasted it, thanked him, gave him a present, and bade him go home at once, and not stay an hour in Bagdad. This order seemed unkind; but the Caliph meant it very kindly. He feared if the poor man tasted the waters of Euphrates he would no longer be content with the springs of the desert.

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**F**AVOUR is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised.—Chapter xxxi. v. 30.

THIS young lady is come to read to a poor girl at the hospital. It is far better, God himself tells us, to be good and kind than to be beautiful. Once in France there came a sad time when many people were put to death by wicked men who ruled the land. All the girls of one village were to be drowned because they had loved their King; but the soldiers were to be allowed to take wives from them first. A soldier chose the very ugliest girl of all for his wife. "Why do you not save the prettiest?" asked his comrades. "No," he said, "this ugly girl has the kindest heart, and that is worth far more than beauty."—And then he told his friend, how once, when he had fled from a lost battle, this girl had sheltered him in her poor home, and had shared her last crust with him.



















