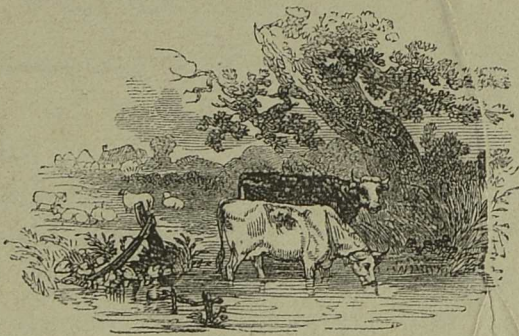


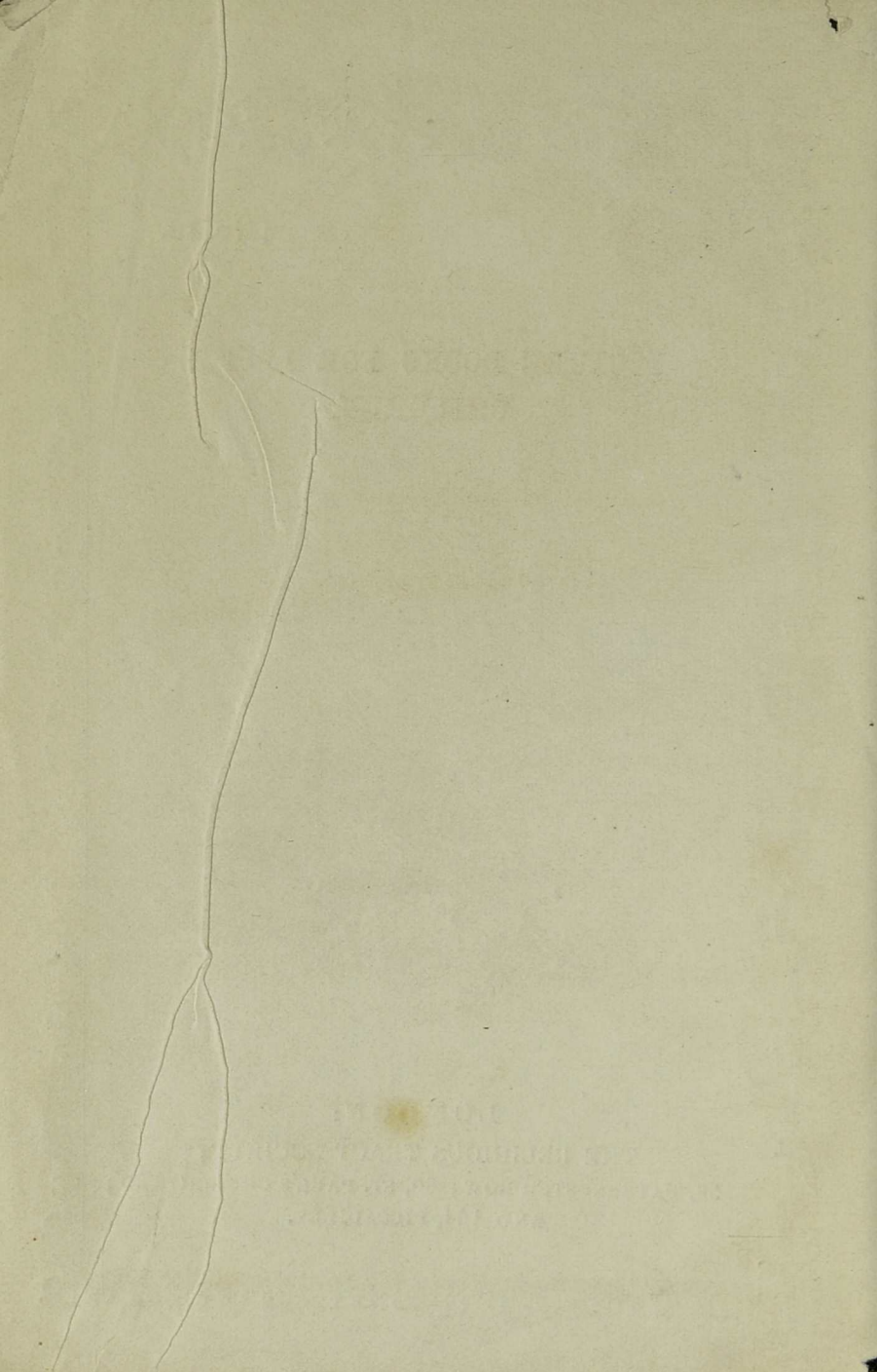
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## FRANK AND JOHN.

IF Frank would only apply his mind to his book one half as much as he does to his play and tricks, it would be better for him and all around him. Poor Frank has lost his father, he does not obey his mother, and he will not go to school. His cousin John likes a game of play at a proper time, but then he loves to get on with his book. Frank will soon find that an idle boy is sure to fall into sin. How glad we should be to hear that Frank had turned from his bad habits and had given his heart to the Saviour!



## THE HARD LESSON.

SUSAN has a lesson to learn, and she says it is so hard that she cannot learn it.

I don't know my lesson, and what shall I do,  
For I've got a nice book, but I can't read it through !  
I think I had better begin it to-day  
'Tis so like a dunce to be always at play.

If Susan would try to learn her lesson, she would find it not so hard as she thinks. We must show her that verse in the Bible, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard ; consider her ways, and be wise," Proverbs vi. 6.





## THE POOR WIDOW.

A KIND lady has called on a poor widow, who is in great trouble. She has taken her little son with her, that he may learn in his early days to feel for the poor. The lady tries to comfort the widow with sweet words from the Bible. She wishes to be like Jesus, who went about doing good. He did good at all times, and in every place. He healed the sick, he taught the people, and that he might do good to their souls he died on the cross, to take away their sins.



### BAD TEMPER.

WHY such an angry lip and brow?  
I wonder what's the matter now:  
Oh, for shame, I grieve to see,  
That you can so bad tempered be.

Think, how much better 'twould appear  
To see you shed a humble tear,  
And then to hear you meekly say,  
"I'll not do so another day."

"He that ruleth his spirit is better than  
he that taketh a city," Proverbs xvi. 32.





## LITTLE NED.

WHEN little Ned was sent to bed,  
He always acted right ;  
He kissed mamma, and then papa,  
And wished them both good-night.  
He made no noise, like naughty boys,  
But, play-things put away,  
At once he went, when he was sent,  
Nor did forget to pray.

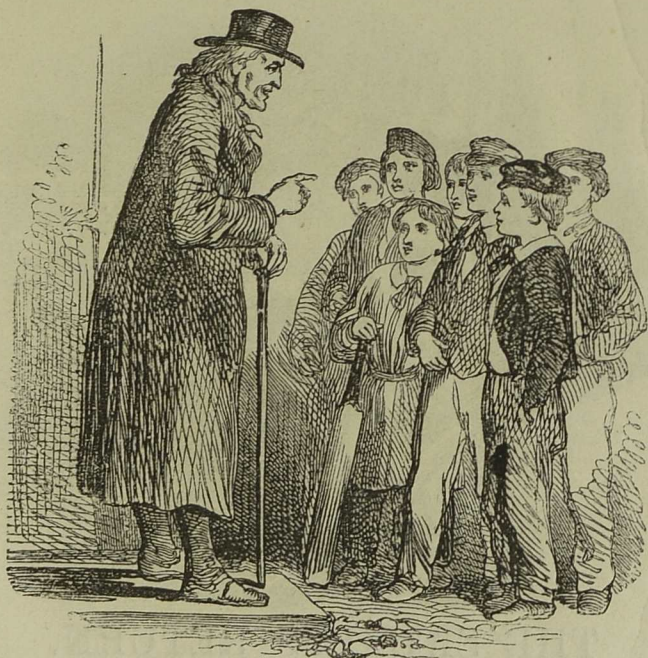
“I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep ; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety,” Psalm iv. 8.



### THE RIGHT WAY.

You must not mock me, Mary and Jane. I am *not* too old to go to Sunday-school. Mother took me there when I was quite a little child; and when she was dying she told me not to give up the school. All the teachers are kind to me. They tell me how wicked it is to spend the Lord's day in folly. I wish you would come with me, and hear about the love of God, and of Jesus Christ giving his life that we might be saved, and of the joys of heaven.





### THE OLD MAN'S ADVICE.

WELL, you have had a good game at bat-and-ball: you may now be glad of a few kind words from an old man. In all your play be merry and wise. Try to please and be pleased. If you have hard thoughts in your heart, do not speak them, but pray to God that you may forget them. Hours of youth and health are of more value than the queen's crown. Sin is the first and great evil in the world.

Who follow Christ, and flee from sin,  
Have peace without, and peace within



### THE SAILOR'S RETURN.

WILL SMITH was a very wild boy. He ran away to sea, one night, when his father and mother were asleep. But he met with many storms, and was often nigh to death. After some years had passed, he came home again, but his mother was then dead, and his father was old and poor. As soon as he saw his father, he fell at his feet, and asked to be forgiven. We hope he also asked God to forgive him, and said, "Father, I have sinned, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." We must all confess our sins to God, and ask for pardon for Christ's sake.





## EYES TO THE BLIND.

POOR old Madge has been blind for many years. She could once see as well as we can. But now she needs some one to help her. Little Anne Hart goes every Sunday, and takes poor Madge by the hand, and gently leads her to and from the house of God. Some rude girls mock her, but Anne knows that the Bible teaches us to be "eyes to the blind." As they walk along, Madge says to Anne, "Give your heart to Jesus, my dear, when you are young. You should love him very much, for he so loved us as to die for our sins on the cross."



## THE LOST BOY FOUND.

A LITTLE boy ran about in a wood, to pick wild roses. He had been told not to go far away from home, but he did not mind what was said to him. He went on till he was lost; then he lay on the ground and wept. The next day a kind man with his dog went to seek for him, and found him cold, and hungry, and almost dead.

We have all gone astray from God, but "Christ Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost." What a sweet text is that! It is so plain that a little child may know what it means.





## THE RUDE GIRL.

ELLEN went to see her cousins, and found that Alfred and Rosa had some new toys. She was very rude and noisy in the nursery. When they did not let her have her own way, she flew into a passion. And then she threw Rosa's doll on the ground, and wanted to take away Alfred's horse. No one likes to play with such a child. She is sure not to be loved. And then to give way to passion is very wicked. We hope she was sorry for what she did, and asked Jesus to take her sin away, and to give her a humble and loving heart.



### GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

GREAT God, we praise Thee for thy care  
Which does our daily bread prepare ;  
Oh bless the earthly food we take,  
And feed our souls for Jesus' sake.

### GRACE AFTER MEAT.

We thank thee, Lord, for this our food,  
But more because of Jesus' blood ;  
Let manna to our souls be given,  
The bread of life sent down from heaven.



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