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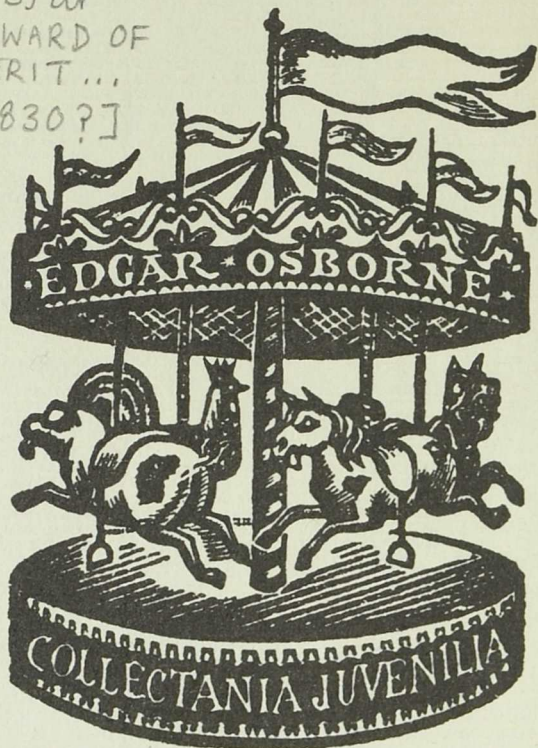
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Early or late, good children will inherit,  
Some way or other, the Reward of Merit.

*Reginald* THE *Judley*

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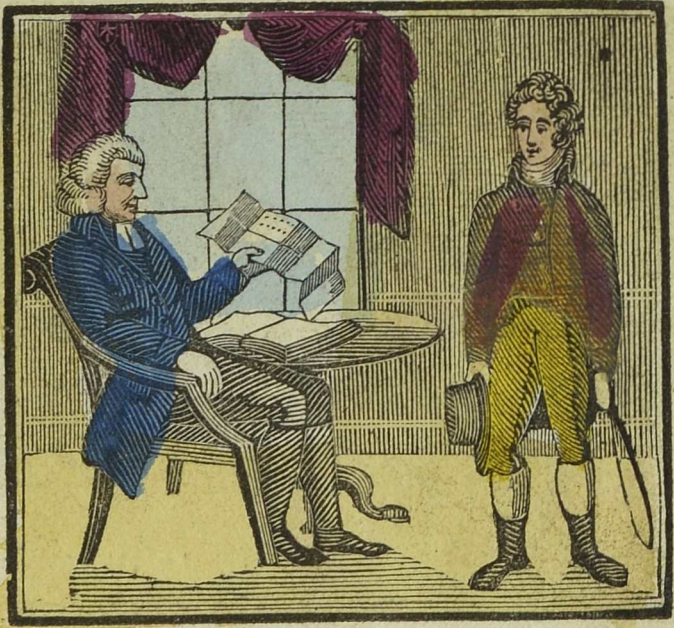
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The Arabs believe, that if they taste salt with an any one it becomes impossible to do them an injury. A man had nearly filled his bag with the plunder of a neighbour's house, and was about to steal a golden candlestick, which lay concealed in a vault, when he struck his hand against some hard substance; and, suddenly putting it to his mouth, he found it was salt he had touched; and he ran away in great fear!

Even superstition has its use,  
When it prevents a worse abuse.





A Clergyman's son being about to leave his father's house to reside in a country town, he previously sent to his tailor for patterns, that he might choose what colour of a coat he would have; but as he was a dutiful son, he took the pattern-book to his father, who selected such a colour and quality of cloth as a proper sense of economy and his station in life pointed out. This was doing precisely as he ought: for

Who takes a parent's kind advice,  
But seldom falls a prey to vice.



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This is an old worn-out officer, who had faithfully served his country; at least, as far as the common notion of serving one's country goes: by killing our fellow-men of another country, and calling them our enemies. Honestly and truly, however, had this poor officer done his duty; and he was sitting on a bench in a park, reflecting on his then deserted state, when an officer overheard his complaints, and relieved him.

Not always when we serve another,  
Do we meet a grateful brother.



A little girl had a present made her of a watch, with which she was much pleased, and was very grateful. Her curiosity induced her hastily to open it, to see what made it tick, and the hands move. Not knowing how to do this properly, she broke or displaced some of the works, and the watch ceased to go. She then ran to her mother to put it to rights; but she could not; so the watch was lost through the child's impatience and curiosity.

'Tis not so much through curiosity

We err, as from impetuosity.



A little girl had a present on her way  
of a variety, with which she was  
pleased, and was very grateful. Her  
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There was a man whom the country persons called the Philosopher, because he lived by himself, and ate very plain diet. One day a hunter called upon him, and asked him how he could bear to spend his time at home, whilst there was so much pleasure in hunting. "Go," said he, "to your cruel sport—enjoy it, if you can. I am perfectly happy in my retirement, and enjoy whatever fare I can procure with a quiet conscience."

'Tis not in meat, or drink, or dress,  
That we must look for happiness.





A fox had killed a poor lamb, and was about to carry it away, when two dogs, belonging to a neighbouring shepherd, having heard it bleat in distress, ran to the spot, instantly fell upon the mischievous fox, and soon revenged the death of the lamb. At the same time the shepherd's boy came up, and with a stick assisted the dogs in their attack. Doubtless, sly Reynard thought he should not be found out in his cruelty.

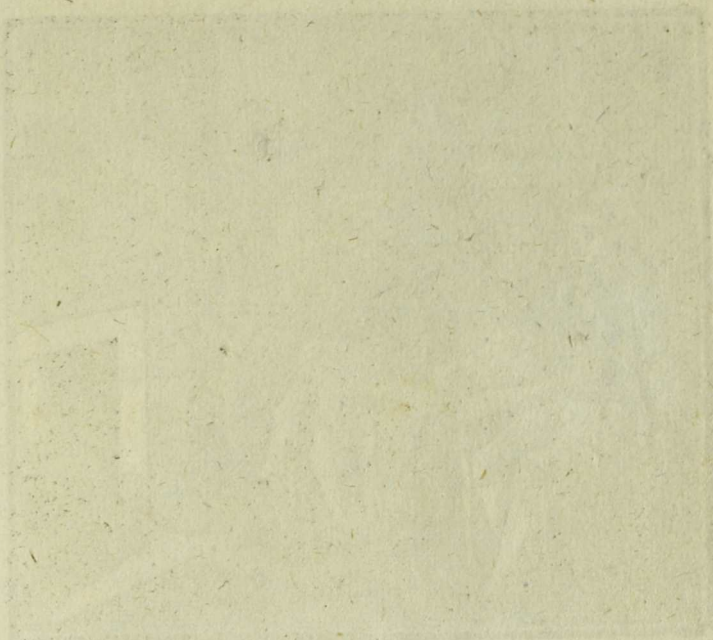
Mind, little boy, what you're about,—  
If you do wrong, you'll be found out.





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These gentlemen were once school-fellows. They had not seen each other for many years, when one evening, one of them called upon the other, who was glad to see his old friend. He had been residing abroad, and having gained much useful information, he is here represented as communicating it to his friend: doubtless it was very instructive, for he was a man who travelled, not for idle curiosity, but to acquire useful knowledge.

Still we should have, in all we say or do,  
Some pleasing and some useful end in view.





There are boys and girls who think it a task to become wise; but those are very foolish children indeed! Now, if such boys and girls should be told, that to learn to read is a great favour, and to play a great task, they would cry to be compelled to play, and desire to be instructed. Yet do not you think these children appear happy: one learning to read, and the other to play on the piano-forte?

Learning not only is a treasure,  
But really yields substantial pleasure.





... could not say he could not; but when questioned, he would not say that he could not see his poor brothers and sisters want; and as his parents could not get sufficient for them all, he learned wisdom, that they might eat what it was supposed he could not. This was really kind.

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A poor little boy refused to take his food : a doctor was sent for, who could not account for the lad's loss of appetite. He did not say he could not eat ; but, when questioned, he at length confessed that he could not bear to see his poor brothers and sisters want ; and as his parents could not get sufficient for them all, he feigned sickness, that they might eat what it was supposed he could not. This was really kindly meant ; but

God forbids that we should do  
Evil, that goodness may ensue.



If thieves could but see how foolish they look when detected, they would be ashamed to commit so wicked and so degrading a crime as theft. See what a pitiful appearance this man makes, having been found in the act of stealing! But, in fact, all sorts of crime lead to shame and disgrace, and, sooner or later, to severe punishment. The very dog appears to look upon the wretch with scorn; but how must his conscience be now reproaching him!

That man, tho' poor, must not expect relief,  
Who shows the slightest marks of being a thief.



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Let me, the poor, meet not exact relief.  
It shows the slightest marks of being a thief.



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One of these little boys, who did not appear to have any objection to go to school, always expressed an unwillingness to allow his mother to clean him, and put his dress in order, before he set out. Had he been left to his own choice, he would always have appeared slovenly, if not even dirty. The poor fellow could not be persuaded that any thing was really a crime that was not expressly forbidden; but in this he was greatly mistaken.

Call not him good who just escapes the gibbet,  
Because he barely does not what the laws prohibit.



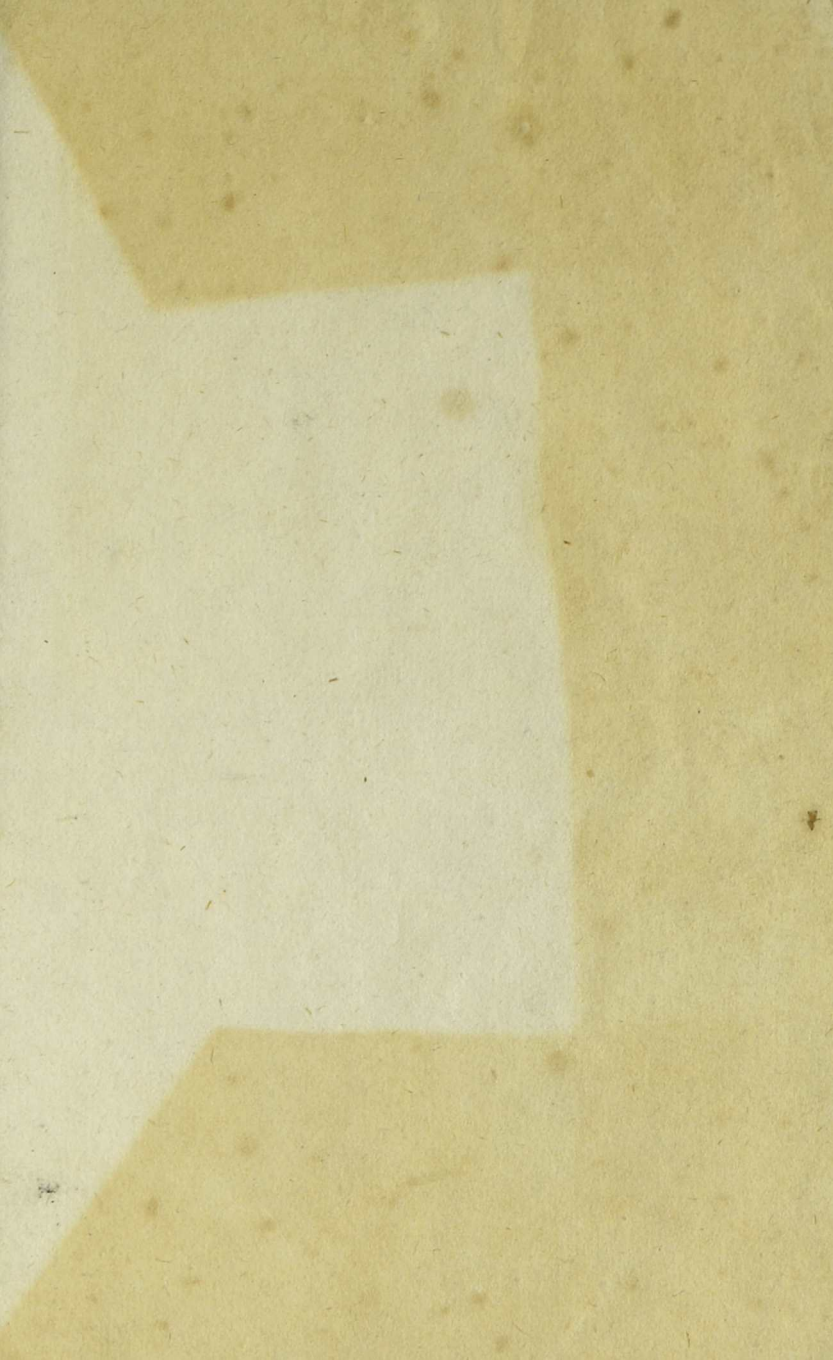


There was once a gentleman so passionately attached to his horse, as to be in constant fear lest some one should steal it. This ridiculous fear increased to such a degree, that he resolved to cut off its tail and mane, and thus, by disfiguring it, to lessen the temptation to steal it. In doing this, he cut the tail so close as to cause a wound, which quickly turned to mortification; and his horse died in a very little time!

How oft have our suspicions made  
Those very ills we would evade!







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