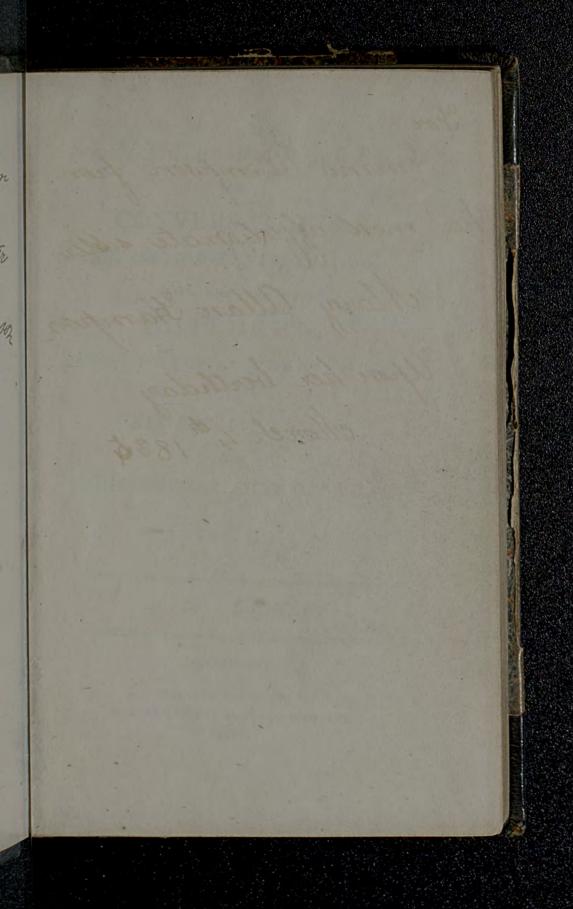
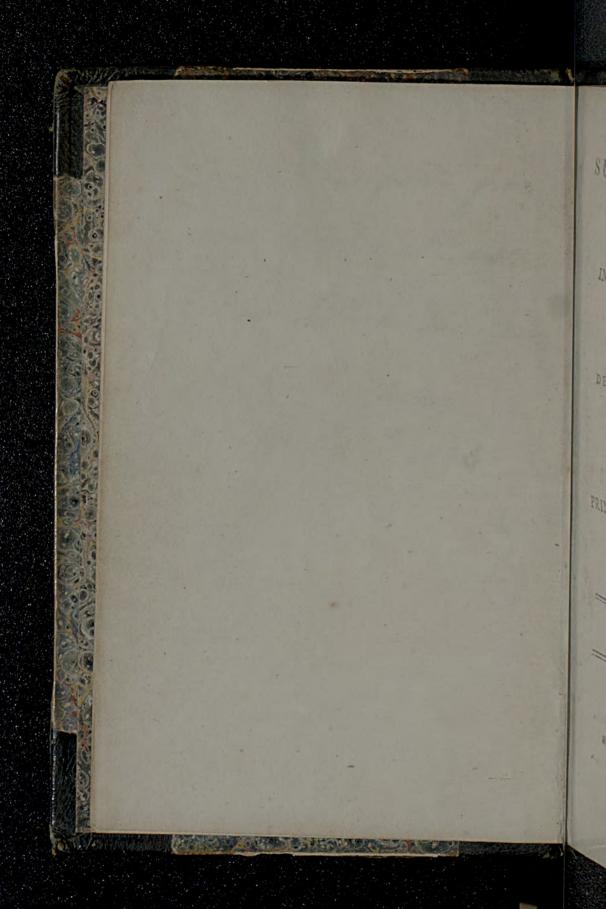


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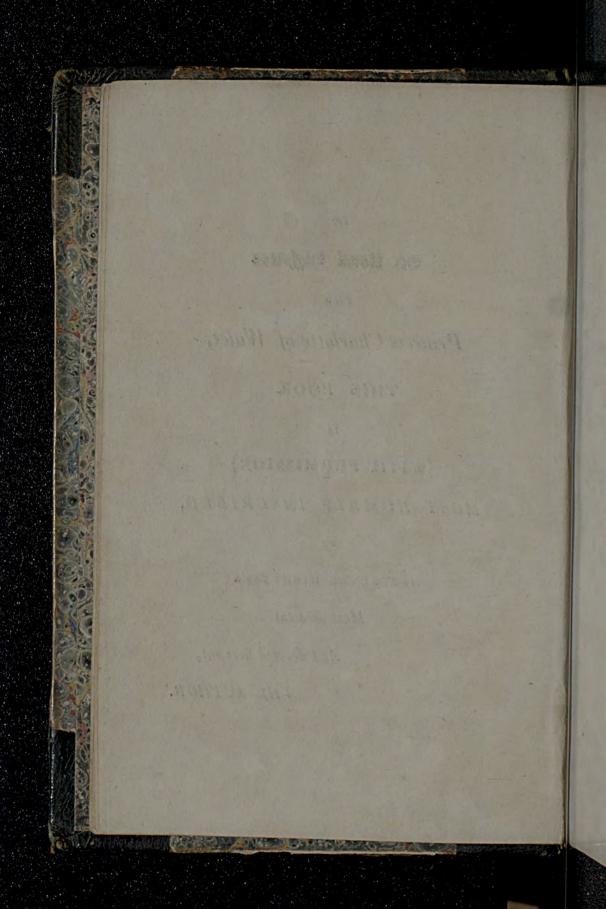
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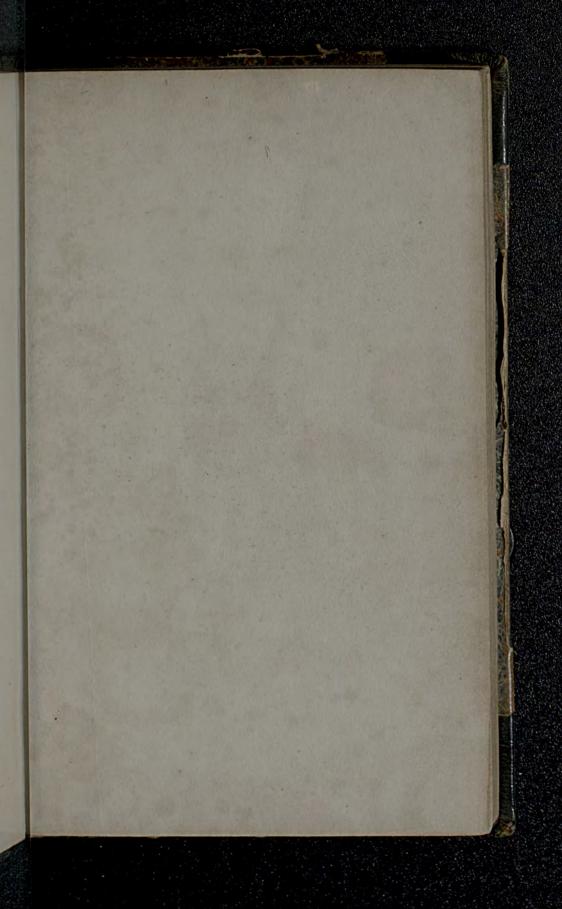
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CONVERSATION, I.

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### MAMMA.

COME Harry, get your hat, where is your fifter, is she almost ready? I promised you, when you went to bed last night, that if you would be up early, and not make me A 2 wait,

wait, I would take a walk with you upon the common before breakfast: we will go down this green lane, and through the gate by the fide of the quarry ---do not run fo fast, I cannot keep pace with you.

### ANNA.

Mamma! Mamma! pray look at what is going along the road, across the common; a little girl upon

an

an ass, and a woman with a stick in her hand; see, it stops; it will not stir a step, and she is beating it to make it move on. Where are they going, Mamma, and what are all those green things in the baskets upon the sides of the ass? the little girl looks as if she was sitting in a garden---where can they be going!

MAMMA.

## MAMMA.

My love, I dare fay they are going to the town, which you fee a great way off, to fell their eggs and butter, and their vegetables.

#### ANNA.

Vegetables! I do not know what they are; will you tell me?

## MAMMA.

Yes, with a great deal of pleasure: pease, beans, potatoes,

potatoes, carrots, turnips, and cabbages, are vege-tables.

#### HARRY.

But why do they carry them to the town to fell them? I think it is very foolish; do they not want them them at home, to eat for their dinner and supper?

### MAMMA.

They want fome of them at home, but they, every year,

year, plant and fow a great deal more than they can make use of.

## HARRY.

Why do they take fo much trouble? I think digging the ground is very hard work: I could not turn up the least bit when I tried with Robin's spade, though I put my foot upon it, and stamped as hard as ever I could. If I was in the place of that woman

I would only plant and fow as much as I thought I should want for myself and my little girl, and some cabbage leaves for my poor ass.

## MAMMA.

Then you would do very wrong, and you would be forry, when too late, that you had been fo idle; for you want a great many things befides your dinner, and even for that, you vol. I. B would

would foon be tired of always eating vegetables, without a bit of meat, and never to have a pudding! how should you like that, Master Harry? you who are so fond of pudding—and how wretched your garden would look! all laying waste, except the little nook you had planted for yourself: besides you would be without clothes.

HARRY

and a great many poor labourers live by what they get from him.

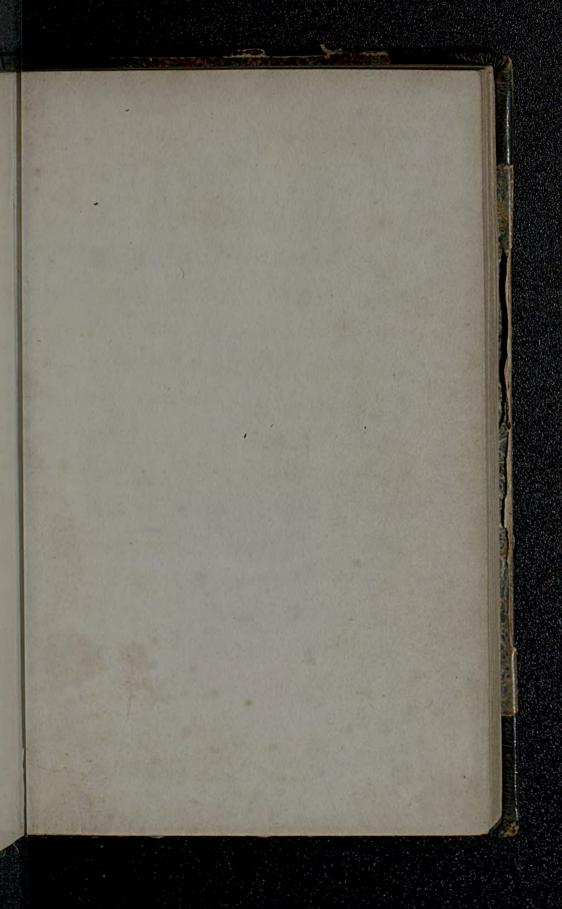
#### HARRY.

Then I may be as idle as I pleafe.

## MAMMA.

Indeed you may not; there are many other ways of employing your time besides digging or planting. You are too young, at present, to be of service to any body; all you can you. I. c now

now do is to attend to the instructions of your papa, and your masters, and learn, against you are older, how you may be able to be most useful to your fellow-creatures, and how to conduct yourself, in order to gain the love and esteem of your friends and neighbours.





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CONVERSATION II.

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## HARRY.

of papa's corn-fields, with her apron full of corn; how did she get it Mamma! did the reapers give it to her?

MAMMA.

#### MAMMA.

The reapers always leave a few ears, fcattered about, for the poor people to pick up, and your papa orders them to leave a good many that they may return to their homes happy and contented. Observe that little girl, how pleafed she looks, and how fast she walks; she seems impatient to shew her mother how much corn she has gleaned;

ed; she is telling her little dog to make haste, do you see how he looks at her? he wonders what is the matter, he does not know that her mother will get the corn ground at the mill, and make a nice loaf for her children, but the little girl knows it, and that is the reason she makes so much haste.

ANNA.
But have they no other bread?

bread? no corn but what fhe picks up in the fields?

MAMMA.

Yes; the father works, and the mother spins, and with the money they earn they buy bread, and what other things they stand in need of: perhaps that girl has gained a trisle by helping to pull out the weeds from the corn, when it was beginning to grow, in the very fields where she has now been gleaning.

### HARRY.

I wish we could go into the field, I should like to see what all the people are doing.

### MAMMA.

Well, come here, and I will help you over the stile; come Anna, let us go into the field—the reapers are at dinner under the hedge;—how merry they are!—how they are talking and laughing!

ANNA.

#### ANNA.

Oh! Mamma! look at that poor old woman; she is gleaning, but she can hardly stoop to pick up the ears of corn; may I help her?

### MAMMA.

Good girl! yes, go help the poor creature.

## HARRY:

Mamma, I will pull a handful out of this sheaf for her; I am sure papa will

will not be angry, look what a deal he has got; why we should not eat all this in ten years, even if we were to have hot cakes and puddings every day.

MAMMA.

Your papa does not mean that we should eat it all: I hope you have not forgot what I told you about the woman, and the little girl, who were going to market with their vegetation. In bles;

bles; your papa will order his corn to be fold, and we shall have the money to buy what we want.

## HARRY.

I hope he will keep fome of the corn to make usbread.

## MAMMA.

Certainly he will, and fome of the money to pay the labourers; they must be paid before any thing is bought, for they have no other

other means of providing for their families.

Well, Anna, have you been affifting the poor old woman?

## ANNA.

Yes Mamma; do look what I have got for her; but she cannot carry it home, her hands tremble so much; so I thought I might tie it round with my sash, and Harry and I could carry it home for her;

her; she does not live far off; she shewed me her cottage; it is there close by the lane, almost in our way.

### HARRY.

Do tie it up, fister, and put it upon my back; I should like very much to carry it home for her: and now, Mamma, I shall be useful to one of my fellow-creatures, though I am but a little boy; and I will try,

try, every year, to do more and more to help them, that every body may love me, as you faid they would if I was kind to them.

## ANNA.

There was a very naughty boy near the old woman, I wish you had seen him, some ears of corn lay at her feet, and when I was going to take them up, he said, I will pick them up for her, mifs, but instead of doing so, he ran away with them, and laughed, and though I called him he would not stop: there he is, Mamma, standing by a another boy in a blue jacket.

#### MAMMA.

It was a fad naughty trick indeed, and he shall not have any more. Harry, go and tell George to turn him out of the sield. I should like to give that old woman a shilling, she looks very poor indeed; but I have not got my purse;—what can I do for a shilling!

#### ANNA.

Oh Mamma! how forry
I am! what can be done!
I am fure she would be
glad enough to have it, for
she told me she was very
weak, and wished she had
a little broth.—I do not
know

know what to do, I have no money but my new shilling, and how can I part with that?

## MAMMA.

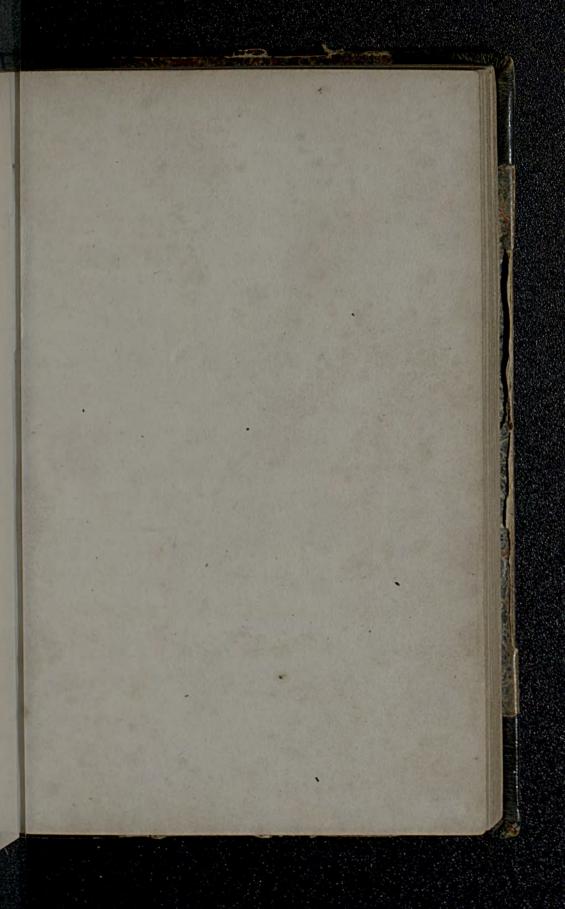
It certainly is a very pretty shilling, so bright, and so nice! if you keep it you may have the pleasure of admiring it till your next birth-day, and it will serve also to make you recollect the poor miserable old woman, who appears to be almost

almost fainting for want of a little comfortable nou-rishment.—Anna, my love, where are you running, I cannot possibly overtake you?—Look Harry, your fister is giving her new shilling to the poor woman.

#### ANNA.

My dear Mamma, I could not think of keeping the shilling after what you said, I should have hated vol. I. E to

to fee it, and now I shall be happy whenever I think of it.





CONVERSATION III.

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#### MAMMA.

Anna? you will get in amongst the trees, and not be able to find the way out again; and I do not think any body would hear you if you were to call.

ANNA.

#### ANNA.

Mamma! I believe there is a house very near, somewhere behind the trees, for there is a pretty little girl fitting on the ground, reading, and I do not think she is old enough to go far from home by herfelf. You cannot think what a nice little girl she is; she has got her book laying open upon her knee, and I am fure, though you are fomefor not minding what I am about, you could not be fo with her, for she never once looked up; I wonder she did not hear me, for I shook the boughs of the trees, and kicked the gravel and stones about, but she kept on reading just as if she had been deaf.

#### MAMMA.

Because, my dear, she was attentive, and not thinking of

of any thing but her leffon, which, I dare fay, she went into that quiet place to learn, and did not expect a little noify, troublesome girl would come there to disturb her.

# ANNA.

But I did not disturb her, for she did not hear me.

## MAMMA.

So much the better, you should never attempt to interrupt any body you see

em-

employed, let them be doing what they will, and I beg you will remember never to teafe me with questions when I am speaking to another person, as you did yesterday, when I was talking to Mr. Smith, for it is very rude, and very tirefome :- kifs me, my love, I am not angry; I tell you of it because perhaps you did not know it was rude, and because cause I should be sorry my little girl should make herself disliked without knowing herself to blame; but now I have told you of it, I expect you never do such a thing again, for I shall be very much displeased if I have the trouble of repeating it.

#### ANNA.

Thank you, Mamma, for telling me of it, I will remember what you fay, and will

will never do it again. Then you will not go and look at the pretty little girl!

## MAMMA.

No, certainly I shall not; I suppose she has a lesson given her to learn, and she knows that the only way to do it is to be alone; and how much better is it to get it done at once, and then be able to go and amuse herself as she vol. I. F likes

likes best, than to be lounging about all day with the book in her hand, sometimes in one room, sometimes in another, and fretting and teasing every body with her lesson.—I am sure she is a sensible child, and it would be cruel to disturb her.

## ANNA.

Brother Harry, when we have our lessons given us to-morrow, we will go to the

the fummer-house in the garden, and there we shall have nobody to disturb us.

#### MAMMA.

No, but you will difturb each other; Anna will call Harry to look at a butterfly, and Harry will ask his fifter, fifty times in half an hour, how far she has learned; then a pigeon will fly by the window, then a horse trot down the lane, and

and you will talk of the colour of the pigeon, and ask each other who it can be riding down the lane; fo at length you will perceive that your lesson is still to begin, and that you have only been amusing each other, and chattering like two little magpyes.-If you wish to get your lessons off your hands, that your time may be your own afterwards, Harry must feat

feat himself in the corner of the back parlour, and Anna go to her room, or into my closet, but never near the window.

#### HARRY.

But my cousin Mary did worse than lounge about, for she would not try to learn any lesson when she was here.

## ANNA. Janes

Your cousin Mary is a very naughty child, and has

has been fuffered to have her own way a great deal too much; if she never learns any thing, she will make a fine figure when fhe grows a great girl; every body will laugh at her, and she will be very unhappy, and never know how to pass her time, for when she is older she will not find amusement in dolls and baby houses; and she will be fo ignorant that nobody

nobody will like to converse with her.

#### ANNA.

What do great girls do, when they leave off playing with dolls?

## MAMMA.

They read and work, and some are fond of drawing, others of music: they have many agreeable ways of spending their time; but if you do not learn when you have an opportunity, and

and when your papa and mamma are so good as to give you masters to instruct you, you will grow up to be the ridicule of all your acquaintance, and even little children, who have been more attentive to their lessons, will probably know more than you do, and will mock and laugh at you.

HARRY.

But why cannot great boys

boys and girls learn other things when they are tired of their play-things?

#### MAMMA.

Pray Harry, tell me if it would not be a fine fight to fee young Mafter and Miss Freeman learning their a b c? would not you laugh to hear Miss Freeman spelling c-a-t cat, d-o-g dog? and to fee her brother learning to write?

HARRY.

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## HARRY.

Oh dear Mamma! how very strange that would be, I am fure I should laugh indeed, and I will learn every thing as fast as I can while I am little, for I should be ashamed to be obliged to have a mafter to teach me to read and write when I am a great big boy, and have boots and spurs, like Mafter Freeman.

ANNA.

#### ANNA.

And fo will I, Harry, learn every thing Mamma is fo kind as to teach me; for I should look like a fool if I was defired to read fomething, and not be able to do it; and I should be very unhappy when you go to school, and to Oxford, as papa faid you should, if I could not write to you, and read your letters.

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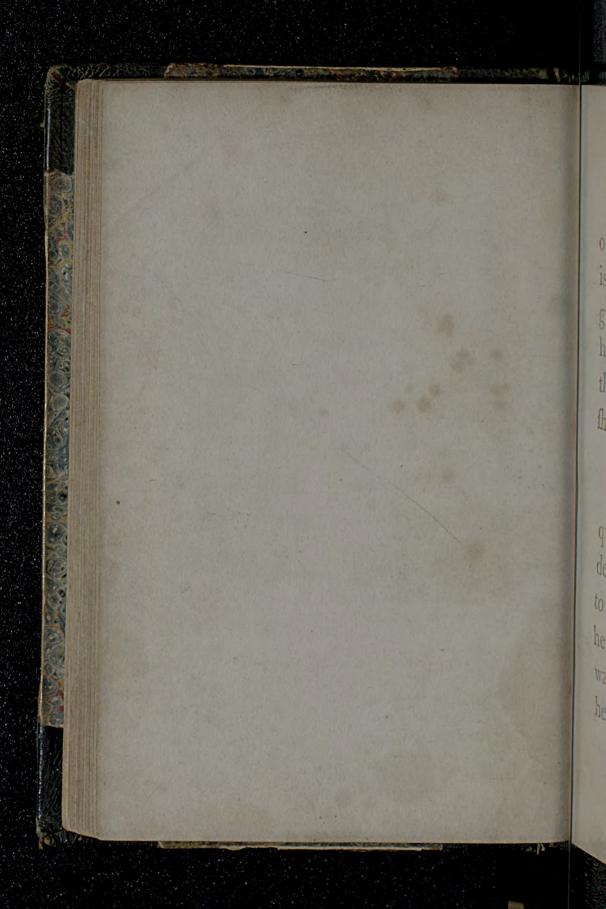
ANNA.

upon this common!
I have been so blown about! for I lost my hat, and I have had a fine race after it.—Oh! there is Ellen with her baby just come out



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CONVERSATION IV.



out of the lane; and there is her father fitting near the gate; she stops to talk with him; it is very fine weather, and I hope the sunshine will do him good.

#### MAMMA.

I hope it will make him quite well; he is a great deal better fince he came to live with his daughter; he was very lonely after she was married, and gone to her own house, and he grew

grew ill and weak, and could not go to his work, or mind his bufinefs at all, and he would have become very poor and miferable if he had not had a dutiful good child.

## HARRY.

What did she do, Mam-ma?

#### MAMMA.

She went to his cottage, and told him that he had been very good to her when

when she was a little girl, and had given her meat and drink, and cloaths, and a good fire to keep her warm in the winter, and had never let her want for any thing, but had taken care of her when she could not take care of herfelf, and that now she was a woman, and he was growing old and infirm, fhe would not fuffer him to have any more trouble about

about any thing, but defired he would bring his bed, and his great easy chair, and all his things to her house, and live with her and her husband; so poor old Williams was very happy at the thought of being with his daughter, and every thing was foon removed: his bed was placed in a pleafant little room, of which the cafement opened into the garden;

den; the eafy chair was put into the warmest corner of the kitchen, close by the fire-fide, and his cow was put with Ellen's in the field behind the house.

The good old man was no longer lonely, his daughter made nice comfortable broth for him, and he grew better and better every day, and is now almost well; fometimes he vol. 1. He amuses

amuses himself in their garden, and when he returns to his great chair he plays with his little grandchild, of whom he is very fond, and will be more so when it begins to talk to him.

Ellen never fuffers him to do any thing to fatigue himfelf, and he is as happy as he can be; and she and her husband are happy also, for they know that

that they are doing their duty, and may hope that when they grow old and infirm, their children will be as kind to them as they now are to her father: e very thing prospers with them; she makes the nicest butter in all the village, and nobody can boast of fuch fine fat poultry. She deferves to be happy for fhe was always good. I knew her when she was a very

very little girl, and loved her because she was so obedient and dutiful to her parents, and so kind and obliging to her neighbours; never quarreling with her play-fellows, but willing to lend them what toys she had, without desiring to have any thing of theirs unless they liked it.

So you fee young gentlemen and ladies are very often not half fo good as the the children of poor people, though they ought to know right from wrong a great deal better; for their papas and mammas generally take a great deal more trouble to teach them, and are much better able to instruct them, besides that they have more time to obferve their actions; for poor people are obliged to mind their work in the fields, and have no leifure

to fit down and talk with their children; fo that they are left to themselves, and are much more excuseable, when they do wrong, than young gentlemen and ladies are when they do fo; there can be no excuse for them, for they have always fome kind friend to tell them what is good, and what is naughty, and if they will not attend to what is faid to them, fo much

much the worse for them, they will never be happy, for those who act improperly never are.

# 94/ MARRY.

Pray Mamma, let us go to old Williams; I should like to ask him if he is better.

#### ANNA.

And I should be glad to fee the little baby.—When I have faved up a little more of my pocket money, may I buy her a frock?

## MAMMA.

I should have no objection to your making a prefent of a frock to Ellen's child, if you had money to make presents often, but as you have not, would it not be better, Anna, to fpend the little you have in fomething more ufeful; Ellen can afford to buy frocks for her child, and every thing elfe which is needful for her; but Jane Prim-

Primrose's poor little girl has fcarkely a petticoat to wear, and her shoes are so bad that she cannot keep them upon her feet: do you not think there will be more charity in giving your money to her, or to the poor old woman you faw in the corn field? she is fo weak as not to be able to get any, and has nobody to help her or to give her any thing, unless she is VOL. I.

fo happy as to meet with kind - hearted charitable people, who can afford to fpare a trifle to her, and who instead of giving their little away to the first they meet with, or to pleafe their own fancy, (as you would do by giving a frock to Ellen's child) have referved their favings for fuch objects as she, and the poor little half-naked child I recommend to your notice,

notice, and to which I hope you will attend.

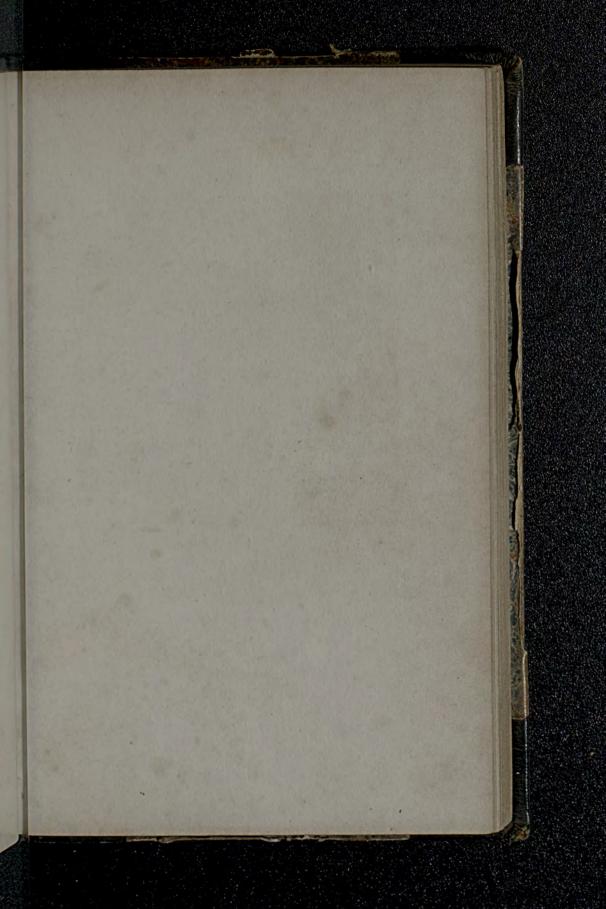
ANNA.

Yes indeed, Mamma, and I hope I shall soon have enough to buy little Jane a petticoat; and do pray shew me how to make it, and then her mother will not be obliged to pay for it, nor to spend her own time about it, and leave her spinning.

MAMMA.

## MAMMA.

That is very well thought of, my love; poor people's time is as precious to them as money, for it is only by employing that properly they can hope to procure the comforts and necessaries of life.





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CONVERSATION V.

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### MAMMA.

Harry, do you fee that little boy leaning on the fide of the brook? he is very naughty indeed, and if I was his mamma I should be very angry with him, and would fend him

to bed witout his fupper, and I would not fpeak to him for a whole week.

#### HARRY.

And would you take away his whip and his dog?

## MAMMA.

Yes, and his pictures, and his tame rabbit.

#### HARRY.

But why would you do
fo, Mamma? — what has
the little boy done to
make

make you fo angry with him?

#### MAMMA.

Because he has been told, both by his papa and his mamma, a great many times, never to go nigh the water, for if he was to fall in (which it is very likely he may) he will fink down to the bottom, and be drowned, and then he will never see his papa or his mamma, or his brothers,

or his fifters any more; and nobody will be forry for him, because he is a very disobedient child.

#### HARRY.

Why do men go near the water?—when I walked out with papa, I faw fome men by the fide of the river; they were fishing; and there was one in a boat; suppose they had fallen in, would they have been drowned?

MAMMA.

#### MAMMA.

Very likely they might, fuch accidents too often happen, but men are never in fo much danger as little boys are, because they are better able to take care of themselves; and if, by chance, a man was to fall into the river, perhaps he might be able to get out again, but a little boy would not have ftrength to struggle; he could not keep VOL. I. K

keep up his head, and the water would get into his mouth and ears, and he would lofe his fenfes, and fink down to the bottom.

#### HARRY.

Oh dear Mamma! what a fad thing it would be! I am quite frightened only by hearing what you fay.

MAMMA.

Besides, the water that would drown a child might not be half deep enough

enough to drown a man. I knew a little boy who had been ordered, by his mamma, never to go near the pond in the garden, but he was fo naughty that he did not mind what she faid, but, like a disobedient child as he was, got a little boat with a string to it, and one day, when his mamma was gone to vifit a lady in the neighbourhood, away he went to make

make it swim in the pond; but he had not amused himself long before the string slipped out of his fingers, and in trying to get it again, he fell headlong into the water, and would certainly have been drowned in a few minutes, if the gardener had not happened, very fortunately, to be in the way, and got to him time enough to pull him out, and fave his

his life; but he was fo much frightened that it was a long time before he could speak or open his eyes, and was fo wet and cold that he was obliged to go to bed, and there he lay fick and ill; and had fo much disagreeable bitter stuff to swallow, and it was fo long before he could go to walk with his fifters, or to work in his little garden, or do any thing

thing that he liked to do, that I think he will never be fo naughty again, but will remember that his mamma knows much better what is proper for him to do than he does himfelf, and that whenever he disobeys her orders he will get into mischief; and I hope, my dear Harry, you will also remember that disobedient children are always punished, that they are

God never loves them.

## HARRY. her &

Mamma, I will always be as good as ever I can, and I will do every thing you tell me to do, and I never will go near water without holding you or papa, or fomebody by the hand—but suppose the gardener had fallen into the pond when he was trying to get the little boy out!

## MAMMA.

If he had, he would only have got his cloaths wet, and might perhaps have caught a cold, but he would not have been drowned, for the water was not deep enough, therefore, as I told you before, children are more exposed to danger than men; besides they have neither sense or judgment enough to know when there

there is danger, and when there is not; and they must submit to be guided by those who do know, and not be headstrong and obstinate, and wish to do as they like without asking whether it is proper for them to do it or not.

Do you remember how your cousin Mary hurt herself when she overset the fire-screen? you know I told her what would vol. I. L hap-

happen, but she was obstinate, and would not believe me, but continued kicking and pushing it, so down it came, and gave her a great blow upon the head.

#### HARRY.

Yes, I remember it very well; and how she cried and squalled, and how you kept on playing upon your piano, and took no notice of her noise, but the more she

fhe screamed the louder you played.

#### MAMMA.

Very true, Harry, I did fo; I was determined to let her cry till she was tired, for she had nobody to blame but herself for what had happened; I had told her a dozen times to let the screen alone, and if she did not chuse to mind me, but to amuse herself with kicking it about,

bout, if she was hurt it was her own fault—but you know she is so often naughty that she tires every body.

#### HARRY.

So she is indeed, Mamma; I wish she would be good, that people might love her. The servants do not like to do any thing for her, for when she wants any thing she speaks so cross to them, and scratches and pinches so, that Biddy told

fhe might dress herself if she would, and wash herfelf, or go dirty if she liked it; she would not be her maid any longer.

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## CONVERSATION VI.

#### ANNA.

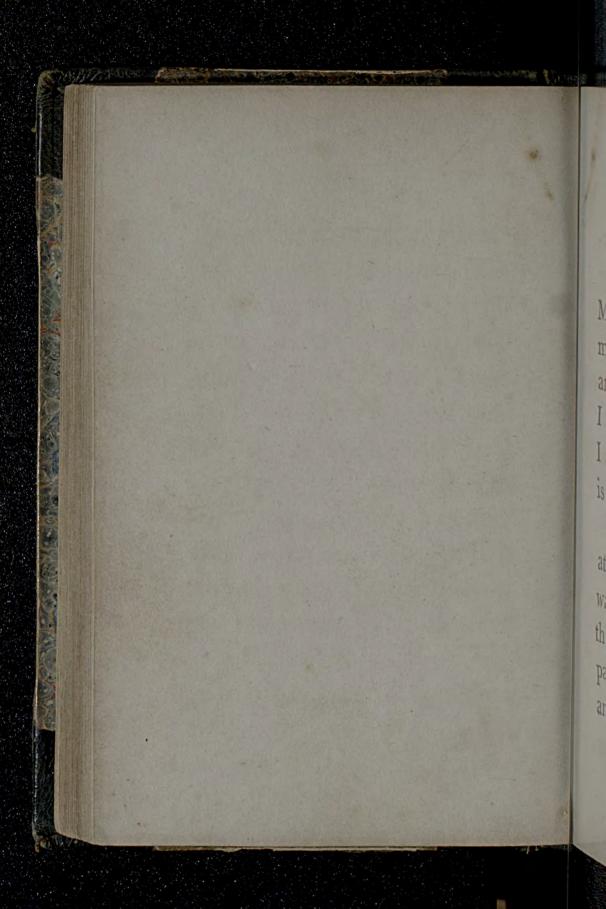
MY dear Mamma, I am glad you are come home; I was fo afraid you would not come before our bed time. How does my aunt do? and how do all my coufins?

MAMMA.



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CONVERSATION VI.



#### MAMMA.

They are all very well:
Mary is at her grandmamma's, fo I did not fee her,
and I was not forry for it;
I am always vexed when
I am in her company, she
is fo cross.

I got out of the chaife at the end of the town, and walked up to the house through the garden; the parlour window was open, and I saw them before they

faw me: your aunt was fitting with her little boy upon her lap, and Fanny was standing by her, begging she might also be taken up. The moment I entered the parlour, she asked if Harry had sent her fome strawberries: she does not know that they are out of feafon. I gave her a pear and a plum, and she was very well fatisfied.

Your

Your Aunt wants a little of our county air, and has promifed to spend a week or fortnight with us: she will bring Fanny and William with her, and leave Mary with grandmamma.

#### ANNA.

I am very glad of that, for whenever she comes here she walks over my poor little garden, and treads down all my flow-vol. I. M ers,

ers, tears my doll's cloaths to bits, and breaks and fpoils every thing that she can get at.—I love my other cousins dearly.

#### MAMMA.

She is indeed a fad little girl—but we must hope
she will mend, when she
is older, and has more sense:
if she had been in your
place when I came home,
she would have asked me,
fifty times, what I had
brought

brought her—here comes John with the parcels, and now you shall see what I have got for you.-In the first place here are two very pretty books, with pictures in them, for you, Anna, and two others for you, Harry, and a fine large kite for you to fly in the garden, or in the field; and here is a ball of twine.

My dear Anna, tell me how

how you like this little box, open it, there is the key-look how pretty it is; there you are to lay your work, and here are winders to put your thread upon; here is a place for your thimble; and at that end, under the cover, you will find a pretty pair of fciffars and a bodkin;-in this paper is fomething to make a petticoat for poor little Jane, and now you may

may go to work as foon as you pleafe, for here is every thing necessary.

#### ANNA.

Thank you, Mamma, twenty times. What a beautiful box it is! how pretty the infide is!

#### HARRY.

But look at my kite, that is the pretty thing; how high it will go with all this cord!

MAMMA.

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Here children, are fome biscuits for you; I bought a great many more, but they are gone: I hope you will like them.

HARRY.

Are they fweet?

MAMMA.

Indeed I do not know, for I have not tasted them.

#### HARRY.

Where are they gone then? I thought you had been

been eating some in the chaise, as you came home.

MAMMA.

No, I gave them to a poor child who was in its mother's arms in the shop crying for cake, which, poor woman, she had no money, to buy for it; and the shop woman heard it cry, and saw its poor little singer pointed at the bifcuits, without taking any notice of it.

ANNA.

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How could she be so hardhearted as not to give it some in its pincloth, when she had so many!

## MAMMA.

It was not necessary to give away such a quantity, she lives by felling them, and if she gave away her things in that manner, she would soon be as poor as the mother of the child, but as you say, she must be very

very hard-hearted not to have given the poor thing one, when the woman told her she had just paid her every halfpenny she had in the world, for a loaf to take home with her.

#### HARRY.

So Mamma, you bought fome bifcuits, and gave her half of them.—I wish she had all my share!

## ANNA.

And I wish she had vol. 1. N mine,

mine, and if I could fend them to her I would.

## MAMMA.

I know where to find her, if you would really rather fend them to her, than eat them yourselves.

#### ANNA.

Yes indeed Mamma; we do not want them, fo tie up the paper, and let the poor little thing have them as foon as you can.

HARRY.

## HARRY.

And here is my piece, put it in with the rest, I wish I had not eat any of it.

#### MAMMA.

You are very good children, and I love you more and more every day; you shall not go to bed without being rewarded for your kindness. Come John, let me have the large parcel, which I told you to keep

keep till I alked for it here it comes—your sciffars, Anna, to cut the packthread—now open the paper—peep Harry—well what do you see?

#### HARRY.

Oh! what have we got here, a great feed cake! why this is twenty times better than bifcuits; pray dear Mamma let us fend a flice of it to the poor child.

MAMMA.

## MAMMA.

So we will, and you fhall, each of you, have a piece before you go to bed.

The poor woman will be here to-morrow; she is travelling on foot, with her child in her arms, all the way to L— where her father lives. She was married to a sea-faring man, who is lately dead, and she is returning to her friends

friends to work, and endeavour to maintain her child, and herfelf, in the town in which she was born, rather than live among strangers; but she has a long way to go, and is without money; she will dine here to-morrow, and we must see what can be done for her.

