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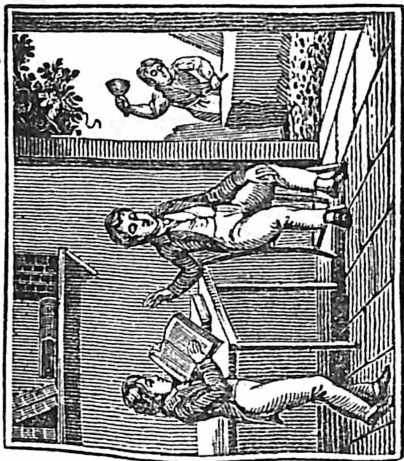
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READING TO A BLIND MAN.

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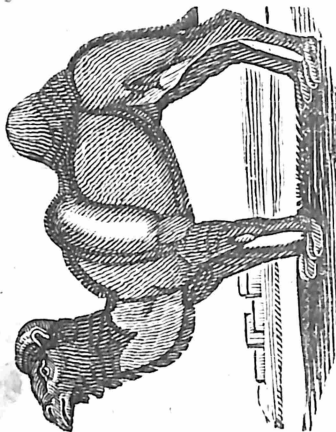
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A CAMEL.

## THE PICTURE BOOK.

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In barren deserts of the east,  
Where water there is none,  
The camel is a useful beast  
To bear the traveler on.

The Camel is said to be the most valuable animal in the world. He yields daily portions of milk for the accommodation of man, and is equally adapted for pleasure and for service. His flesh is eaten and is highly savory. His hair is soft and is made into clothing. He serves as a carriage for men and their merchandise, and will travel one hundred and fifty miles a day, with ease.



## WILD GOATS.

The Goats upon the lofty hills  
Will leap from rock to rock,  
And yet so much inured to ills,  
They seldom feel the shock.

Wild goats are said to be very dexterous at climbing, and leaping from the top of one craggy hill to another, sometimes at a very great distance, and seldom or never receiving hurt from falls. They are remarkable for the care they take of their young; which care, when the dam grows old, is returned with a becoming gratitude.

## THE LYING TONGUE.

The little good boy,  
That will not tell a lie,  
Shall have a plum-pudding,  
Or hot apple-pie;

But he that is naughty,  
And tells a false tale,  
Shall have nothing else  
But a whipping to wail.

Lying is a bad habit, and ought always to be discouraged as much as possible; and indeed it seldom goes without its deserved punishment. I will tell you a story of a naughty boy. One day Billy Froward went to the bird-catching with Tommy Telltruth, and they agreed at their first setting out, to be partners in their success. While Tommy's back was turned, Billy caught a fine linnet.

The bird he contrived to hide from his companion, and when they came



THE REPRIMAND.

to divide what they had taken, Billy told a great many lies about this little bird; in which, however, he was soon detected. His papa, who heard of it, was so angry with him as to send him to bed without his supper, and whipped him into the bargain,

I one day heard a conversation between two little girls who were knitting at their cottage door. One seemed to be entertaining the other with some little histories of their neighbors and companions. At length some person was mentioned by the first speaker, and many charges brought against her for her idleness, deceit, and other faults common to some children.

“Mary is not such a girl as you say she is, Susan,” replied the other little girl, “she has some faults, indeed, but you make her out to be ten times worse than she is; has she offended you—do you not love her?”  
“I love her very well, Jane,” replied



JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN.

the one who was called Susan, "she has never offended me, why should I not love her?" "But," replied the other, "then if you do not hate her now, you will hate her very soon."

"And why so?" returned the other. "Because you speak ill of her when she does not deserve it; and it is written, 'a lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it.'"

"Who taught you that, Jane?" said Susan. "The minister," replied the little girl; "and I think it is very true, for I know this much of myself, that whenever I have spoken ill of any one, I always rejoice to hear of any thing amiss in that person."

I heard no more, for the young people got up to go away. But I trust I shall never forget the tendency of little Jane's reproof to her companion.





IDLE HOURS EMPLOYED.

## STUDIOUS CHILDREN.

These children love to study. You see how intent they are in learning lessons in Geography. It is a beautiful example, and well worthy of your imitation. Those young persons who neglect their education, or who trifle away their time, when they should be engaged in getting their tasks, are sure never to do well in the world. They will be little better than drones in society. They get into a slothful habit, from which they will never be able to deliver themselves, are unhappy themselves, and render all who are around them unhappy too.

## THE BEES.

You see how very active these bees are in going in and out of the hive ; and this busy life never ceases during the season in which it is proper for them to lay in food, and to store their cells for the winter.

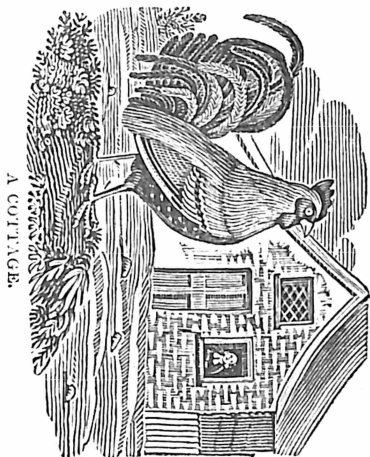
If we may believe what is said of them, they all have their separate offices and labors, and are under the nicest discipline. When the season arrives in which they begin to build their comb, they divide themselves into distinct bands for service. One party, like servants in a family, is wholly taken up in providing food for those who are employed in the work ; another is engaged in flying abroad, into the fields and gardens, to cull the sweet flowers, from which they make their wax and honey ; and a third is employed in the hive. Their cleanliness is also another thing which has been remarked, from which we may surely learn a very useful lesson.

LITTLE CHILDREN LOOKING AT A BEE-HIVE.



## A COTTAGE.

Those who live in cottages are seldom rich ; but people may be happy though very poor, if they are only contented. Contentment renders every good thing that we may enjoy doubly sweet ; and indeed, without it, though our dwelling were the richest palace, we should be the most miserable beings in existence. Children should think of this ; for it is very essential to their happiness. They should never suffer themselves to imagine that their companions and play-fellows, though richer dressed, and living in finer houses than they, are more happy ; for if they admit an idea of this description to take possession of their minds, it will prove a cause of much irritation and trouble ; will certainly make them unhappy ; and will tempt them to covet that which is not theirs. This vice will prey on their constitutions, and contribute to deprive them of their health and gladness.



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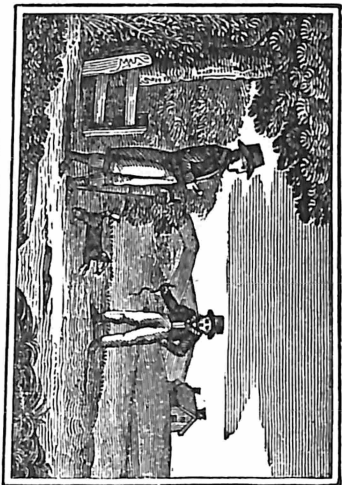


## THE TIGER.

This savage monster takes delight,  
While ranging through the wood,  
To kill whatever meets his sight,  
Though not in want of food.

The Tiger is a most ferocious animal, of a cruel nature, and never satiated with blood. He puts to death every living thing that comes in his way, and is perhaps the only animal whose ferocity cannot be tamed. He is of a dark brown, or a yellowish color, beautifully streaked with black, and in size is often superior to the Lion.

A WALK IN THE FIELDS.







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