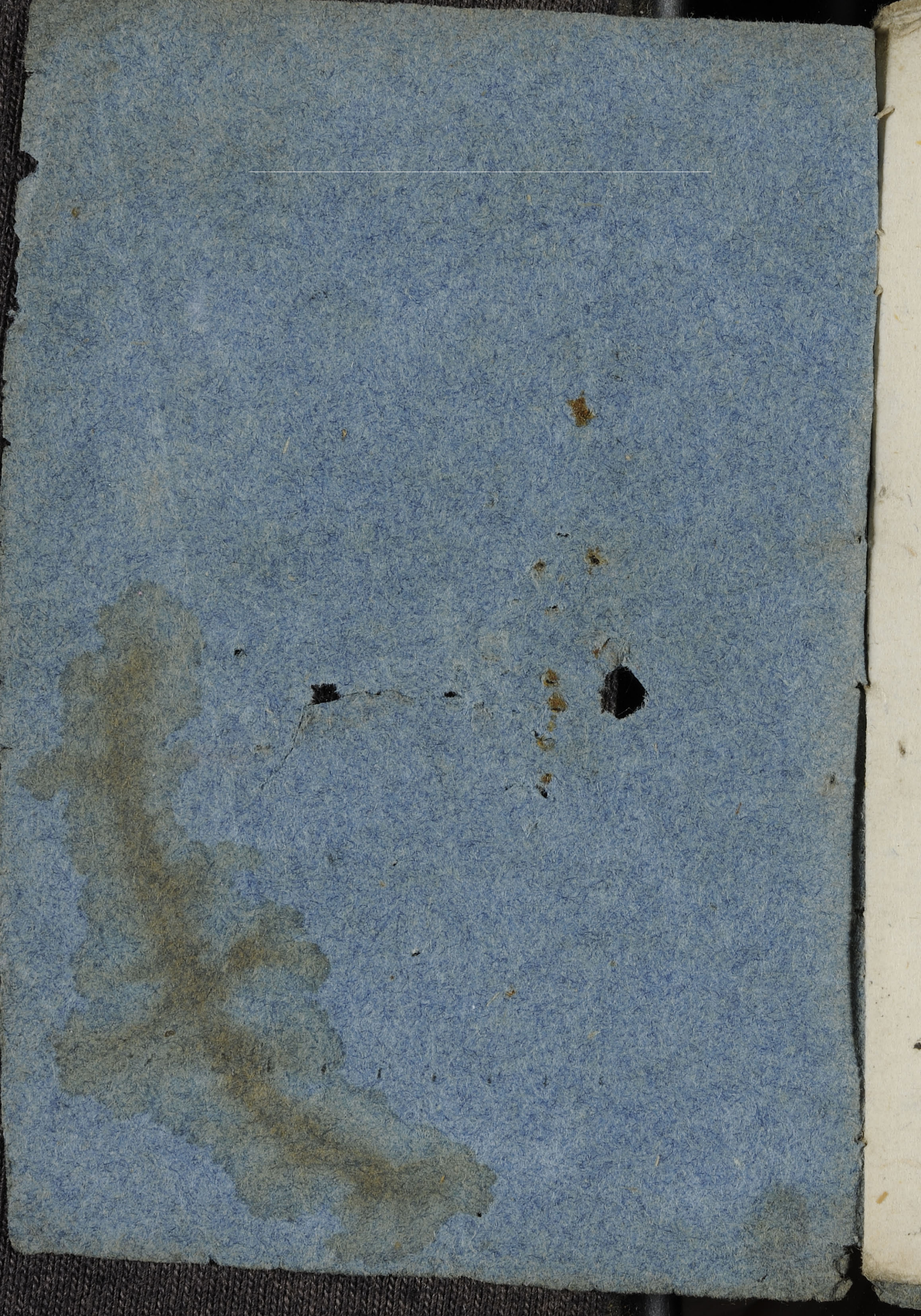


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Holy Bible book divine,
Precious treasure thou art mine;
Mine to chide when I rove,
Mine to tell the Saviour's love,
Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom:
O, thou precious book divine,
Precious treasure thou art mine.



“Why do you tie that bough to a stump?” I said to the gardener one day, “I do it, Sir,” said he, “because I wish it to grow straight, and If I do not keep it bent this way for some time, it will grow crooked.” This reminded me of what King Solomon says, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”



The Danger of Sinful Compliances.

- “ He that once sins, like him that
slides on Ice,
“ Goes quickly down the slipp’ry
paths of vice:
“ His conscience pricks him—but
those rubs got o’er,
“ He sins securely, and looks
back no more.”



Some people, like this pig, seem
to think they have nothing to do
but to eat, drink, and sleep : but
they ought to know and to do
better, and are therefore worse
than pigs.

When people eat, and cram, and
stuff,
And think they never have e-
nough,
They only want a trough and sty,
To be for pigs fit company.



What a troublesome animal
a dog is that is always bark-
ing and snarling at people.
Pray, do you think a boy or
girl who is always peevish and
discontented any better than
the dog? For my part, I think
they are worse, for they are
told of the sinfulness of such
conduct.



Happy the children who betimes
 Have learn'd to know the lord ;
 Who through his grace escape
 the crimes
 Forbidden in his word.
 Should they be early hence re-
 mov'd,
 He will their souls receive :
 For those who Jesus here have
 lov'd,
 With him shall ever live.



Are they not of wisdom void,
Those who saunter enemploy'd,
Young or old who foolish play
Their important time away.

Sloth is the accursed root,
Whence ten thousand evils shoot
Ev'ry vice, and ev'ry sin,
May with Idleness begin.



Here is a rose. but there are some thorns close to it that pricked Susan's finger when she gathered it. Remember, my dear, that things which appear very pleasant often bring us sad trouble.



There are many pretty histories in the Bible, that about Ruth is one: she was kind to her mother-in-law, and would not forsake her, and I am sure Ruth never was sorry that she had been so kind and attentive.



How kind it is of God to make these pretty cows that they may find us food. When I take my milk I will think of the great God who is so good to us little children. In some parts of the world there are a great many cows that are so wild, that instead of standing still to be milked, they would attack and hurt any body that came near them.



Here is a ship. The good men who first preached the gospel in England came in a ship; and, of late years, a great many good men have gone from England in ships to preach the gospel to other nations, where they could not go except in ships.



Children our kind protection claim
 And God will well approve,
 When infants learn to disp his
 name,
 And their creator love.
 Delightful work! young souls to
 win,
 And turn the rising race
 From the deceitful paths of sin,
 To seek redeeming grace.



Here is a tree quite full of blossoms, but perhaps they will all fall off, and bye and bye there will be no fruit on the tree. Sometimes little boys and girls appear to be very good children, and very promising, but after all they do not turn out well. Pray that God may enable you to bring forth good fruit to his glory,



See how the little busy bee,
 Improves the harvest hours,
 While summer lasts, in all her cells
 Her winter food she stores.

In youthful days seek grace divine,
 For youth of life's the prime,
 Best is this season for our work,
 And this th' accepted time.

