

A
LITTLE BOOK
ABOUT
A HORSE, &c.



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THE HORSE.

There is a poor horse that feeds on the green.

His legs are tied together to keep him from running away.

One day I saw some boys throw stones at him, and the poor horse could not get out of their way.

Now what do you think of these boys ?

I think they were naughty and cruel; if their own legs had been tied and any body had beat them, they would not have liked it.

We ought to try to do to all, as we would like them to do to us.

And I think when these boys come to lie down at night, and think of what they had done in the day, they would not feel happy.

I wish they may learn to be kind to the horse another time.



A PLEASANT WALK.

Shall we take a walk?

It is a very fine evening.

Look at the pretty flowers, some of them are folded up for the night.

In the morning they will open again.

The little chickens are gone to sleep under their mother's wings. In the morning they will run about again.

The cows and the sheep are laid down on the grass to rest.

In the morning they will get up and feed again.

When we get home we must go to bed.

God will take care of us while we sleep.

He watches over us by night as well as by day.

He sees what we do, He hears what he say, He knows what we think.

We can hide nothing from Him.

Let us try to love and fear Him.

Let us pray to Him to help us to become better and better.





THE HEN & CHICKENS.

I like to see the little chickens run after the hen.

See how they run about ; pretty things. They are but lately come out of the egg.

How strange it is that birds should come out of eggs !

The hen lays the eggs in her nest. She sits upon them and keeps them quite warm for about three weeks. Then the chickens peck holes in the shell, and break it, and come out, and run about after the hen.

The hen scratches for them among the straw and dirt, to find grains of corn, and crumbs and insects. She shows them to the chickens, and they pick them up.

When she calls them they run to her, and sometimes she takes them under her wings and takes care of them.

A good mother loves her children, and takes care of them. She feeds them too, and tells them what to do.

If little chickens come to their mother when she call them, surely little children ought to do so to.

Little children should do as their mothers bid them.

When they are good, they feel happy; when they are naughty and stubborn, they feel very uneasy.

Do as you are bid, try to be good, that you may be happy.



COWS.

Look at the cows, there they are in that green field.

Yes; I think they look very pretty.

They are very useful as well as pretty.

They give us nice milk, cheese and butter are made

from milk ; and the butter-milk that is left after the butter is made, is good to drink.

When cows are grown fat, the butcher kills them ; the flesh is beef.

The flesh of sheep is mutton.

The flesh of pigs is pork and bacon.

The flesh of calves is veal.

The skins of sheep and beasts is made into leather.

Shoes and many other things are made of leather.

So you see that cows and sheep are very useful to us.



God Almighty made cows
and sheep in the beginning.

He also made the grass to
grow for them to eat.

So He feeds them and He
feeds us.

For He made all things,
and He takes care of all.

He is very great and very good.

How shall we thank Him for all His goodness?

We must try to be good, that He may love us.

We ought to love God, and be kind to all, even to the dumb creatures.

We should take care of them, and never starve them, or beat them cruelly, or tease them.

THE OAK-TREE.

Do you not like to go under a large oak tree?

In some places oak-trees are very common, and grow very large, and full of leaves.

Oak-trees bear acorns which drop off when they are ripe, and the pigs like to eat them.

Would you believe that such a large tree as an oak could grow up from a little acorn? But so it does.

The acorn is put into the ground, and the leaves sprout up, and a little root grows downwards.

At first the little tree has only three or four leaves, and you could pull it up with your thumb and finger.

But when it has grown a number of years it is as high as a house, and so thick at the bottom, that it would take men a long time to cut it down with their axes.

Trees are very useful to us. I do not know what we should do without them; so many things are made of wood.

When we want wood, we cut down the trees, in the winter, when the leaves are off.

And when the wood is quite dry, the men saw it into posts and boards

The branches and the small twigs serve to make fire to boil the milk for little children's breakfasts, and to heat the oven to bake bread and puddings, and to cook many other things.

Try to find out how many things are made of wood

Oh, ships are made of wood.

And tables are made of wood, and stools and chairs are made of wood, and a great many things.



