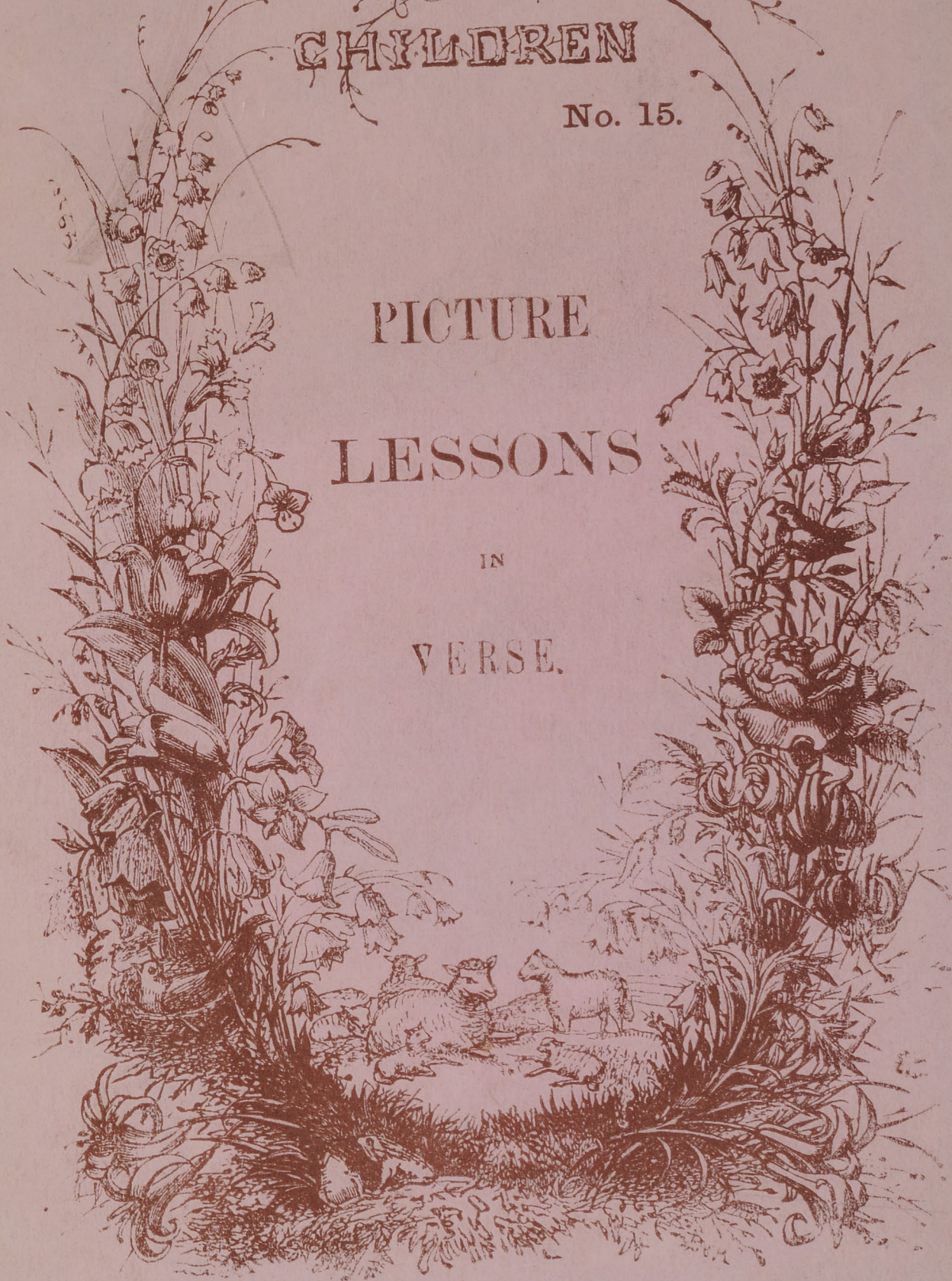


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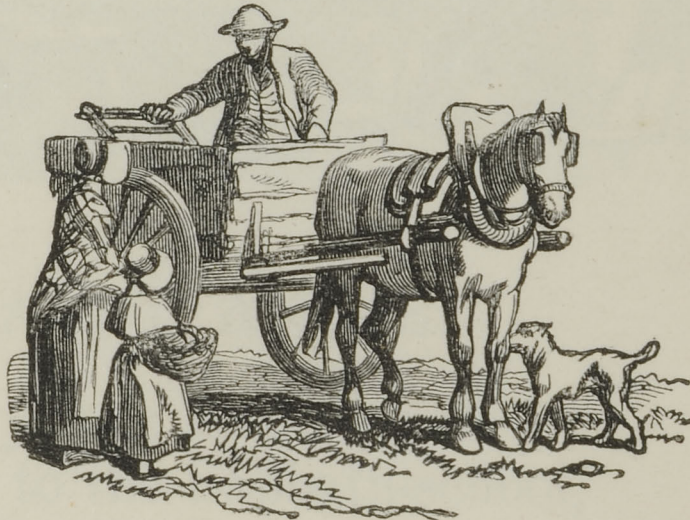
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HAPPY ANNIE.

ON Sunday it is Annie's rule
To hasten to the Sabbath-school,
That she the Bible well may know,
And in the best of knowledge grow :

There may she learn to love His name
Who to this world of sorrow came,
And dwelt with sinful men below,
To save them from all sin and woe.



THE CHICKENS.

SEE the chickens round the gate,
For their morning portion wait ;
Fill the basket from the store,
Open wide the cottage-door :

Throw out crumbs, and scatter seed,
Let the hungry chickens feed.
Call them—see, how fast they run,
Gladly, quickly, every one.



THE BEE HIVE.

I SAW a bee with toils and art,
Draw from each flower its sweetest part ;
And when she had her load obtain'd,
She hastily her hive regain'd.

“ Don't labour thus, poor bee,” said I,
“ But live like yonder butterfly.”

The bee safe lodged within her cell,
Which she in summer stored so well ;
With food supplied, from cold preserved,
Enjoy'd the comforts she deserved.

Ah then thought I, 'tis best for me
To imitate the careful bee.



MY DARLING BROTHER.

LITTLE brother, darling boy,
You are very dear to me ;
I am filled with love and joy
When your smiling face I see.

Shake your rattle—here it is ;
Listen to its merry noise ;
And when you are tired of this,
I will buy you other toys.



THE VAIN LITTLE GIRL.

WHAT! looking in the glass again!
Why's my silly child so vain?
Do you think yourself as fair
As the gentle lilies are?

Beauty soon will fade away,
Rosy cheeks must soon decay;
There's nothing lasting, you will find,
But the treasures of the mind.



PLAY AND WORK.

OH! how pleasant 'tis to see
Little children full of glee,
Full of frolic, full of mirth
As the kitten on the hearth.

But we must not always play,
Frolic days and months away ;
Like the bee upon the wing,
We must gather in the spring ;
Let us learn as well as play,
Mindful of a future day.



THE HAPPY FAMILY.

JESUS, Lord, we look to thee ;
May we in thy name agree ;
Let us for each other care,
Joy or grief together share.

Make us one in heart and mind,
Courteous, pitiful, and kind,
Lowly, meek, in thought and word,
That we may be like our Lord.



STOLEN FRUIT.

SOME children think how sweet must be
The juicy apples, red and fine,
That grow upon a neighbour's tree,
And wish, "Oh dear! if they were mine!"

A thief in thought, then soon in deed,
Guilt springs from such a little seed :
Then from the spot without delay,
From sin and Satan haste away.



THE MOON.

WHEN the sun is gone, I rise
In the clear and silent skies ;
And a cloud or two doth skim
Round about my silver rim.

Then the reaper goes along
Singing forth a cheerful song,
While I light the shaking leaves
And the yellow harvest sheaves.

PICTURE LESSONS



DILIGENT DICK.

SOME think it a hardship to work for their
bread,

Although for our good it was meant ;
But those that don't work have no right to
be fed ;

And the idle are never content.

It signifies not what our stations have been,
Nor whether we're little or great,
For happiness lies in the temper within,
And not in the outward estate.



THE LITTLE CRIPPLE.

I'm a helpless crippled child ;
Gentle Christians, pity me ;
Once in rosy health I smiled,
Blithe and gay as you may be.

But, oh ! let me not complain,
Still sweet comfort shines for me ;
'Tis enough to soothe my pain,
When I think, O Lord, of thee.



THE ROBIN.

PRETTY robin red-breast,
Hopping in the snow,
Why are you so early here
I should like to know?

Come nearer to the doorstep, friend,
For safely you may come :
There, eat your fill, and take besides
A tiny morsel home.)



QUESTION AND ANSWER.

“ Lovest thou me ?”

HARK, I hear my Saviour speak,
To me, so very young and weak,
With a tender voice and mild,
“ Dost thou love me, little child ?”

“ Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.” John xxi. 16.

Blessed Saviour, thou dost know
That I would not answer, “ No.”
Weak and sinful though I be,
With my *heart* I do love thee.



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