

LITTLE  
TOM TELL-TRUTH'S  
PRETTY STORIES.



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TER ROW, AND BY THE BOOKSELLERS.



Jack Riot never could be contented with playing at quiet games, here you see he has persuaded his companions to play with him at foot-ball. It is a very rough ugly game, and he was hurt very badly. See how he is holding his hand to his leg. I wonder whether they were obliged to send for the doctor to cure it?



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.

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Tom Touchall was walking by the river side, and he saw a boat, and thought he would try to have a row in it; but you see he is in great danger, and if he is saved, the boat will be damaged, and his father must pay for it. Never meddle with any thing that is not yours.



Harry Playlove said to James Steady, "Let us go and fly the kite." "Stop," said James, "you forget that we cannot say our lessons yet." You will be glad to hear that Harry attended to the advice of his friend James; and when they had learned their lessons they went to play, and the kite flew much more pleasantly than if they had been idling or playing all the morning.



A youth who delighted in what was evil and wrong, saw an aged Christian poorly clad. "Father," said he, "you are in a very miserable condition, if there is not another world!" "True, son," replied the Christian, "but what is your condition if there is?" — "What shall a man be profited if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"



These boys were sent on an errand, and as they went along they saw a poor donkey feeding very quietly; they went and teased him, and you see the consequence. Do as you would that others should do unto you, ought always to be your rule.



A Cobbler used to attend the public disputations of some learned men. He was one day asked, how he could know who was right and who was wrong, as he did not understand Latin. He said, "It is true I do not understand what they say, but I know who is wrong, for I can easily see who is angry first."





In Jesus God is reconcil'd,  
 Your sins may be forgiv'n ;  
 Come, and he'll own you as a child,  
 And make you heir of heav'n.

Oh ! may the word of gospel truth  
 Your chief desires engage ;  
 And Jesus be your guide in youth,  
 Your joy in hoary age.



A little African girl, named Julia, lived in the Church Missionary house, in Africa. One day a woman asked her to steal some soap and bring it to her, without any body knowing of it. The child answered, "But what shall I say when God speaks to me about stealing; and when I burn, what shall I do?" This little black girl remembered that the Bible told her · Thou God, seest me.



Jem Crib, Will Greedy, Sam Simple, Tom Heedless, Jack Filch and Ben Bold, have been robbing Farmer Friendly's orchard ; they eat so much fruit that it made them ill, and their master discovered who had done it, and you see they are all in disgrace.

Be sure your sin will find you out.



Charles Thoughtless said "I am so fond of whipping my top." "Your top," answered his father, "reminds me of you, because if you once leave off whipping it, down it goes ; and if I do not tell you of the same thing over and over again, you forget it." Do you know a little boy or girl that is like Charles Thoughtless ? pray tell them that Solomon says, "A fool despiseth his father's instruction, but he that regardeth reproof is prudent."



In the reign of Edward the First, the price of a Bible was 37*l.* The pay of a labourer was three-half-pence a day: so that to buy a copy would have taken from a poor man the earnings of 4800 days. Excluding Sundays, something more than 15 years and 3 months of constant labour would have been required to buy one. Now a Bible may be bought for 4*s.* and the daily pay of a labourer is 2*s.* Is there any one now without a Bible?



Jack Scamper said to Tom Fickle, "let us go and play at see-saw." Tom at first would not go, and told Jack his father had forbidden him to play any more at see-saw. Jack told him nobody would see them; and Tom was so foolish and naughty as to go; while they were at play Tom fell off and was sadly hurt, and so every body knew what they had been about. There is nothing hid, but it shall be revealed.



Blind-man's-buff has been a great favourite for many hundred years. See what a many mistakes the boy who is blinded makes, and how often he misses those he tries to get hold of. We are naturally ignorant and blind as to what will really do us good; how thankful, then, we should be to those who teach us to love God, and to do his will.

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