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Wisdom is the principal
thing. *Solomon.*

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Instruction for Infant Minds.

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Wisdom cries loud and in the streets
Utters her voice to every one she meets.



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USEFUL knowledge can
have no enemies, except the
ignorant: It cherishes youth,

delights the aged, is an ornament in prosperity, and yields comfort in adversity.

But as those who eat most are not always the fattest, so those who read much have not always the most knowledge—they sink under a multitude of ideas, and resemble the ancient Gauls, who being too heavily armed, became useless in battle.

Knowledge will not be acquired without pains and application. It is troublesome and deep digging for pure water; but when once you come to the springs they rise up and meet you.

Knowledge is of all things the most precious, which guides us in the paths of truth, piety, and righteousness.



From the creatures of God let man learn wisdom: and apply to himself the instruction they give. Go to the

desert, my son! Observe the young stork of the wilderness, let him speak to thy heart: he beareth on his wings his aged fire, he lodgeth him in safety, and supplieth him with food.



The piety of a child is sweeter than the incense of Persia, offered to the sun;

yea, more delicious than odors, wafted, from a field of Arabian spices, by the western gales.

Be greatful then to thy father, for he gave thee life, and to thy mother, for she sustaineth thee.

Hear the words of his mouth, for they are spoken for thy good—give ear to his admonition, for it proceedeth from love.

Indulge the infirmities of thy aged parents. Assist & support them in the decline of life.

So shall thy hoary head go

down to the grave in peace ;
and thine own children in
reverence of thy example,
shall repay thy piety with
filial love.



As the whirlwind in its
fury teareth up trees and
deformeth the face of nature ;
or, as an earthquake in its

convulsions overturneth cit-
ies ; so the rage of an angry
man throweth mischief a-
round him ; danger and de-
struction wait on his hand.

Indulge not thyself in pas-
sion of anger ; it is whetting
a sword to wound thine own
breast, or murder thy friend.

Harbour not revenge in
thy breast—it will torment
thy heart and discolour its
best inclinations.

On the heels of folly tread-
eth shame : at the back of
anger standest remorse.

Be always more ready to
forgive than to return an in-
jury.

If thou bearest slight provocations with patience, it shall be imputed to thee for wisdom.



Terrify not thy soul with vain fears, neither let thy heart sink within thee from the phantoms of imagination.

For as the ostrich, when pursued, hideth his head, but forgetteth his body; so the fears of a coward expose him to danger.



AS a plain garment best adorneth a beautiful woman, so a decent behaviour is the greatest ornament of wisdom.

A wicked son is a reproach to his father; but he that doeth right is an honor to his grey hairs.

My son! now in thy youth attend to instruction, and season thy mind with the maxims of truth.

Learn gratitude, and thou shalt receive benefits: Learn charity and thou shalt gain love.

Learn prudence, and fortune will attend thee:— Learn temperance, and thou shalt have health.— Learn fortitude, and it will support thee under thy allotted portion of human evil.

There shall no evil happen to the just; but the wicked cometh to shame.



The wise will hear and will increase in learning;— but fools despise wisdom & instruction.

Peace and length of day is the portion of the righteous;

but shame shall be the transgressor's reward.

The memory of the just is blessed ; but the name of the wicked shall rot.

The wise in heart shall receive commendments ; but a prating fool shall fall.

Wise men lay up knowledge—but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor ; but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come to him.

Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth in-

struction ; but he that regardeth reproof shall be honored.



That man enjoys a heaven upon earth, whose mind moves in charity, rests in providence, and turns upon the poles of truth & wisdom.

Charity is the offspring of the skies ; Wherever she

fixes her abode, happiness is there.



Virtue is amiable in an aged person, though wrinkled and deformed; but vice is hateful in a young person, though comely and beautiful.

When thou see'st the na-

ked wanderers of the street shivering with cold, and destitute of habitation; let bounty open thine heart, let the wings of charity shelter them from death—that thine own soul may live.



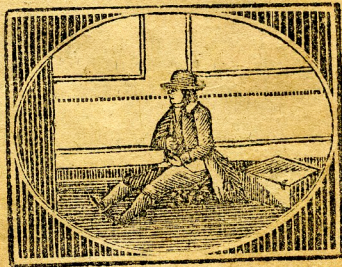
Happy is the man who hath sown in his breast the

seed of benevolence ; the
produce thereof shall be
charity and love.



Nothing is more despisable, or more miserable than the age of a passionate man. When the vigour of youth fails him, and his amusements pall with frequent repetition, his occasional

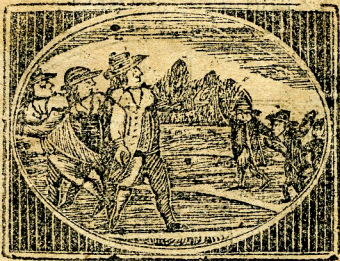
rage sinks by decay of bodily strength, into peevishness that for want of novelty and variety, becomes habitual ; his acquaintances shun him ; and he is left to devour his own heart in solitude and contempt.



Passionate persons are like men ; who stand on the

heads, they see all things the wrong way.

Anger is a vice that carries with it neither pleasure nor profit, neither honor nor security.



Contention is a vice of such a cast, that it debases God's image which is stamp-

ed upon our nature, making us rather resembling demons than human creatures.

Be rather confidently bold than foolishly timorous ?



Remember thy frailty ; yet a little while, and thou must sink into thy grave.

He who would avoid' sorrow must be wary in his

steps. He who would shun
misfortune, must take wis-
dom for his companion.

Forsake not wisdom, and
she shall preserve thee.

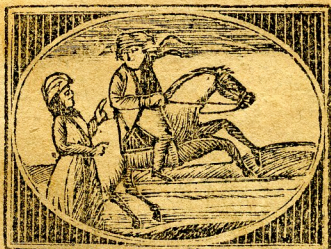
Beware of vice, whose
empire will control thee.



All thou certainly know-
eth of death is, that it put-
eth an end to thy sorrows.

Think not the longest life
the happiest ; if it is well
spent, thou shalt rejoice after
death, in the advantages of
it.

Be good, and in your vir-
tuous actions live.



Felicity dwells not with
princes ; she is not the guest
of the great ones of the

earth. She has long since fled from palaces, and retired to the scenes of simple nature to dwell in rural quiet, and become the companion of the harmless village swain.



The Shepherd's boy, tho' poor, is reconciled, he rises in health, and lies down in

happiness. The sun is now set; He has folded his flock, and returns home whistling over the plain.— He lives happy in rural simplicity, and in the enjoyment of his wishes, because all his wishes are moderate.

Yet not there alone does he reside? Would you see her dwelling, you must follow the foot-steps of contentment, and the track will lead to her peaceful mansion. Do not see the folly of worldliness! How silly, are the projects of men compared to the wisdom of our swain. By the touch of

death we vanish to our native dust.



But forget not, that content is never to be found except in the paths of virtue, if you deviate from those ways, you must never expect to find the road town in

pineness ; you will become a wanderer, and the hope of your pilgrimage will be lost.

The state of no human being can be determined till death closes the scene ; and the best end of the good only is to be happy.—Emulate the virtues, and, doubtless, you will share in their felicity.

as the silk worm in the cocoon taketh wing, and ascendeth into the air ; so the soul of the just, when called home, shall take the wings of glory to ascend to heaven.—and ascend to heaven.

Every one should be content with the faculties given him by nature.



A virtuous man although poor is always respected

CHILDREN.

If you believe hell's torments are dreadful and the righteous rise again in

nal ; its flames unspeakably scorching ; its misery endless and ceaseless, seek wisdom and avoid the wrath to come.



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