BE KIND TO THE AGED.

A friend of mine saw a short distance before him an old man walking with great difficulty, and very tired. He seemed at a loss which way to go. Botween my friend and the old man two little girls, eight and ten years of ago, were walking and talking about the old man.

"How fixed he looka!" says one.

Just then a young man passed by, of when the old man asked his way to No. 16 East Street. A hasty answer, not at all clear, was the only reply. In his bewilder ment the old man struck against a post and his staff tell from his hand. The older gal sprang forward to support him, while the other handed him his staff, saying, affect it is, sur."

"Thank you, my kind glrls," said the old man. "Can you direct me to No. 16 East Street? I came to the city to-day to visit my son. Wishing to surprise him, I did not send him word that I was coming. I am a stranger here, and have been walkmg a long time to no purpose."

"Oh, we will go with you, sir; mother said we might walk for an hour, and we can as well walk that way as any

"God bless you, my kind girls!" said the old man. "I am sorry to trouble

"Oh," replied the little girls, "it is not the least trouble, we love old folks, and we love to help them if we can."

They soon brought the old man opposite the house which he sought; and he was for saying good-bye to them, but they said, "We must cross the street with you for fear the carriages run over you."

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WHAT THE LEAF DOES

ilt pumps water from the ground, through the thousands of tubes in the stem of the tree, and sends it into the atmosphere in the form of unseen mist, to be condensed and fall in showers; the very water that, where it not for the leaf would sink into the earth, and find its way, perchance, throughsubterraucan thannels, to the sea, and thus it is that we see that it works to give us the "carry and the latter ram." It works to send the "issued streams, like lines of silver, down the "issued streams, like lines of silver, like silver, the Hasand streams, like lines of silver, down the inquitain across the plain. It works to pour down the large brooks, which turn the whichs that energize the machinery which gives employment to militons—commerce stimulated and accumulated, and intelligence disseminated through the agency of this wealth. The leaf does it all. It has been demonstrated that accur square inch of leaf weath. The leaf does it all. It has been lemonstrated that every square inch of leaf litts 0.035 of an ounce every twenty four hours. Now a large forest-tree has about five acre of foliage, or 6,292,020 square inches. This being multiplied by 0,035 (the amount patholed by exery inch, gives the result 220,221 ounces, or nearly seven toux.

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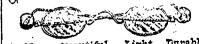
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