

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.

"How tired he looks!" says one. Just then a young man passed by, of whom the old man asked his way to No. 10 East Street.

"Thank you, my kind girls," said the old man. "Can you direct me to No. 10 East Street? I came to the city to-day to visit my son.

"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."

What a delightful body-guard were those kind children! As they separated, the old man said, "If you ever visit my country, come to the house of John Beech, and you shall have as hearty a welcome and as good entertainment as a farm-house can afford."

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ON GETTING UP.

"The writer was acquainted with an Oxford man whose punctuality in being exactly fourteen minutes late for chapel every morning was a marvel to his friends, and who therefore determined to rouse himself fully half an hour earlier every morning by means of an alarm.

WHAT THE LEAF DOES

It 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 is not for the leaf, would sink into the earth, and find its way, perchance, through subterranean channels, to the sea.

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