

BE KIND TO THE OLD FOLKS.

Don't forget the old folks,
Love them more and more,
As they with unshrinking feet
Near the shining shore.
Let your words be gentle,
Loving, soft and low;
Let their last days be the best
They have known below.

Don't forget thy father,
With his failing sight,
With his locks once thick and brown
Scanty now and white;
Though he may be childish,
Still do thou be kind;
Think of him as years ago,
With his master mind.

Don't forget dear mother,
With her furrowed brow,
Once as fair, and smooth, and white
As the fresh young snow.
Are her steps uncertain?
Is her hearing poor?
Guide her gently, till she stands
Safe at heaven's door.

A ROMANCE.

Once on a time there was a little girl
and there was a little cat, and they
lived five miles from each other, and
the little girl had never heard of the
little cat, and the little cat had never
heard of the little girl.

The little girl's name was Nell, and
she lived with her grandparents, and
she was lonesome, because she was all
the young, small, little person there
was in the house. The little cat's
name was Capertoes; and he was lone-
some, because he was a barn cat and a
"great hunter." Now, cats like to
catch rats and mice; but they like
other things, too—such as fires and
rugs, and gentle words, and the touch
of a gentle hand.

Now, Capertoes had grown sick of
the barn, and of rats and mice; and
one night he left the barn and set out
to "seek his fortune." It was a long,
cold, snowy road; and Capertoes went,
and went, and went all night. But,
at the end of the night and at the end
of the road he found his fortune.

As he was passing a house, a little
girl with brown eyes and brown hair
opened a window, and called to him,
"Kitty, Kitty!"

Capertoes stopped; and, after, look-
ing at her a minute, he went up to the
window. The little girl told him her
name was Nell, and asked him what his
was. And when he had heard her talk
abit, he liked the sound of her voice, and
the touch of her hand was soft and
gentle; and presently when she asked
him if he would not like to be her cat,
he jumped in and stayed, and was her
cat always afterward. But his name
there was Velvetcoat, not Capertoes.

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must have closer attention to your
books. The first one that sees another
idle, I want you to inform me and I
will attend to the case. 'Ah!'
thought I to myself, 'there is Joe
Simmons, whom I don't like, I'll
watch him, and if I see him look off
his books, I'll tell.' It was not long
before I saw Joe look off his book, and
immediately I informed the master.
'Indeed,' said he; 'how did you know
he was idle?' 'I saw him,' said I.
'You did? And were your eyes on
your book when you saw him?' I
was caught, and I never watched for
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