

## CHAPTER XIII.

## Promiscuous Reading Lessons.

## SECTION I.

## THE ASS.

The ass has hoofs, and very long ears. He brays very loud. The horse is afraid when the ass brays, and starts back; but the ass is very meek, and never hurts any thing.

The ass is not so big as the horse, and cannot gallop fast; but he works very hard. Sometimes he carries little boys on his back, two or three at a time; and they whip the poor ass, and pierce his sides to make him go faster.

He carries greens to market, and turnips, and fruit: and sometimes he carries a great load of pans, and mugs, and pots, with which his back is almost broken. He gets nothing to eat but a few thorny thistles, or some plantain, or some coarse grass from off the common. He has no stable to go into, as a horse has; he lies out in the fields, in the snow, and in the rain: but he is content, he does not complain.

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