

teeth, and even chastise him without a cause. It is dangerous, however, to provoke him too far, or to depend upon his temper with too much security. The lion is found in Asia, and in the hottest parts of Africa.

In Scripture this animal is sometimes spoken of as an emblem of strength. Jacob compared his son Judah to a lion, to denote the future courage and power of his tribe. The devil is said to go about like "a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." And Jesus Christ is styled the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," because he subdues the enemies of his church and people.

LESSON V.

THE LION AND THE MOUSE.

ac-ci-dent	at-tri-bute	ben-e-fac-tor
in-no-cent	en-treat-ed	re-pair-ing
fright-en-ed	il-lus-tri-ous	de-liv-er-ing
i-ma-gin-ing	in-sig-ni-fi-cant	pre-serv-er
clem-en-cy	gen-e-rous-ly	con-vin-ced

A lion, by accident, laid his paw upon a poor innocent mouse. The frightened little creature imagining she was just going to be devoured, begged hard for her life, urged that clemency was the fairest attribute of power, and earnestly entreated his majesty not to stain his illustrious claws with the blood of so insignificant an animal; upon which the lion very generously set her at liberty. It happened a