



### Never Out of Sight.

THERE is a little saying,  
Which you'll find is always true,  
My little boy, my little girl—  
A saying that's for you ;  
'Tis this, my darling little ones,  
With eyes so clear and bright ;  
"No child in all this careless world  
Is ever out of sight."

No matter whether field or glen,  
Or city's crowded way,  
Or pleasure's laugh, or labor's hum  
Entice your feet astray ;  
Some one is always watching you,  
And, whether wrong or right,  
No child in all this busy world  
Is ever out of sight.

Some one is always watching you,  
And marking all you do,  
To see if all your childhood's acts  
Are honest, brave and true ;  
And watchers of the heavenly world,  
God's angels, pure and white,  
In joy or sorrow at your course  
Are keeping you in sight.

Bear this in mind, my little ones,  
And let your aim be high ;  
You do whatever you may do  
Beneath some seeing eye.  
Remember this, my darling ones,  
And keep your good name bright,  
No child who lives upon the earth,  
Is ever out of sight.

### Some Hints for Our Little Men.

Don't cram your mouth full when eating.  
Don't gurgle when you drink.  
Don't take your seat before others do.  
Don't sit at meals with your elbows on the table.

Don't stretch across another person to reach anything.

Don't drum on the table or play with your knife and fork.

Don't spread a whole slice of bread at once, but break off small pieces and butter them.

Don't make a noise with your mouth when eating soup, but sip it quietly from the side of the spoon.

Don't eat with your knife or put your own knife into the general plate of butter or into the salt.

Never neglect to lift your hat to any lady of your acquaintance whom you meet in the street, and at least touch it to older men.

Rise whenever guests, and particularly ladies, enter the room ; but it is not necessary to shake hands unless they first offer to do so.

Don't interrupt people when they are talking.

Don't whistle in the presence of your elders.

Don't tease your sisters.

Don't shout at your playfellows as though they were all deaf.

Be respectful to your teachers and attentive to elderly persons.

Always be careful about your toilet ; especially keep your hands and finger-nails clean. Never forget to brush your teeth well both at night and in the morning.

Above all, never stoop to anything mean or sneaking, but be honest, straightforward, and courteous.

### The Mummers.

LET a player be seated in the centre of a room ; and then let a handkerchief be thrown lightly over her (or his) head, so that the four corners hang round the neck pretty equally. She (or he) is the mummer, and is not to endeavor to look under the handkerchief, the sitting attitude being designed to put a bar to chance seeing, and the intention being, whilst avoiding complete blindfolding (which is hot and uncomfortable) to ensure that no assistance shall be given to the mummer by clear sight. The players then say, or sing, altogether, and with as much voice-disguising as possible (by falsetto notes and otherwise) this—

Christmas Mummer, say who speaks !

Christmas Mummer, say who squeaks !

Tell us, as we pass you by,

Which is she, he, it, or I ?

Forming into line after this, far enough off not to come within the line of vision under the handkerchief, they pass by, in strict file, returning to the end of the procession accurately, each one in passing crying out, "It is I !" with more voice-disguising than ever. When the speaker is guessed, that speaker becomes the mummer, the first mummer joins the company and the game rebegins.

Down in the meadow the little brown thrushes  
Build them a nest in the barberry bushes ;  
And when it is finished all cosy and neat,  
Three speckled eggs make their pleasure complete.  
"Twit-ter-ee, twitter !" they chirp to each other,  
"Building a nest is no end of a bother.  
But, oh, when our dear little birdies we see,  
How happy we'll be ! how happy we'll be !"

