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## GOING TO MARKET IN BELGIUM.

WHAT is this Belgian woman doing with her team of pigs so neatly harnessed? can they be trained to be useful? are they leading her to market? No, we are able to do a great many clever things, no doubt, but we have not yet learned to conquer pigs. At least we can only be a match for them in one way, and that is what our friend in the picture is doing. She pulls them back as hard as she can, whereupon the pigs make a point of starting forward! If they think you want them to go one way, they resolve instantly to go the other. I have seen things almost as bad elsewhere, have not you? I have been in a nursery, and heard nurse say, "I can't do anything with Miss Lucy to-day, she is so contrary." I have been in a school, and sometimes thought that being told not to do a thing seemed just to put it into a

boy's head to go and do it. I am afraid you will be shocked at the comparison, but is not this very like the pig, which, when pulled one way, directly goes the other?

A LITTLE girl who was watching a sunset of crimson, orange, and purple, said, "Is that the power and the glory?"



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## DISHONOURING HIS FATHER.

HARRY asked his father one evening if he could go to see Mr. Brookes about some rabbits. He received permission, but instead of going in to talk with Mr. Brookes, he met some bad boys, whom his father had forbidden him to go with, and walked down with them to the meadow.

There they laid plans to rob Mr. Brookes' melon-patch that night. Harry had never stolen anything before, and did not want to help the boys in such work, but as they laughed at him, and called him a coward, he consented to join them in their wicked plot.

Mr. Brookes had set a watch over his melons, because some had been stolen the night before, and so the boys were caught in the act and arrested and fined.

Harry's father was shocked and grieved when he found that his son had been in such bad company, and had been led in such wickedness, and when he came into the courthouse to pay the fine, and take his son home, his head bowed in grief and shame, and he looked as if the dishonour had made him ten years older.

Dear children, when you disobey your parents, show them disrespect, or bring dis-

honour, upon them, you are disobeying and dishonouring God; for he has given you parents, and commanded you to love, honour and obey them.

SECRET prayer is a power to the soul that uses it. Cultivate it as a pearl of great price.