

was singed,—that God was with the miner in his living tomb, and, by His hand of Providence, He caused the rocks to form an arch over him, so that he was found alive, and scarcely injured.

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### NAUGHTY WORDS.

"I DON'T want to hear naughty words," said one little boy to another who had just uttered words unfit to come from any little boy's mouth. "Never mind him," said a third; "it's no matter what he says. It goes in one ear and out the other." "No, no," rejoined the first little fellow; "the worst of it is, when naughty words get in, *they stick*. I'll do all I can to keep them out."

That's right; *keep them out*; for it is sometimes hard work to turn them out when they once get in.

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### DON'T BE ASHAMED.

Don't be ashamed, my lad, if you have a patch on your elbow. It is no mark of disgrace. It speaks well for your industrious mother. We would rather see a dozen patches on your clothes than to have you do a bad or mean action or to hear a profane or vulgar word proceed from your lips. No good boy will shun you or think less of you because you do not dress as well as he does. And if any one laughs at your appearance, never mind it. Go right on doing your duty. Fear God rather than man; love him early and serve him faithfully; and there shall be laid up for you in heaven treasures that fade not away.

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### GENTLE WORDS.

A GENTLE word hath healing power  
The broken heart to bind;  
And comfort in the darkest hour  
In gentle words we find,  
True temperance is a work of love,  
And kindness shall prevail,  
The drunkard's error to remove,  
When words of anger fail.