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SELFISHNESS AND KINDNESS.

THREE young ladies called at Mr. Halsey's just as Susan, his daughter, had seated herself at the piano to practise her lesson.

"We are going to see old Mrs. Green and

take her some fruit, and we want you to go with us," said Ida Harrison, in behalf of her companions.

"I don't think a visit to Mrs. Green, will be very interesting to me," said Susan, "and I must beg to be excused."

"Mrs. Green is very lonesome, and I am sure a visit from you would be very interesting to her."

"Very likely, but I have my lesson to practise."

"You can put off your practising till you return."

"I could if I saw sufficient reason for so doing."

"We are sorry to go without you."

"If you were going to some pleasant place, I should be happy to go with you; but as you are not, I will go to my practising."

The girls then went on their way.

Let us now go with the young ladies to Mrs. Green's. She lived in a very small house. She was very poor.

"I am very glad to see you," said she to the young ladies as they entered the room; "it is very good in you to come and see me."

"We are glad to see you and to find you so well," said Ida.

"I am very well, that is for me. I never expect to walk again; but I have not had much pains in my limbs for several days."