

sight and told her mother; my temper was instantly struck with fear, and I tried to make my escape to my mother's house, which is joined to the Officer's house. By chance I met Mrs. M——, who did not tell me a word but ran to my house and informed my mother about my conduct. However, Mrs. M—— was very kind to give me many of the beautiful painted pictures, representing the various scenes in the New and Old Testament. When I felt her kindness, I then returned to her an apple, though she would not take it. I will never steal any more.

You may learn from this lesson that Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden apple which brought all the world into a state of sin and misery.

Having spent vacation at home with my parents, I returned to school at Manchester, where I continued seven years. As soon as summer holidays were given, I returned to Woolwich, and found my parents removed to the Officer's Library in the barrack, R. A., where my father had been appointed to the charge of it. I was sometimes pleased to help him to do his work in the interior, which was richly ornamented with the dining-room, library, kitchen, &c. One evening I was alone playing and blowing a pigmy toy trumpet, which I had got a loan from one of my little neighbors about this time, I blew it so loud, full of pleasure, that Captain Adye, who was sitting reading the newspaper by the open window in the house, became so furious as to pursue me with a gun in his hand, this he did to frighten me, so I ran off as fast as I could. He did not catch me. Sometime after, when all was quiet, I tried to return to my home, but I had to be very cautious and make no noise, as I had to go along a passage where the Captain lived. I got safely home and happy was I. After this I took a large black dog from his house for pleasure, and led it for some distance over Woolwich common. When his attention was drawn to me at a little distance, he ordered one of his soldiers to take the dog from me and bring it to him. He immediately ran after me, but I refused to deliver it up, and kept my hands on it; he became much excited in his face, which soon produced red as fire, and then struck me with his open hand on my ear and I fell on the grass; the dog ran from me to its master, who was on his duty drilling the soldiers standing in a line. At