

Family Reading.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER.

My baby boy, so calmly sleeping, Safe on my breast; Good angels near thee watch and keep, To guard thy rest.

THE LITTLE PILGRIM.

The only youthful inmate of a large old-fashioned house in an ancient town in the very centre of old England, was Maria Walker.

Most people would have expected to find little Maria a dull, unhappy child, it seemed such an ungenial atmosphere for the buoyant spirits of a merry little girl.

Maria, however, was a very happy child, though she durst not make noise anywhere except in her own play-room at the top of the house.

The very first serious difficulty Maria could recollect finding herself in, occurred one day when grandmamma and both aunts were gone out to dinner.

Now, Mrs. Martha had not the slightest intention of being guilty of a breach of trust. But she had bought some fine green tea, and baked a very superior cake, and had asked two ladies maids to drink tea with her.

Anxious to avoid equally the frying pan and the fire, as she said afterwards to Hannah the housemaid, she determined to give Miss Maria the materials wherewith to make a little feast.

Maria was, in general, a very good little girl, and if she had been allowed to have her childish curiosity reasonably gratified, the desire that now filled her whole mind would have had no place there.

she not succeed in getting there by the right path, she would at any rate get there, and when she reached the porter's lodge at the gate of the palace, she would there ask them to take her back to the beginning of the path, which she was sure some of them would do.

Oldtown was a town where fewer changes occurred than in more populous and modern places, and Maria scarcely recollect ever to have heard of any one's leaving it.

The party assembled in the house-keeper's room had just reversed their cups in their saucers, as a signal that they did not wish them replenished, when one of the party requested Mrs. Martha's permission to bestow a piece of bread, thickly buttered, and covered with sugar.

A sharp-featured, vinegar-looking woman now appeared, looking very unlike anything Maria expected to see so near the house of Beautiful.

But it is time that we should return to Maria. When she had made up her mind to set out, it was a distressing thought to her, that she knew not the direction in which to turn for the purpose of finding the path she was to pursue.

And where were you going, my love? I did not want to go further than this house to-night. I always intended to sleep in it.

But you won't send me there to-night, will you? and the child half cried as she asked the question: 'You'll let me stay and sleep here?'

This touched a chord in every bosom present, that thrilled through them, for their mourning was yet new for one very dear to them, who had been suddenly hurried through that valley of which Maria spoke.

'I've been thinking, ma'am, it would be a terrible thing for a little girl like me to go there alone without any armor. Oh! please do let me go with me—oh! pray do!' said the child, wondering what she could possibly have said to make them all cry so.

At this moment the porter arrived to say he was ready, and Mrs. Adams desired him to tell Mrs. Walker that her little Maria was safe, but very tired, and she would either take her home in the morning, or would be very happy to see the ladies, if they liked to come and fetch her.

Why, miss, as to that, said the man, smiling good-humoredly, 'I hope I be. What did you please to want?'

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I wished to set an example to all the people of Oldtown, was the answer; and both Mrs. Adams and her daughters were quite at a loss what to think of their little visitor.

And have you any armor for little girls, ma'am? This was almost too much for the gravity of Mrs. Adams, but she determined not to let her see how very much amused she was, but rather to encourage her in asking any questions she pleased, hoping by that means to obtain a clue to the very extraordinary state in which her mind seemed to be.

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