

Family Reading.

LITTLE HARRY AND HIS ROBIN REBREASTS.

(From the French of Madame de Montolieu.)

"The morningmist had cleared away. Yet still the flow of heaven is grey. Not yet the autumnal breeze has stirred the grove...

It was autumn, and all nature was gradually sinking into its wintry rest, though its tints had not as yet lost all their summer brilliancy...

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"Boys should not learn to sit still so long," she would tell him; and he obeyed her willingly. Whilst the wheel was turning, his mother used to teach him all the prayers and psalms she knew by heart...

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"Such was the little boy who, with a cheerful and a hopeful heart, was climbing the path into the woods, humming, as he went, the chorus of a song his mother had lately taught him...

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"Harry!" cried an old woman who was picking up apples in the orchard. "What can I do to serve you, Dame Margaret?"

even with Dame Margaret's help, in squeezing into the pocket of his jacket his two finest apples, and they stuck out so much that they looked odd when they had got there...

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"How happy I am!" Harry kept saying to himself, whilst he peeped through his fingers at the two birds; "and what pretty little things you are, with your greenish grey backs, your breast of an orange color as bright as the yolk of an egg...

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When a prince speaks, a robin red-breast is easily forgotten. Harry thought no more of his than if they had remained in their native woods; but quickly took off his hat before he answered. Whisk!

Every thing has its turn in this world; for a moment the prince was the cause of the robin redbreasts being forgotten; now he is forgotten for them!

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