

THE LITTLE BOY BOOK

mother could give you from her breast. Then you were "weaned" and taught to eat like other children, although you could not even then eat all of the things which mother and father ate, but had special dishes prepared for you. This was done to give your digestive system a chance to develop so that it would be strong and sturdy. It was many months before you learned to walk and just about as long before you could talk. So it is with a good many of the powers that go to make up what we call a mature man.

These various powers are given to a boy as he begins to find use for them, but in such a way that he can develop them to their full strength gradually. There are certain powers which a boy needs during his boyhood and these are given him early in life. Then