

A LESSON FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.—Young readers, do you know the little animals—birds, beasts and insects,—are good mechanics, skilled in business and building operations? This is true; and what they do is done systematically, with business and despatch. Nor do they idle lounge about, or stop to play till the work is done, and well done.

The Otter and the Heron are the fishermen, though they use neither line nor net. The Otter we seldom see, for he works his traps mostly under water; but the Heron may be often seen standing with his long, thin legs in the shallow part of the stream, suddenly plunging his long bill below the surface and bringing up a fish.

Ants are day laborers, and very industrious in their calling; they always seem in earnest at their work. Catch them asleep in daytime if you can!—They set us an example of industry.

'Ants freely work, without disguise, Their ways, consider, and be wise.' The swallow is a fly-catcher, and the number that he daily catches would astonish you. You often see him in his vocation skimming along the surface of the brook or pond.

The beaver is a wood-cutter, a builder, and a mason; a very good workman at all these trades. He fells the small trees with his teeth and after he has built his house, he plasters it carefully with his tail trowel.

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'On the feathery wing they rove, And wake with harmony the grove.'

The fire-fly and the glow-worm are lamplighters. The bee is a professor of geometry; for he constructs his cell so scientifically, that the least possible amount of material is formed into the largest spaces, with the least waste of room. Not all the mathematicians of Cambridge could improve the construction of his cells. Nor can the best hermatological dealers among us preserve provisions so well.

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Young friends, is not this wonderful, marvellously wonderful? Who endowed these animals with wisdom? God! Who of us could make calls, or honey, like the bee, silk like the silk-worm, or music like the singing-birds? Truly the goodness of God is seen in all his works.

A printer, who became a physician, gave as a reason for the change, that in printing, all the faults are exposed to the eye; in physic, they are buried with the patient.

Only bachelors should belong to clubs. Hercules gave up his club when he married Dejanira, and all good husbands should follow his example.

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She isn't all that my fancy painted her! bitterly exclaimed a rejected lover; and more than that, she isn't all that she paints herself!

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