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#### REVERENCE PAID TO A WHITE ELEPHANT.

Among the animals which in various countries have been the objects of superstitious veneration, few have ever received the attention accorded in the kingdoms of Siam and Burmah to a white elephant. Such an animal, when he makes his appearance in the forest, is regarded as sacred; no effort is spared to capture him, and when caught he is housed in regal state, a long train of attendance being allotted to his service. "King of the White Elephants" is considered one of the proudest titles of which the monarchs of these countries can boast; and fierce wars have been waged for the possession of one or more of the beasts. They are looked upon as the symbol of all kingly authority, and to be without one would be taken as an indication of the displeasure of heaven, and a certain omen of disaster.

## TWICE A DAY.

On the rocks by the seashore I have seen marine creatures living when the tide was out; not in the briny pools it leaves, but on the dry and naked rock - in the withering air—in the burning, broiling sun. They lived, because, when twice each day the foaming tide came in, and rising, covered the rocky shelf they elung to, they opened their shut and shelly mouths to drink in water enough to last them when the tide went out, and till the next tide came. Even so, twice a day also at the least, we are to replenish our thirsty souls—fill our emptiness from the ocean of grace and mercy that flows free and full in Christ, to the least of saints and chief of sinners. In Him dwelleth all the Godhcad bodily.—Dr. Guthrie.

# Children's Treasury.

### THE YELLOW RUST.

"ICK it, pick it!" said the tempter to a little boy coveting a golden pippin on a neighbor's tree. He climbed up to reach the forbidden fruit. He thought he would feel of it and dent it to see if it were mellow. He turned it round to see the red cheek. All at once the apple came off in his hand. "There, it was an accident," said Freddy, "but I must eat it now sure." He went away very quietly, cut the pippin open with a bright, new knife. The apple was fresh and juicy, but somehow he did not enjoy it half as well as he had thought. He threw a large part away, hastily shut up his knife, (without wiping,)