The
Word-Picture
Fable Book
A beautiful book in a beautiful dress,
With Pictures and Words for you to guess!
THE

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OR,

OLD ÆSOP IN A NEW DRESS.

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PREFACE.

MY DEAR CHILDREN,

I hope you will like this little Fable Book I have prepared for you, and will find much to amuse, and something to instruct, in its pretty pages.

You know what a Fable is? A kind of short story, in which animals are generally introduced, and which is made to convey a truth worth remembering in a lively and agreeable manner.

The following Fables are not new ones; they are Old Favourites, but they have New Faces—that is, I have rewritten them in language which, I think, you will easily understand.

And in order to puzzle you a little, and to entertain you while puzzling you, I have made the printer insert a little picture here and there instead of a word, so that you must guess the word from studying the picture.

I think you will not find it very difficult to do this; but in case you should sometimes be unable to hit upon the right word, I have printed a Key at the end of the book, in which the Fables are given without illustrations. You must mind, though, that you are not to look at the Key until you have first done your utmost to make out the meaning of the picture.

And now, my dear children, I commend this little book to your careful reading, and hope you will profit by it, and that you will all of you endeavour to act up to its lessons, and from good boys and girls, with God's blessing, become, in due time, good men and women.

Your affectionate friend,

UNCLE WILLIAM.

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