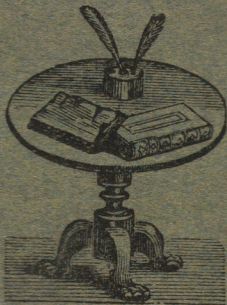
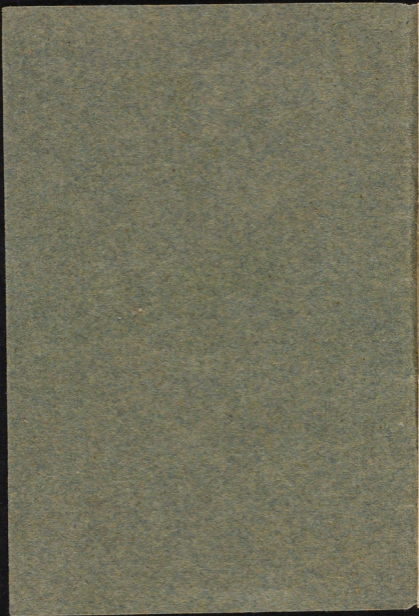


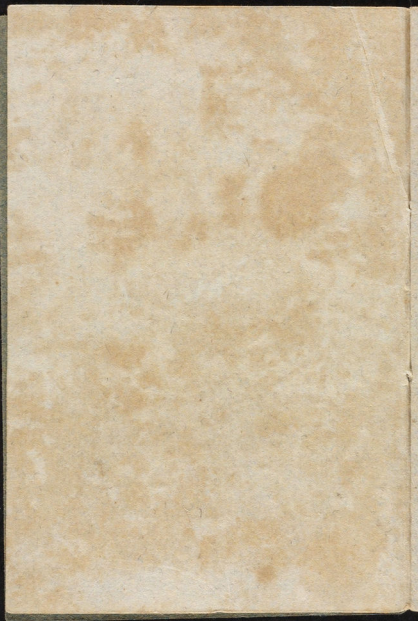
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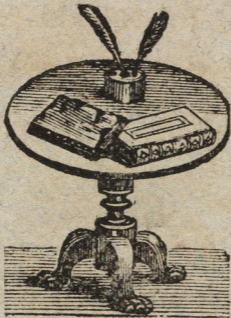
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BIBLE HISTORY.



THE Bible is the best book in the world; and good little boys and girls should strive to learn, that they may be capable of reading in it. It contains the wonderful ac-

count of the creation of the heaven and the earth, and all things therein, both animate and inanimate; and of the fall of man, by disobedience and sin, and his redemption by Christ.

The bible informs us, that in the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth; and God said, let there be light, and there was light; and he saw that it was good, and divided it from the darkness, calling the light day, and the darkness night. And he called the dry land earth, and the gathering together of the waters, seas. And he

caused the earth to be fruitful. He made the sun to give light by day, and the moon and stars by night. He created the great whale, and every creature that moveth in the waters, and every winged fowl. And God made the beasts of the earth, the cattle, and every creeping thing. He formed man out of the ground, and breathed into him the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And God gave him dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowls of the air, and the cattle, and over all the earth. And God saw

every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

The heavens and the earth being finished, with all the host of them, in the space of six days, God ended his work, and rested on the seventh day, and he blessed and sanctified it.

And the man which God had made, he placed in the pleasant and fruitful Garden of Eden, and having formed a woman from one of his ribs, gave them free use of all the fruits of the garden, except of one tree he forbade them to eat.

But they ungratefully broke the divine command and ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree: thus sin entered into the world, and death by sin.



The effects of sin were soon manifested in their children; for their eldest son,

Cain, killed his brother Abel, because Abel was more righteous than he.

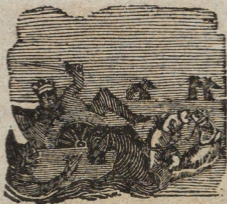
And as men multiplied on the earth, their wickedness increased to so great a degree, that the Lord swept them all off by a great flood, which drowned every living creature, except righteous Noah, and his family, and those creatures that were preserved with him in the ark, which the Lord had instructed him to make, and which floated upon the waters that drowned the old world. And from Noah and his family, and the creatures

with him in the ark, was the world again replenished with inhabitants after the flood.

In the bible, we read of faithful Abraham, who was



willing to sacrifice his only son in obedience to the command of God: of hard hearted Pharaoh, who kept the Israelites in bondage, and in



pursuing them through the Red Sea, was drowned; of meek Moses: of patient Job: of little David, who with a sling and stone, slew the great Goliah: of the wise Solomon: of Samson, so remarkable for his strength, that he carried away the huge iron gates of the city of Gaza: of Elijah, who was



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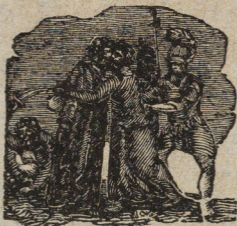
chariot : of holy Daniel, who was cast into the lion's den : of Jonah, who, for his disobedience, was swallowed up by a fish : of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who, for their



piety, were cast into the burning fiery furnace, and came out unhurt.

And ever to be remembered, with humble gratitude and admiration, in the New Testament we read the account of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world to save mankind from sin and everlasting misery. He was the friend of sinners, but not of sin. He went about doing good. He restored sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and the deaf to hear; he hushed the stormy winds, and quelled the raging seas; he raised the dead, preached the gospel to the poor, and finally gave his life a ransom for his

fallen creature man. Yet even him did wicked men betray and seize; and after



they had bound him, they spit upon him, crowned him with thorns, smote him, and nailed him to a cross between two thieves and gave him vinegar and gall to drink.



Yet this meek Lamb of God prayed for them, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." There was darkness over the earth for the space of three hours, when he cried aloud, and gave up the ghost. At his death, the vail of the temple was rent in twain, the earth

did quake, the rocks rent, and many bodies of saints arose from their graves.

After his crucifixion, his body was taken down from the cross, and laid in a new tomb; and on the third day, he arose from the dead; and, after forty days, in which space of time he was seen of many, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father, making intercession for us, and from whence he shall come at the last day to judge the quick and the dead.

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