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SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

From the Painting by Alessandro Morutto in the Gallery at Milan.

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OF

In the Name of Our LORD and SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST, who was crucified, and of His
Mother the VIRGIN MARY. In this Book
are contained certain Little Flowers, Miracles,
and devout Examples of that glorious poor
Follower of Christ, SAINT FRANCIS, and
of certain of his holy Companions.
Told to the Praise of Jesus
Christ. AMEN.

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PREFACE.

SAINTE FRANCIS was born in 1182, in the little town of Assisi, in Umbria, chiefly notable as having given him birth. His mother, Madonna Pica, was of noble race, and his father, Peter Bernardone, that is, Peter the son of Bernard, the family name being Moriconi,—was a rich merchant, who was travelling in France on business at the time Francis was born. Many strange tales are told of the omens attending the little boy's advent into the world. For some time previous, a poor man roamed the streets of Assisi crying aloud, "Peace and prosperity! peace and prosperity!" His mother was ill for many days, nor were her sufferings relieved.