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Susan exclaimed, "O, grandfather, there's a mouse!" and instantly let the tub fall on the floor.—P. 86.

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Who plays his merry pranks about thine house ?*

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PREFACE.



MY DEAR LITTLE READERS,

WHEN you have read this "Story of a Mouse," don't put the book aside as if, the amusement being over, you had nothing more to do with it, but might forget it as an idle tale. Amusement *alone* is not what the book was written for. I want you to remember its contents, and to consider, as you have life to commence, with all its pleasures and its troubles, its joys and its sorrows, whether it would not be well to begin it in the