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TO MY

RUSTY, FUSTY, CRUSTY, GUSTY,  
KIND, GOOD-HEARTED, GENEROUS, TRUSTY,  
BACHELOR BROTHER,  
AND NO OTHER

(WHO WILL MAINTAIN, WERE 'T HIS LAST WORD,  
THAT CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN, NOT HEARD),

THIS BOOK OF MANY A CHILDISH TRAIT  
AND TALK, WHICH HE PRETENDS TO HATE,  
MOST LOVINGLY I DEDICATE.



## P R E F A C E.

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I N writing the following Stories I have faithfully endeavoured to make my children *exactly like children*.

Especially have I tried to exhibit the beauty of goodness and virtue, so entwined in the thread of every Story as to render unnecessary a dry moral at the end for the children to skip, as they invariably do.

If only a few of my dear little friends, after reading these pages, shall say—"I hope Aunt Fanny will write again," I shall feel that I have not laboured in vain.