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## PREFACE.

THE Judge's family consisted of six children, and I shall tell you one story or more of each. But I shall not describe their looks farther than is absolutely necessary for my story, and I shall leave you to find out their dispositions for yourselves. So you must use your own little minds to imagine what sort of a girl or boy it is of whom you are reading. George was the eldest, then came Susic, then a dear little boy who died, then Anna, then Tom, and last Of course a great many of all, little Grace. things that I shall tell you about the elder children, happened before the younger ones were born. When Grace came into the world, her brother George had been through college, and was in the Law School at C. So you see there was a great difference in their ages. But I shall try to tell my stories, both of children

and pets, in the order in which the events really happened. I shall tell you about a great many pets, for the Judge always had more or less around him. If the children who read my stories enjoy hearing about the various members of the Judge's family as much as I have enjoyed telling about them, I shall feel entirely satisfied. Go out into the world, little book, and give as much pleasure as you can to the children whom you meet. Perhaps, too, you may be able to teach them one thing at least, and that is, to be kind and gentle to all the dumb animals about them.

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## THE JUDGE'S PETS.

## INTRODUCTION.



EVERYTHING loved the Judge. Grown-up people were sometimes a little afraid of him, because he was known to be so very good himself, and to expect every one else to be equally

good; but the little children and the dumb animals loved him, without fearing him at all. If he made a visit at any house, the children made him their chief playfellow before they had known him two days, and seemed always to think his visits were intended especially for them. The smallest ones followed him about the house calling, "Dudgey, Dudgey;" and the older ones came to him for stories and help in their lessons. No dog or cat ever failed to know him for a friend at the first meeting, and his own pets had an affection for him which seemed beyond their natures. he looked into one of the clean pig-sties, even the oldest and fattest pig grunted with lazy pleasure, and managed to waddle to the window to have his head scratched with a corn-cob. One of the pigs got loose one day, and was found in Deacon Sam's cornfield, eating immense quantities of corn and trampling down and spoiling a great deal more than he ate. Of course the Deacon's people began to drive him out; but the more they drove, the more piggy wouldn't go, and only ran round faster and trampled down the corn more than ever. At last the Deacon sent word to the Judge, who went at once to the scene of action. He stopped the shouting and running, and