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with

Uncle William's best love.



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INTRODUCTION.

THE method of teaching by toys has been proved, in our infant and national schools, to be so productive of the best results, that the system has daily become more universal. Our earliest and most lasting impressions are made at home; and the object of this little work is to assist those, who have not the leisure or opportunity of leading the young mind into habits of thought and study, in a way that is most likely to benefit them.

Most mothers know the anxiety and trouble there is to keep children out of mischief and direct their young minds in the right way; for this purpose toys have long been resorted to as an innocent amusement, but these sometimes fail in their purpose, or get soon broken or destroyed, as their value is either not understood or properly felt, and a habit of destructiveness carelessly engendered which may ultimately have a pernicious effect on the future character of the child.

But when taught to construct toys for itself, they are more likely to be valued, and the habit of preserving them ought to be carefully encouraged and promoted.

I have endeavoured to make this work of a thoroughly practical character, and with pen and pencil, have made the directions so plain that they may be understood by the youthful mind; at the same time I have selected such objects as are most likely to prove attractive, not only to children, but to others of maturer years. The child that is properly instructed to make its own doll's clothes, toy-furniture, bedding, &c., will soon take a pride in making them properly, and will thus be acquiring knowledge of the most useful and practical character.

Girls a little older will find much to entertain and amuse them in these pages. Nothing is more becoming than to see a home neatly and tastefully embellished by the handiwork of its inmates; while the formation of habits of industry and usefulness are not only satisfactory, in enabling young ladies to decorate their own homes by employing their leisure hours profitably, but also in furnishing the means of making suitable presents to their friends, or of having the pleasing gratification of adding by their skill to the funds of some charitable or benevolent institution.