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Frontispiece.

OUR LEADING CHARACTERS.

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PREFACE

DEAR CHILDREN,

These little tales are written to warn you in a pleasant and amusing way of the many follies that may spoil your lives, or, at least, render them less happy and useful. When you are old you will sadly see how many joys you have thrown away for merest whims, tempers, or stubbornness that might have been cured had you been teachable, and the danger of indulging them had been set before you in some impressive manner. If, like "Mrs. Peepy," you *will* sacrifice comfort to "gentility"—if, like "Mrs. Mus," you are spiteful and envious, or weak and silly like "Miss Sylva"—if, like "Belle" and "Beauty," you are affected and vain, or passionate like

"Dick," or teasing like "Cocky"—you will see in these stories, as in little convex mirrors, what loss or suffering you may bring on yourselves and on others.

But that you will be led to avoid such faults and follies, and seek rather for the pure-heartedness of "Dove," the kindness of "Bee," the tenderness of "Pip," the cheerful good-nature of "Mr. Robin," the candour of "Mr. Mus," and the good common-sense of "Mr. Horse," is the sincere wish, dear children, of your loving friend,

A. B.

Nov. 1888.





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