

"Honour thy father and thy mother."

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"That sacred stream thy holy word,  
Which all our raging fear controls."—*Watts.*

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"Obey them that have the rule over you."

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

"A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."

grandmamma's was not so happy a one as you had expected. You are now feeling greatly disappointed your papa can't take you with him to-day.

"You must just ask God to teach you how to bear all your disappointments, and believe that whatever he sends *that* is best for you to have, whether it seems pleasant or whether it does'nt."

Maryetta then went into the nursery with nurse. Just as nurse was going to open the door, she said, "Nurse, I *do* think it's a great disappointment not to go to Southampton with papa to see aunt Jane and cousin Willie; but," she added, "I should like to bear this disappointment like a brave girl. I'd like to begin to-day, and bear all my disappointments like a woman."

"That's a good girl, Miss Maryetta," said her nurse, warmly.

"Begin to day, by not thinking about yourself or your disappointments at all; that's as good a way of forgetting them as can be: think all you can about what other people want, and see if that won't help you to forget your disappointments. I must go now, as soon as breakfast is over, and see about some milk for baby, for she begins to want some now. I know baby will cry after me when I am gone, for she is so poorly to-day. She is very fond of you, Miss Maryetta; so if you will stop in the nursery, and as soon as she wakes, which she will do directly, play with her, you will be helping me, you see."

YREWDG.

*(To be continued).*

## THE RHINOCEROS.

**W**HAT a clumsy-looking animal is a rhinoceros! yet perhaps not so clumsy as he looks; for, if infuriated, it sometimes is quite as much as a good horse can do to get out of his way. Many of my readers have seen a rhinoceros, and those who have not, may learn what he is like from the

THE INDIAN RHINOCEROS.



picture, so that a few words will be sufficient to describe his peculiarities, before I tell you a story about him. There are several species of the rhinoceros ; that represented in the picture is the *Indian*. It has a horn on its nose, which in former times was supposed to detect poison, by causing effervescence : so that kings had drinking-cups made of it, to secure them against the malice of their enemies, if they attempted to administer poison in their drink.

The skin of the rhinoceros is very tough, resisting ordinary bullets, and is used by Asiatic and African natives for shields.

The rhinoceros is very fond of rolling in the mud, to prevent the flies from annoying him. In Sumatra, however, he sometimes thus enjoys himself to his cost. As he frequently buries himself in the mud, except a part of his head, it is not very easy for him to get out again, when the dry weather sets in, for then the mud becomes caked. The natives, when this is the case, provide a large quantity of combustible materials and cover him with them ; they then set fire to them, and, before the beast can escape, he is cruelly roasted, and the natives make a meal of him.

The following story will show how fierce the rhinoceros is. It is abbreviated from the narrative of Mr. Oswell. He says : " Observing a large white rhinoceros a short distance ahead, I clapped spurs to my horse, which soon brought me alongside the huge beast, and the next instant I lodged a ball in his body. He turned sharply, and walked towards me. My horse, usually so docile, now refused to give me his head, and when at last he did so, it was too late. In another moment, the brute bent his head low, and with a thrust upward struck his horn into the ribs of my horse with such force as to penetrate to the very saddle on the opposite side. The blow caused my horse to make a complete somersault in the air, and I was violently thrown to the ground. The rhinoceros then started off at a canter. My after-rider having

by this time come up, I rushed upon him, and almost pulling him off his horse, leapt into the saddle, and without a hat, and my face streaming with blood, was quickly in pursuit. I soon had the satisfaction of seeing the beast stretched lifeless at my feet."

Notwithstanding his vicious nature, however, there is much in the rhinoceros to admire, as especially is the wisdom of the Creator seen in his structure, adapted as it is to his native locality, and in providing him with the means of defence and subsistence which he so much needs. "All thy works praise thee, O Lord!"

J. T. B.

### ENIGMA.

[Some of our young friends complain that we have had no enigmas lately. We will not forget them as the long winter evenings approach, and hope they will be found interesting in the family circle. The following is so easy that the correct answer scarcely deserves a prize. Next month, however, we shall give a more difficult Enigma, and offer a reward.—ED.]

**I** AM a retired weaver, and live in a house of my own. I devote the chief part of my time to gymnastic sports, and as a tight-rope walker I excel even Blondin himself. I have performed many feats in the mansions of the wealthy, and even in the courts of royalty. Yet I am not generally thought much of; for I live by the death of my neighbours, and am notorious for craft and subtlety; though one of the greatest kings admired my skill, and if you study my habits you will doubtless admire me also.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Several articles are reluctantly postponed, in order that "Maryetta's Disappointments" may be completed with the present Volume. We will endeavour to insert them in our next.

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