# THE FIRST LITTLE PET BOOK, WITH TEN SHORT TALES, IN WORDS OF THREE AND FOUR LETTERS

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"I LOVE GOD AND LITTLE CHILDREN."-UNNIVA

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## LITTLE PET BOOK

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Charlotte, Mary, and Wlillie,

THURN DEAR LITTLE CHILDREN,

ABOUT WHOM I POLD FUNNY STORIES IN TWO OF THE "MITTER" BOOKS.

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### PREFACE TO MOTHERS.

Many and many a time mothers have come to the author with the pitcous plaint: "O Aunt Fanny! we are perfectly worn out with your 'Nighteaps,' 'Mittens,' and 'Socks;' we have read them to our little children, who have not yet conquered the compound mysteries of the alphabet, until we know them by heart; do, do write some books in words of one syllable, which they can read for themselves."

Now, I wonder if these good mothers

can conceive what it is to write a story in words of one syllable, and make it inter esting, sensible, and grammatical? If they can not, I entreat them to try a page or two of this utterly distracting style of composition; they will very soon have a realnzing sense of the pleasing emotions of a lunatic confined in a strait-jacket. Above all, let them try a tale of joy or woe, all in words of three letters and less. Mother Goose could never have made her precious "high-diddle-diddle" nonsense in this way. I have tried frantically to spell "jolly" in three letters and "darling" in one syllable, How I have succeeded the books are sub mitted to show.