

SELECT FABLES

FOR CHILDREN.



But why will she the fairings give
To little Jane and Sue?
Because they do behave and live
As children ought to do.

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FABLE I.

OF THE WAGONER AND HERCULES.

As a Wagoner was driving his team, his wagon sunk into a hole, and stuck fast.

The poor man immediately fell upon his knees, and prayed to Hercu-

THE SAME IN VERSE.

A town fear'd a siege, and held consultation,
Which was the best method of fortification:
A grave skilful mason gave in his opinion,
That nothing but stone could secure the dominion.
A carpenter said, though that was well spoke,
'Twas better by far to defend it with oak.
A currier (wiser than both these together)
Said, "Try what you please, but there's nothing lik
leather."

THE MORAL.

Most men will be true to their own private ends,
Though false to their country, religion, and friends;
The chief thing is thought of, and that's their own profit.
Which must be secur'd, whatever comes of it:
But while this self-love is a nation's undoing,
The men who betray it oft sink in the ruin.



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