

## LESSON XVII.

court	sto'ry	jus'tice	an'i-mals
judge	of'fice	ob'jects	pre-tense'
cheese	a-gree'	nib'bled	cram'med
wrong	mor'al	bal'ance	sup-pòs'ed
weighs	trifles	grave'ly	dis-miss'ed
re-sort'	de-cide'	monk'ey	in-struc'tion

## THE CATS AND THE MONKEY.

## A FABLE.

1. A FABLE is a story, in which animals or other objects are supposed to talk, although they never do so.

2. The moral of a fable is the instruction to be drawn from it. Here is the fable of the cats and the monkey.

3. Two hungry cats, having stolen some cheese, could not agree how to divide it. So they called in a monkey, to decide the case.

4. "Let me see," says the monkey, with an arch look, "this slice weighs more than the other." With that, he bit off a large piece, in order, as he said, to make them balance.

5. The other scale was now too heavy. This gave the upright judge a fine pretense to take a second mouthful.



6. "Hold! hold!" cried the two cats; "give each of us his share of the rest, and we will be content."

7. "If you are content," says the monkey, "justice is not. The law, my friends, must have its course."

8. So he nibbled first one piece, and then the other. The poor cats, seeing their cheese in a fair way to be all eaten, most humbly begged the judge to give himself no further trouble.

9. "Not so fast, I beseech you, my friends," says the judge; "we owe justice to

ourselves as well as to you. What is left, is due to me in right of my office.”

10. So saying, he crammed the whole into his mouth, and very gravely dismissed the court.

## MORAL.

11. This fable teaches us, that it is better to bear slight wrong, rather than to resort to law for trifles.

EXERCISES.—What is a fable? What is meant by the moral of a fable? Relate this fable and give its moral.

## ARTICULATION.

Rb, rbs.	<sup>3</sup> arb,	<sup>3</sup> orb,	<sup>3</sup> urb,	<sup>3</sup> arbs,	<sup>3</sup> orbs,	<sup>3</sup> urbs.
	<sup>3</sup> barb,	<sup>3</sup> barbs,	<sup>3</sup> garb,	<sup>3</sup> garbs,	<sup>3</sup> erb,	<sup>3</sup> erbs.

## LESSON XVIII.

cloak	sul'try	buck'led	mount'ain
wreck	de-cide'	suc-ceed'	for'ci-bly
a-rose'	a-greed'	burst'ing	trav'el-er

## THE WIND AND THE SUN.

## A FABLE.

1. A DISPUTE once arose between the Wind and the Sun, as to which of the two was the strongest.