A Little Pretty Pocket-Book

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Remark:
This beautiful little book is the first American edition of a facsimile done in Great Britain in 1966 from the 11th edition of 1767. An extensive introduction stresses that Newbury was following Locke's revolutionary philosophy. One result was that amusement was announced as a (new) goal for this piece of children's literature. Traces Newbury's fascinating life and career as a publisher. Aesop's Fables books around his time came from Croxall and Richardson; Newbury himself also did a book of fables by Abraham Aesop, Esq. (145), which is mentioned in the final section made up of ads for Newbury's other books (141ff.). Simple woodcuts throughout; introduction points out that Bewick will soon revolutionize book illustration. The pages move through Great A to Little a and so on. At Great X we get four fables: The Wolf and the Kid, The Husbandman and the Stork, BW, and Mercury and the Woodman (with only 2 hatchets involved). After each there is a nice little letter of application from Jack the Giant Killer. Good proverbs on 137-40.

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A Little Pretty Pocket-Book, intended for the Amusement of Little Master Tommy and Pretty Miss Polly with Two Letters from Jack the Giant Killer is the title of a 1744 children's book by British publisher John Newbery. It is generally considered the first children's book, and consists of simple rhymes for each of the letters of the alphabet. To market the book to the children of the day, the book came with either a ball for a boy, or a pincushion for a girl. The book was very popular in England, and A Little Pretty Pocket-Book The little g Play. BOYS and GIRLS come out to Play. AFTER a sultry Summer's Day, When the Moon shines, and Stars are gay; The Nymphs and Swains well pleas'd advance, And spend the Ev'ning in a Dance. RULE of LIFE. Reflect To-day upon the Last, And freely own thy Errours past. 14. A Little Pretty Pocket-Book The great H Play. 25. A Little Pretty Pocket-Book The little n Play. TRAIN-BANDING. THE Serjeant Hero here appears, Strutting before his Grenadiers; And leads his mighty valiant Men, First up the Hill, then down again. RULE of LIFE. Judge not between two Friends, but see If you can bring them to agree. 26. A Little Pretty Pocket-Book The great O Play. A Little Pretty Pocket-Book Intended for the Instruction and Amusement of Little Master Tommy, and Pretty Miss Polly. With Two Letters from Jack the Giant-Killer; as also a Ball and Pincushion; The Use of which will infallibly make Tommy a good Boy, and Polly a good Girl. To which is added, A Little Song-Book, being a New Attempt to teach Children the Use of the English Alphabet, by Way of Diversion. (A Little Pretty Pocket-Book). Here we've got the title page of Newbery's A Little Pretty-Pocket Book. Thematic Analysis. If you really want to impress people at a party, drop this info.