

also woven into stockings, gloves, and other articles; and finally, the cocoon, when the silk is wound off it, is used for making artificial flowers, and is considered to be the best imitation of nature, when painted and made up: but it is a very poor one, for nothing that man can make equals the flowers of the field, and man has, after all, no materials of his own; he only uses those which the silk-worm, or sheep, or plant, had worn before.

LESSON VI.

AGAINST PRIDE IN CLOTHES.

How proud we are! how fond to shew
 Our clothes, and call them rich and new!
 When the poor sheep and silk-worms wore
 That very clothing long before.

The tulip and the butterfly
 Appear in gayer coats than I;
 Let me be drest fine as I will,
 Flies, worms, and flow'rs exceed me still.

Then will I set my heart to find
 Inward adornings of the mind;
 Knowledge and virtue, truth and grace,
 These are the robes of richest dress.

No more shall worms with me compare;
 This is the raiment angels wear;
 The Son of God, when here below,
 Put on this blest apparel too.