

She never leaves off, or runs out of her place,
 To play, and to idle and chat;
 Except now and then just to wipe her hot face,
 And fan herself with her broad hat.

“Poor girl, hard at work in the heat of the sun,
 How tired, and warm you must be;
 Why don't you leave off, as the others have done,
 And sit with them under the tree?”

“Oh no, for my mother lies ill in her bed
 Too feeble to spin, or to knit;
 And my poor little brothers are crying for bread,
 And yet we can't give them a bit.

“Then could I be merry, and idle, and play,
 While they are so hungry and ill?
 Oh no, I would rather work hard all the day,
 My little blue apron to fill.”

LESSON XV

THE LION.

op-por-tu-nity	ter-ri-fic	le-o-pard
hab-i-ta-tion	pro-di-gi-ous	ap-proach-es
ir-ri-ta-tion	ac-quaint-ed	dis-po-si-tion
strik-ing-ly	car-niv-or-ous	pan-ther

The lion belongs to that large tribe of animals which walk on their toes, and most of which are carnivorous. It is of the cat kind, as are tigers, leopards, panthers, and many others.

The length of the largest lion is about eight feet