

not large. If you look at the map of the western hemisphere you will see that the Pacific is quite dotted over with small islands; some of them very beautiful, being covered with cocoa-nuts and other trees. But the most curious thing about these islands is, that many of them were formed by a little animal. Multitudes of these little creatures form for themselves a habitation of a substance called coral, which grows with them as the shell of a snail does: only, those shells all stick together and form a mass, which is constantly increasing in size as the animals increase in numbers; at last the mass of coral becomes even with the sea, and after a time reaches above its level, and thus becomes an island.

LESSON LII.

STORY OF ANDROCLES AND THE LION.

de-mean-our	sub-mis-sive	na-tu-ral-ly
bland-ish-ments	mon-strous	be-liev-ed
ad-ven-tures	in-ev-i-ta-ble	ut-ter-ed
in-of-fen-sive	wound-ed	pe-ne-tra-ted

There was a certain slave named Androcles, who was so ill treated by his master, that his life became insupportable. Finding no remedy for what he suffered, he at length said to himself: "It is better to die, than to continue to live in such hardships and misery as I am obliged to suffer. I am determined, therefore, to run away from my master. If I am taken again, I know that I shall be punished with a cruel death; but it is better to die at once, than to live in misery. If I escape, I must betake myself to deserts and woods, inhabited only by