

MARIA EDGEWORTH

A Draft List of the early appearances of her stories for children

Preliminary note: In 1780 R.L. Edgeworth and his wife Honora were experimenting with an easy-reading book for young children, all of which survives is *Practical Education: or, the history of Harry and Lucy* Vol. II... Lichfield: printed by J. Jackson, and sold by J. Johnson... London, MDCCLXXX. It is unlikely that the book was ever published “for the market”, but it has been called “the inspiration for all [Maria’s] children’s books” and its text appears in the first two parts of *Easy Lessons* (no.2 below).

1. 1796 *The Parent’s Assistant*. London. J. Johnson (3 Vols.)

Part I: The little dog Trusty*
The orange man*
Tarlton
Lazy Lawrence
The false key

Part II: Vol. I: The purple jar*
The bracelets
Mme Panache [continued, for older readers at no. 3 (III) below]

Part II: Vol. II: The birth-day present
Old Poz
The mimic

1796 Second edition. Johnson (3 Vols.)
Contents as above, with The barring-out added to Vol. I

NB. After this edition the three titles above marked with an asterisk* were transferred to Item 2 below

1800 Third edition, “with additions”. London, Johnson (6 Vols.)

Vol. I Lazy Lawrence; Tarlton; The false key
II The birth-day present; Simple Susan
III The bracelets; The little merchants
IV Old Poz; The mimic; Mme Panache
V The basket woman; The white pigeon; The orphans;
Waste not, want not; Forgive and forget
VI The barring-out; Eton Montem

NB. An edition on larger paper, with engraved frontispieces was issued at the same time

2. 1801 *Early Lessons*. London. J. Johnson (10 Vols.)

Vol. I Harry and Lucy Pt.I (see preliminary note above)
II Harry and Lucy Pt.II

Edgeworth: 2 (Early Lessons cont.)

- Vol. III Rosamond Pt.I
 - ie. The purple jar*; The two plums; The injured ass;
The day of misfortunes
- IV Rosamond Pt.II
 - ie. Rivuletta; The thorn; The hyacinths
- V Rosamond Pt.III
 - ie. The rabbit
- Vols. VI – IX Frank Pts.I – IV
- Vol. X The little dog Trusty*; The orange man*; The cherry orchard

- NB. (1) The three stories marked with an asterisk* were transferred from The Parent's Assistant, above
- (2) Vol. X is said to be found dated 1801 or 1802
 - (3) Harry and Lucy was continued and concluded in items 6 and 9 below
 - Rosamond was continued in items 6 and 8 below
 - Frank was continued and concluded in items 6 and 10 below

3. 1801 *Moral Tales for Young People*. London. J. Johnson (5 Vols.)

- Vol. I Forester
- II Angelina
- III The knapsack; The Prussian vase; Mme Panache (Pt.2)
- IV The good aunt
- V The good French governess

4. 1801 [The Mental Thermometer]
A story said to have been written when ME was sixteen years old, now published as "An Original Tale" in *The Juvenile Library*... Vol. II
London: printed by T. Gillet... sold by T. Hurst... 1801 pp.378-384

5. 1804 *Popular Tales*. London. J. Johnson (3 Vols.)
First edition not consulted. The collection, however, includes:-

- Lame Jervas
- The will
- The Limerick gloves
- Out of debt, out of danger
- Rosanna
- The lottery
- Murad the unlucky
- The contrast
- To-morrow
- The grateful Negro
- The manufacturers

6. 1814 *Continuation of Early Lessons*. London. For R. Hunter (2 Vols.)
- Vol. I: The Continuation of Frank
The Beginning of the Continuation of Rosamond
ie. The wager; The party of pleasure; The black bonnet; The India cabinet;
The silver cup
- Vol. II: The Conclusion of the Continuation of Rosamond
ie. The bee and the cow; The happy party; Wonders; The microscope
The Continuation of Harry and Lucy
7. 1819 *The History of Poor Bob the chimney sweep*, humbly dedicated to the Society for superseding the practice of climbing boys by the use of machinery. London: Published by George Humphrey, Print Seller... 1819 [Reprinted at 12 below]
8. 1821 *Rosamond: a sequel to Early Lessons*. London. For R. Hunter (2 Vols.)
- Vol. I: Petty scandal; Airs and graces; The nine days wonder; Egerton Abbey
- Vol. II: The black lane; The palanquin; The forest drive; Morning visits;
The bracelet of memory; Blind Kate; The print gallery; The departure
9. 1822 *Frank; a sequel to Frank in Early Lessons*. London. For R. Hunter (3 Vols.)
10. 1825 *Harry and Lucy Concluded*. London. For R. Hunter (4 Vols.)
11. 1827 *Little Plays for Children*. Vol. VII of the Parent's Assistant. London. For R. Hunter
The Grinding organ
Dumb Andy
The dame school holiday
12. 1832 *Garry Owen: or the Snow-woman: and Poor Bob, the Chimney Sweeper*. London. John Murray
NB. *Garry Owen* was previously published in the compendium *The Christmas Box...* ed. T. Crofton Croker. London. Ebers, 1829 and *Poor Bob* as a separate booklet (no. 7 above). Both stories have a later history. *Garry Owen* was reprinted as "Self-denial: the story of Garry Owen" in *Self-Denial and Other Tales*, Wm. & Robt. Chambers n.d. (Ch. Lib. For Young People) pp.1-62 ("obligingly furnished by her for the present series"; and *Poor Bob* appeared in *True Heroism and Other Stories* same pub. same series, 1873 (pp.133-142). ("This little story, by Miss Edgeworth, appeared some years ago in a juvenile annual, and has been reprinted with the approval of the lamented authoress")

13. 1848 *Orlandino*. Edinburgh. William & Robert Chambers
14. 1931 *The Most Unfortunate Day of my Life*. London. Cobden-Sanderson
NB. First printing of the title story. The book also includes The purple jar,
The two plums, The thorn, The rabbit and Waste not, want not.

Some of ME's stories have been reprinted for children in the later twentieth century: *Lazy Lawrence and other stories*, using illustrations by Chris Hammond from an earlier volume, appeared in 1948 in the Watergate [!] Classics ed. by John Betjeman, whose contribution is to be found on the front and rear flaps of the jacket. Gillian Avery included "Waste not, Want not" in her anthology *The hole in the wall*, illus. Doreen Roberts (O.U.P. 1968) and "The Birthday Present" in *Hullabaloo!* Ed. by Barbara Willard (Hamish Hamilton, 1969) memorably illus. by Fritz Wegner.

