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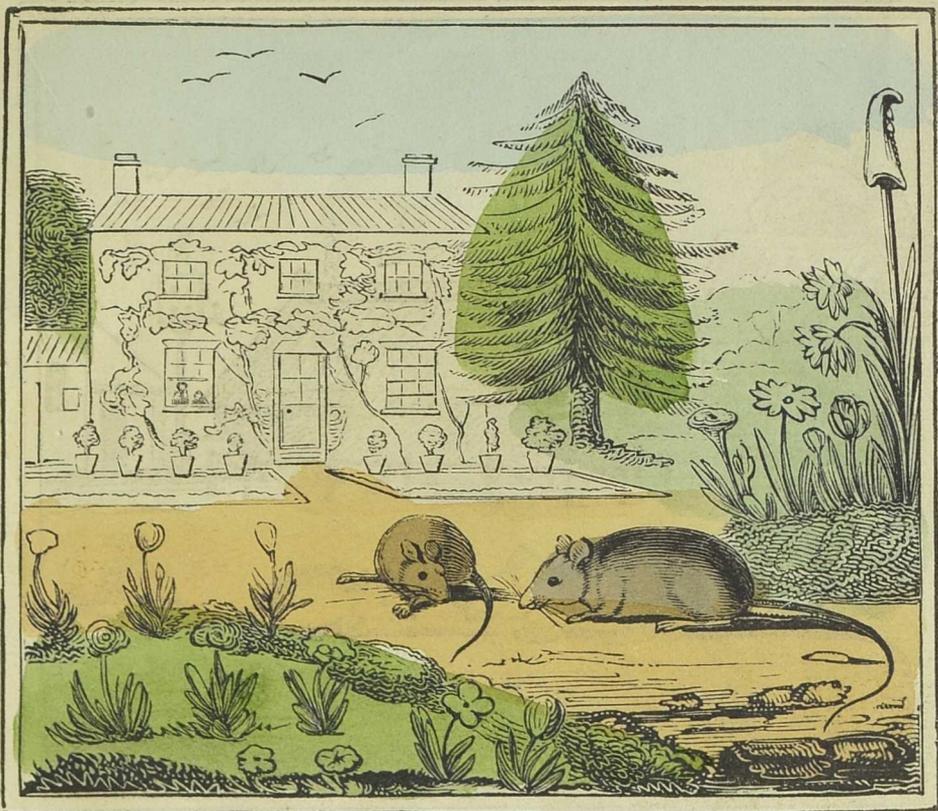
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THE
ADVENTURES OF NIBBLE,
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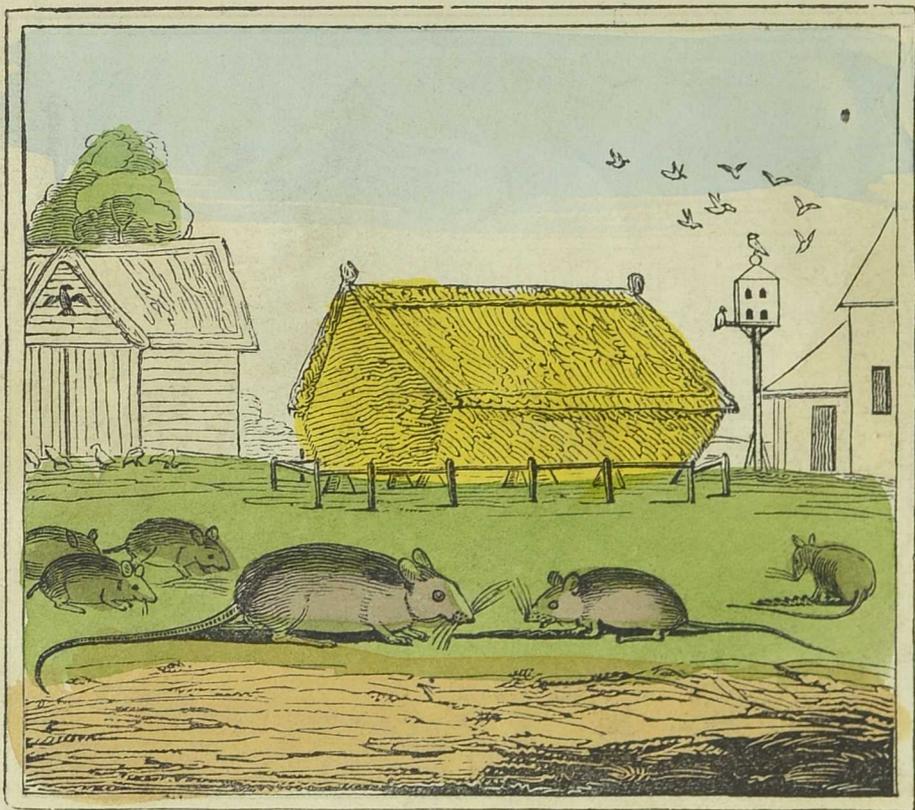


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THOMAS DEAN & SON, 35, THREADNEEDLE-STREET.



Young Nibble, who lived in a
gentleman's house,
Thus said to himself, "Where I a
field mouse,
I should then have more freedom:"
so meeting, one day,
With the mouse of a farmer, he
scampered away.



“Here we are,” said the field mouse,
“on liberty farm,
Where we live in abundance, and
free from alarm;
And here’s my good wife, and my
family, too:”
Nibble, bowing politely, said—
“Ma’am, how do’ye do?”



Nibble found a snug nest, which
he stored with nice food,
As filberts and acorns, and things
that were good;
But a wicked field mouse that dis-
covered his nest,
Was by Nibble detected in eating
the best.



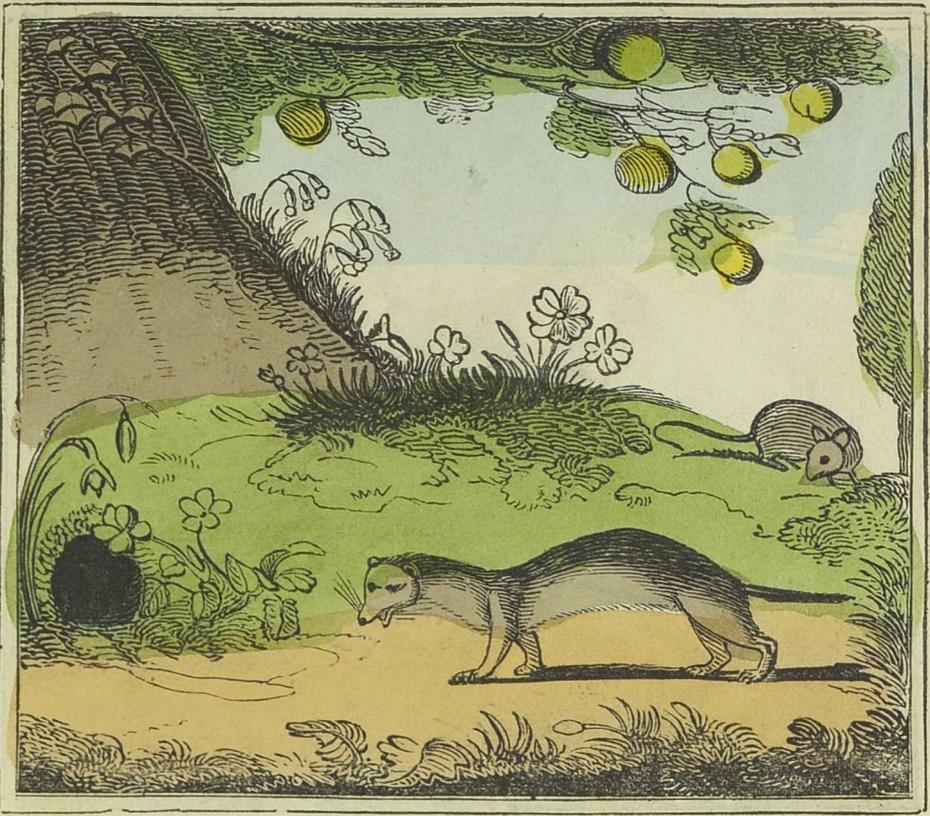
One day, to the garden he chanced
to stroll out,
When a black cat and kitten were
playing about:
At this Nibble felt very frightened
indeed,
But escaped to his nest by exerting
his speed.



But soon Nibble forgot all his
dread of the cat,
And with acorns, and hazel-nuts,
soon became fat;
And the fatter he grew, so his con-
sequence rose,
And at cheese, crumbs, and can-
dles, he turned up his nose.



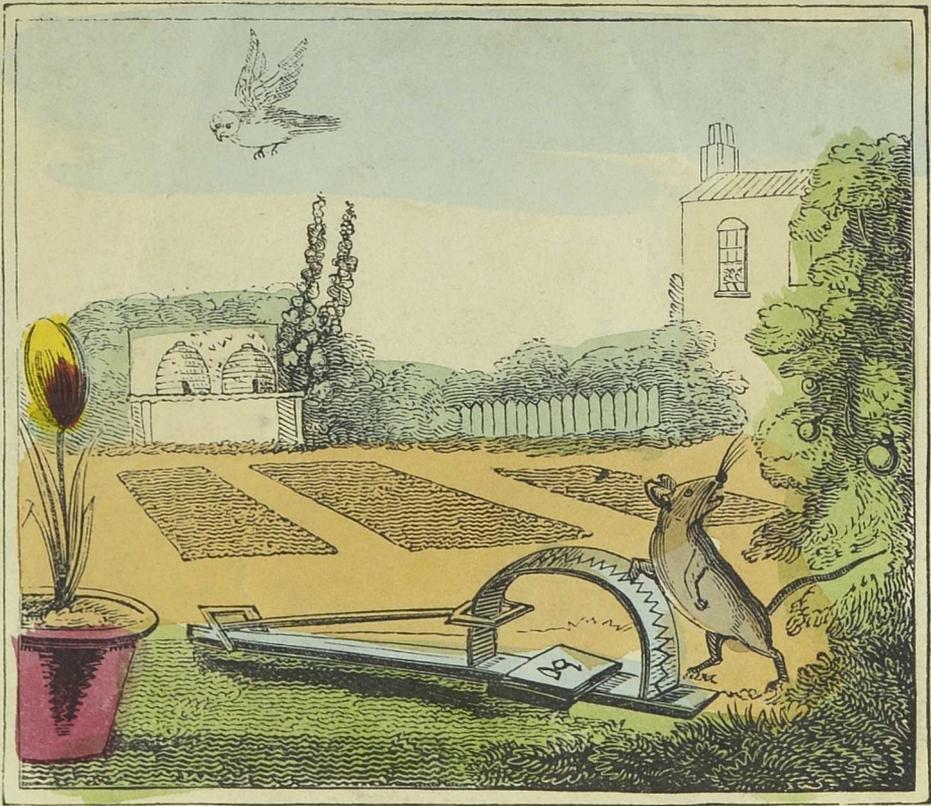
But a queer-looking bird he espied
very soon,
With eyes large as saucers, and
bright as the moon ;
'Twas an owl, looking out for a
mouse or a mole,
So, Nibble, in terror, escaped to
his hole.



Next day brought another great
cause of alarm,
He had just quitted home, for a
stroll on the farm;
When he saw a sly weasel, as
slender as tape,
Approaching his hole, so he made
his escape.



Soon after, an owl made a stoop in
its flight,
And carried the field-mouse away
from his sight:
Then Nibble began to reflect, on
the road,
At the folly of leaving his former
abode.



At length, came the last and most
fatal mishap,
Poor Nibble was caught in the
teeth of a trap;
When dying, he cried, "Now My
punishment's come,
For not knowing when I was well
off at home."

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