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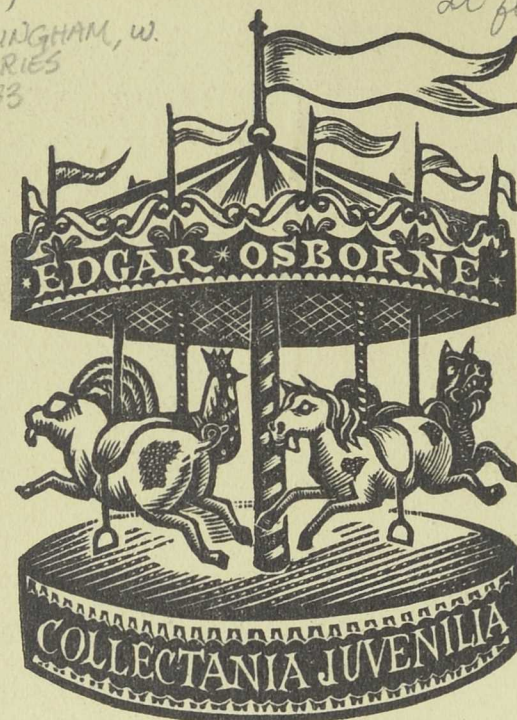


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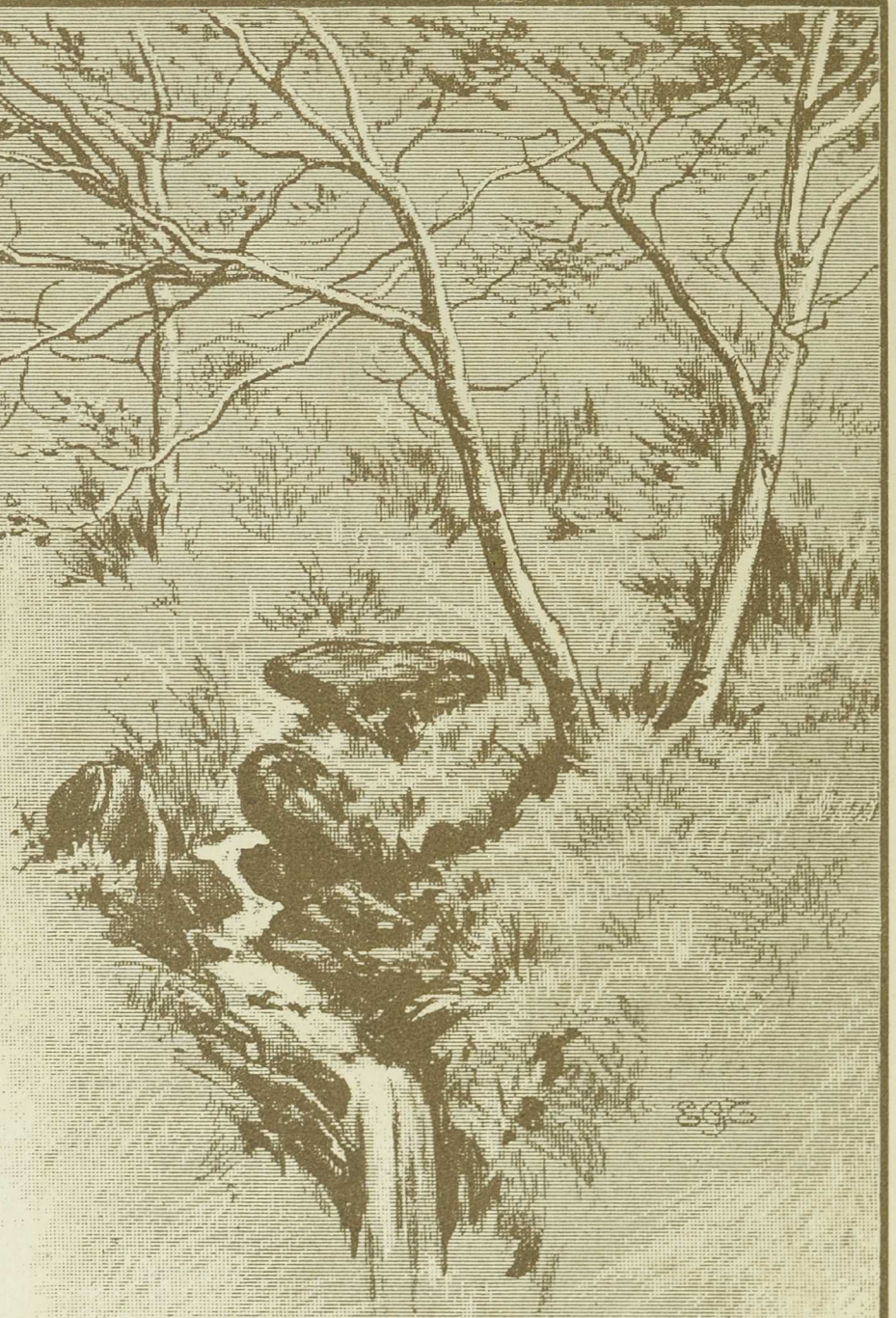
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A CHILD'S SONG.

UP the airy mountain,
Down the rushy glen,
We daren't go a-hunting,
For fear of little men;
Wee folk, good folk,
Trooping all together;
Green jacket, red cap,
And white owl's feather!

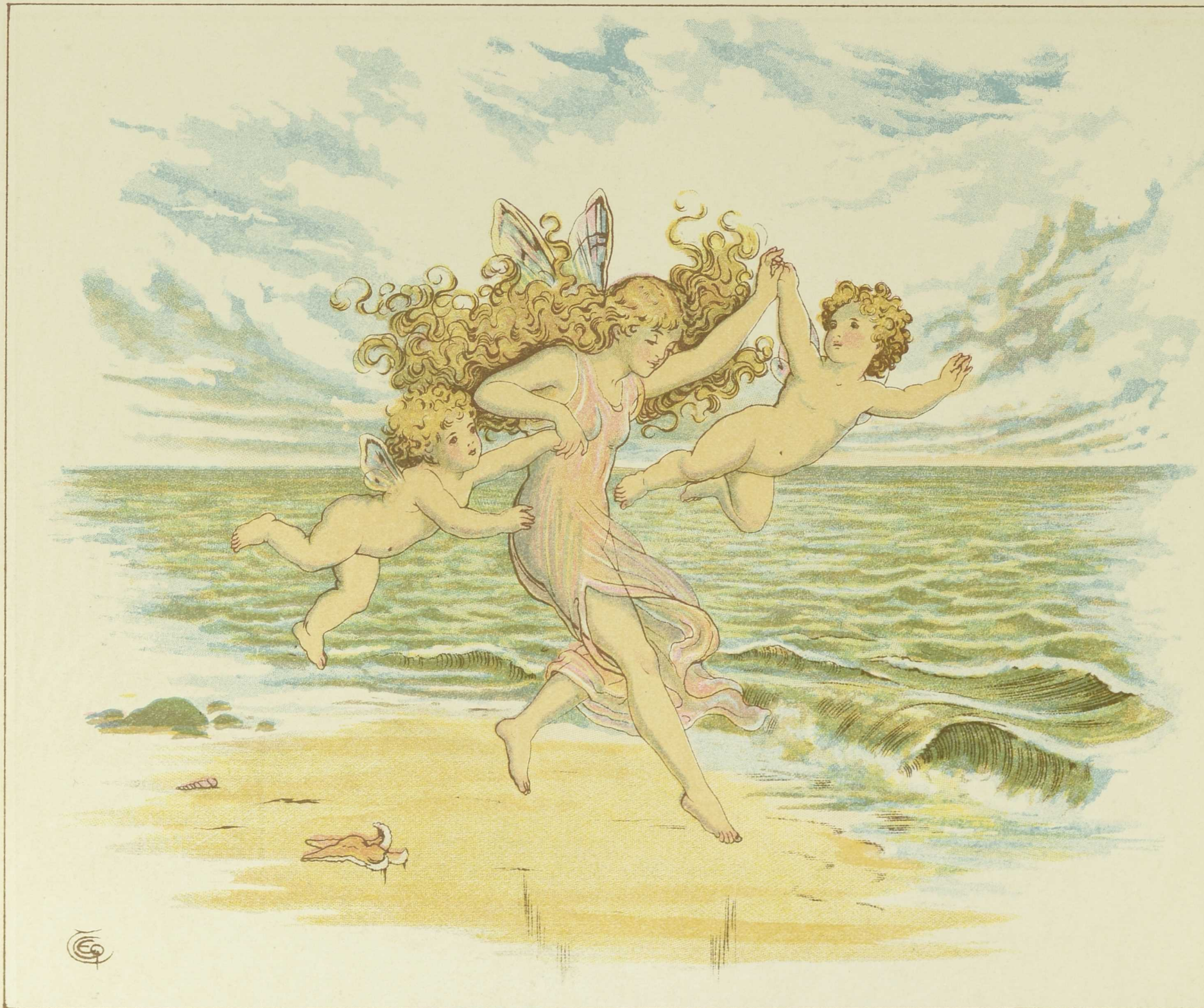






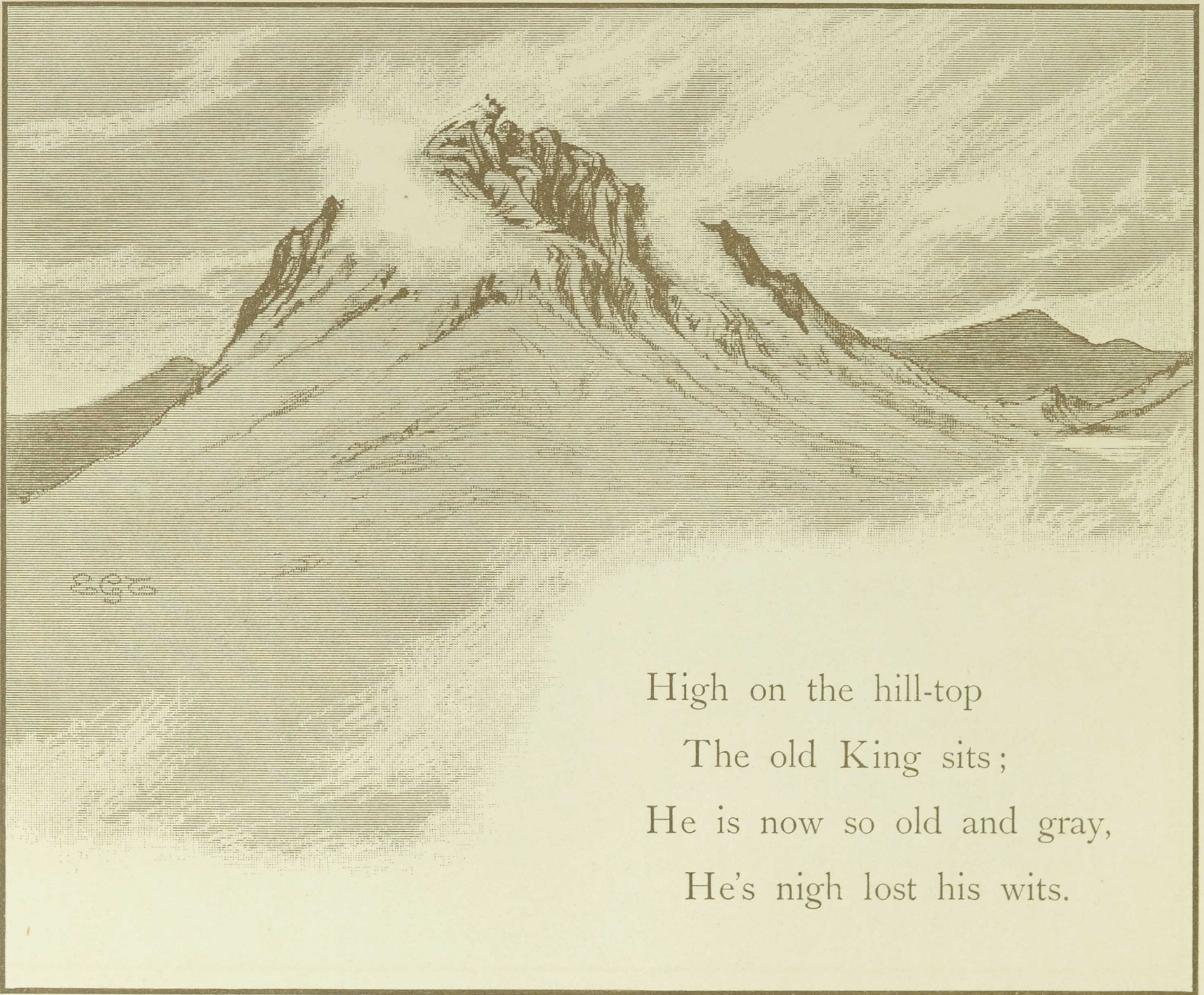


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Down along the rocky shore
Some make their home,
They live on crispy pancakes
Of yellow-tide foam;
Some in the reeds
Of the black mountain-lake,
With frogs for their watch-dogs
All night awake.





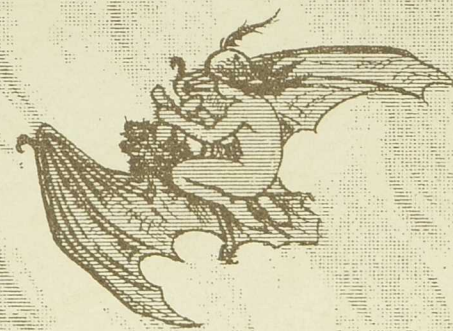
High on the hill-top
The old King sits ;
He is now so old and gray,
He's nigh lost his wits.

With a bridge of white mist
Columbkil he crosses,
On his stately journeys
From Slieveleague to Rosses ;





Or going up with music,
On cold starry nights,
To sup with the Queen
Of the gay Northern Lights.



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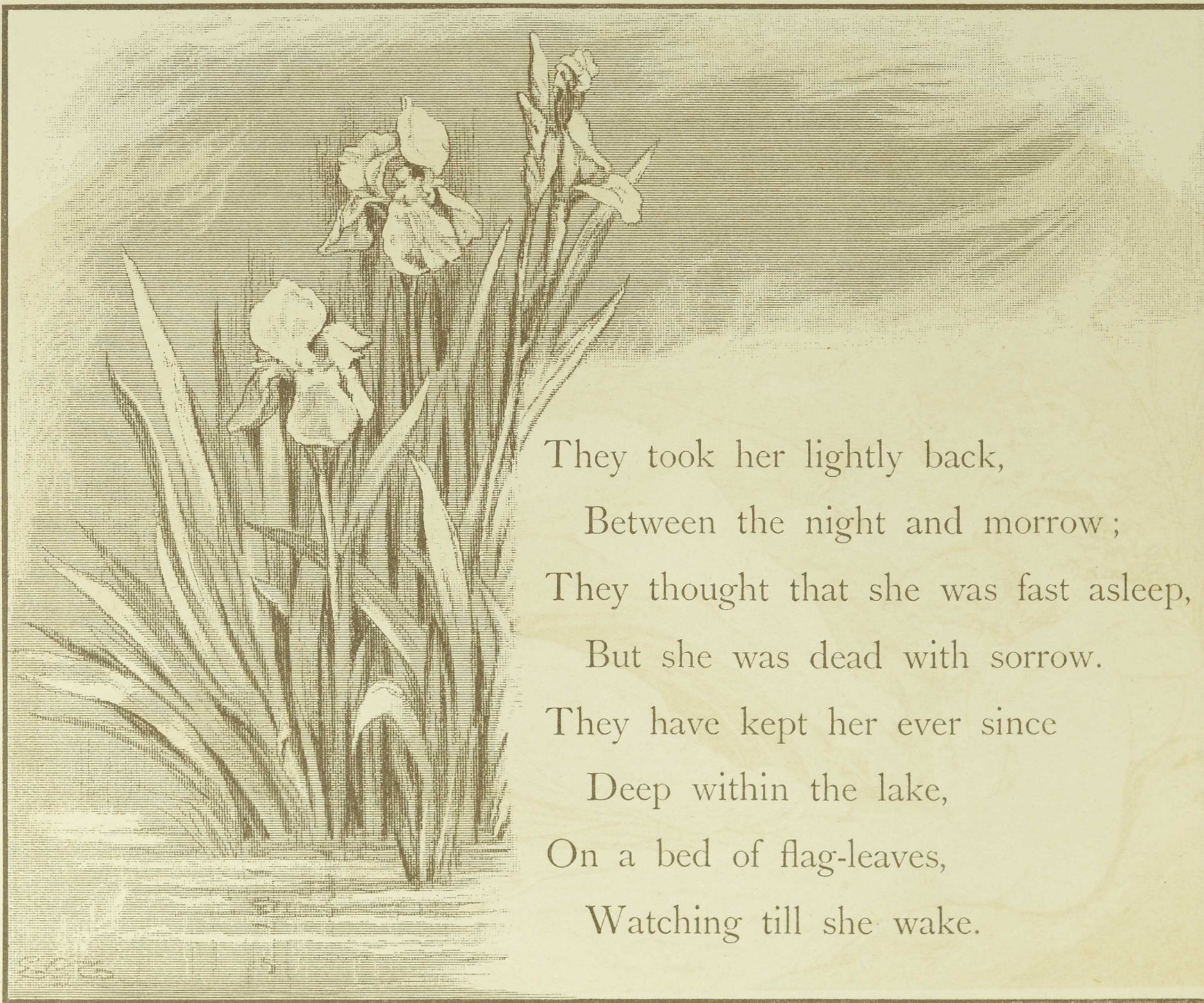
They stole little Bridget
For seven years long;
When she came down again
Her friends were all gone.



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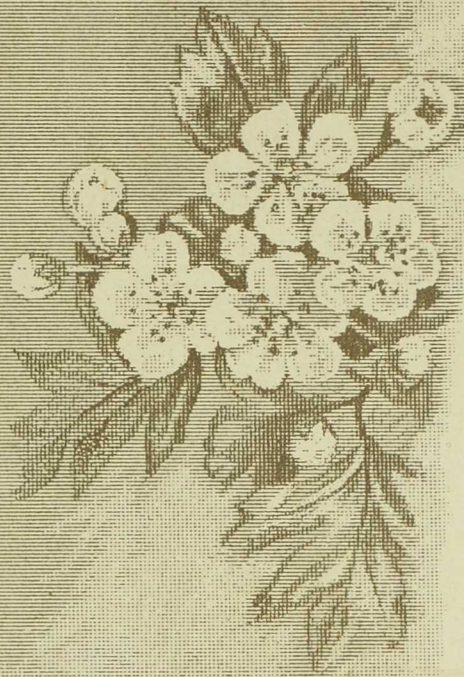
They took her lightly back,
Between the night and morrow;
They thought that she was fast asleep,
But she was dead with sorrow.
They have kept her ever since
Deep within the lake,
On a bed of flag-leaves,
Watching till she wake.











By the craggy hill-side,
Through the mosses bare,
They have planted thorn-trees,
For pleasure, here and there.
Is any man so daring
As dig them up in spite,
He shall find their sharpest thorns
In his bed at night.



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Down the rushy glen,
We daren't go a-hunting,
For fear of little men;

Wee folk, good folk,
Trooping all together;
Green jacket, red cap,
And white owl's feather!

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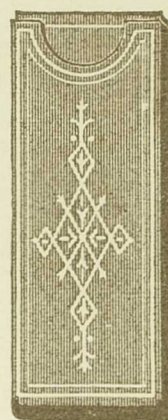
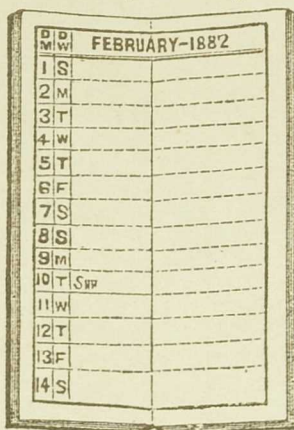
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