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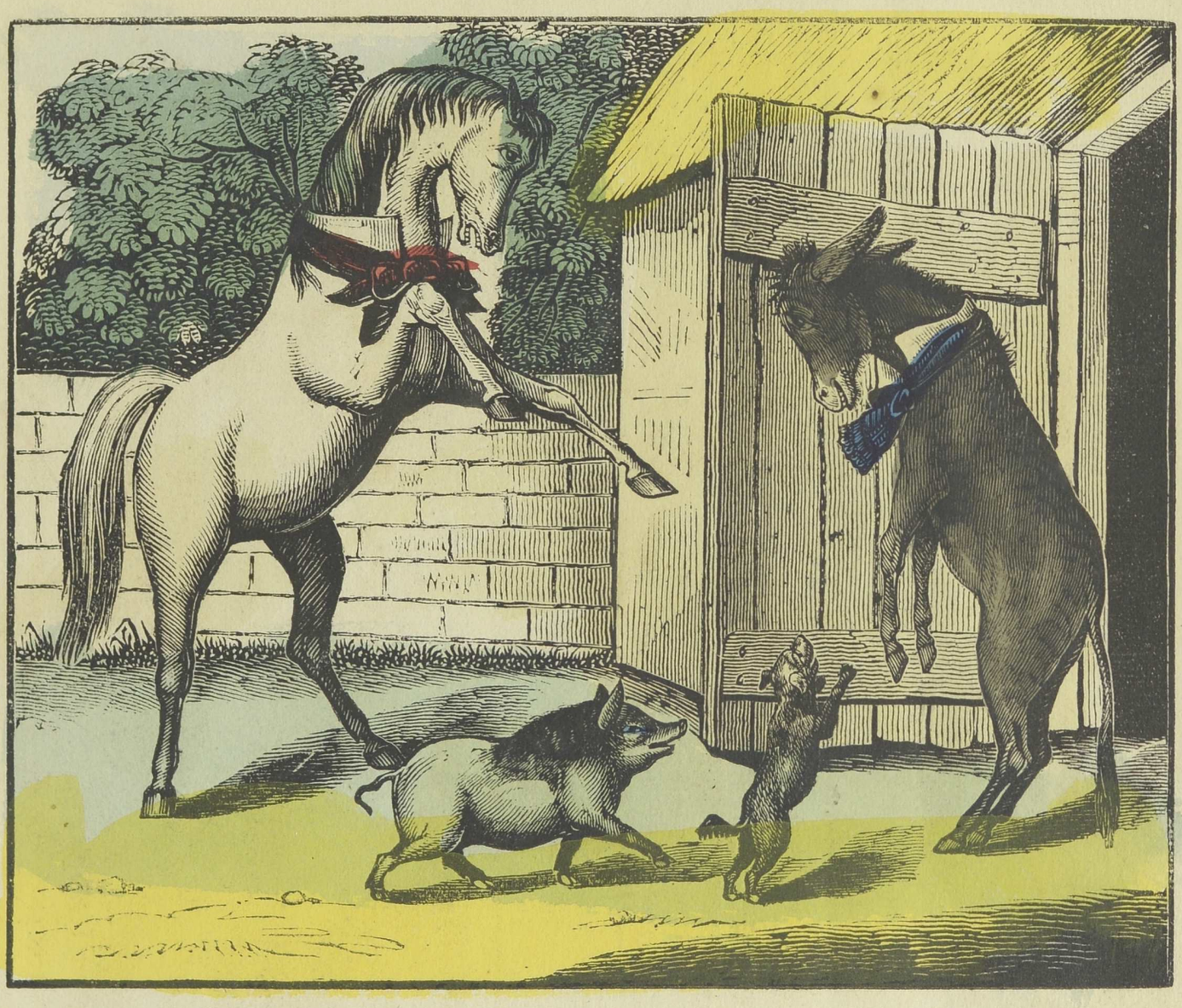

THERE lived in the country, a Donkey, whose name
I really can't tell, though 'tis well known to fame;
Quite a kind-hearted Donkey, and a good one to eat,
Who invited his friends all, and gave them a treat.

First came Mrs. Cow, who, though not dressed in silk,
Yet brought for the company plenty of milk.
Mr. Bull, too, her husband, was there by her side,
To protect her quite ready, whate'er might betide.
Then came the good Horse, very pleased, gaily prancing,
To show all his friends the first lesson in dancing;

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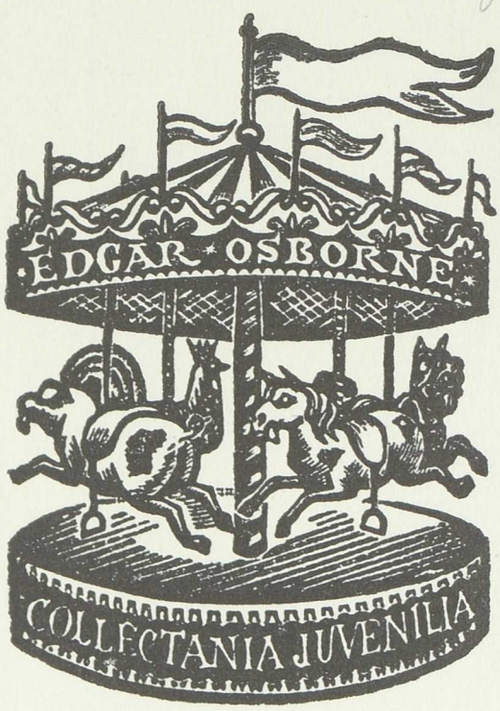

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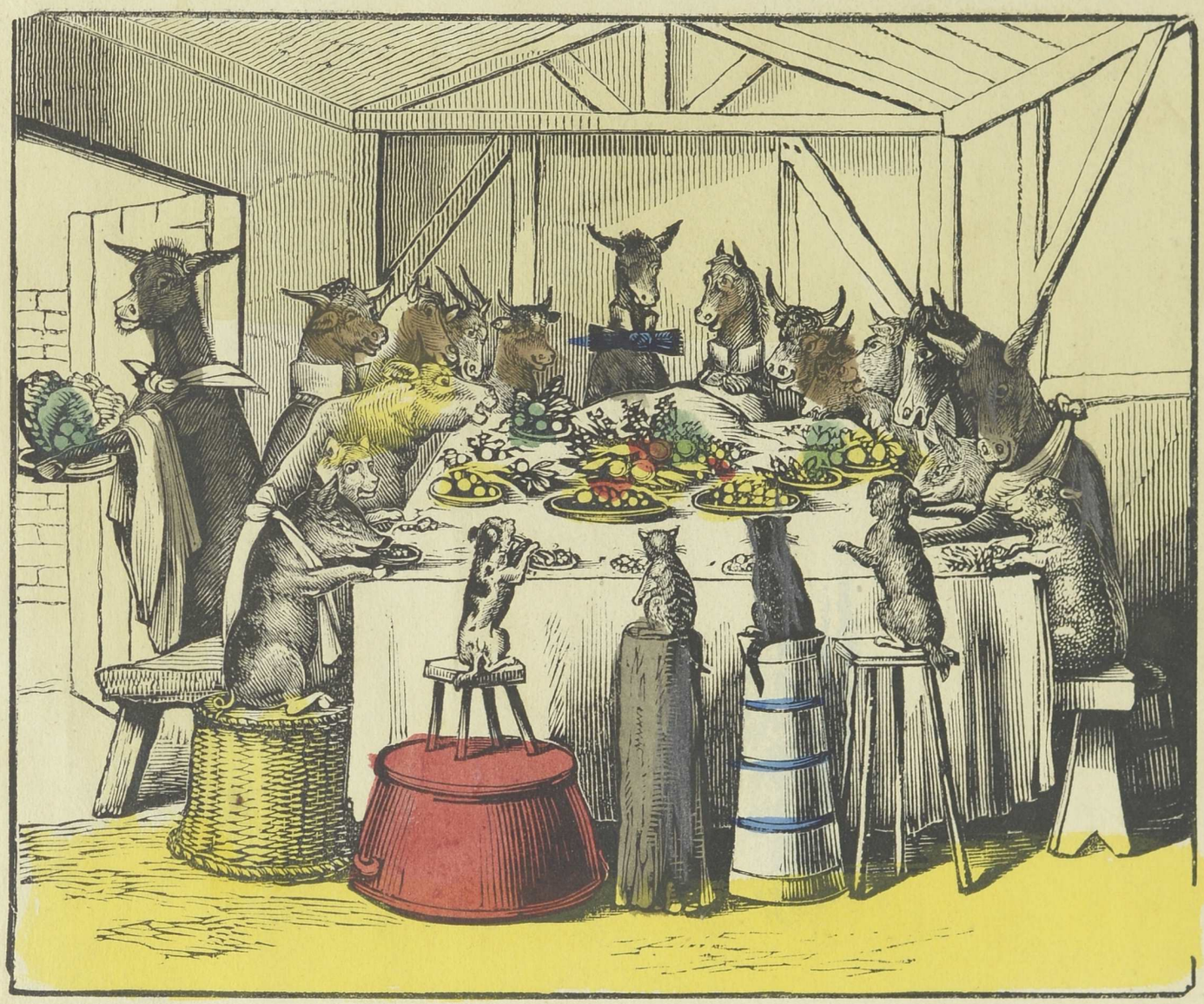


Next came Mr. Pig, running quickly, and squeaking
His very best thanks, which as good was as speaking.
The Dog also came, just let out for a roam
By the famed Mother Hubbard, whom he left well at home,
He bow-wow'd his compliments,—the Donkey, he knew
Was a friend to politeness, just like me or you.
Each beast brought relations, Pigs, Donkeys, and Cows,
And all were received with profusion of bows.

Such a party and feast sure were ne'er before seen,
Piles of turnips there were, and fine cabbages green,

With many a dish of the largest of sprats,
And some fine pickled mice, as a treat for the Cats;
Some thistles, fresh gathered, and sweet smelling hay,
For all those that chose at the party to stay;
The beasts all confessed that the feast was quite nice,
As the pile of good things they made less in a trice.

The feast nearly over, quoth Piggy, "I'll soon
Treat you all, my dear friends to a bit of a tune:"
So he squeaked out a song quite as long as my line,
While the beasts clapped their paws, and confessed it was fine.

Then the Cat softly purred, and the Dog wagged his tail;—
As his friends sat around him, he told them a tale;
And when he had finished, each beast roared with laughter,
For so funny it was, 'twas remembered long after.

Next the Horse gave a leap, and prepared for a dance;
He knew how, very well, for he'd once been to France.
Then the Cow, Bull, and Donkey, each one stood upright,
All young folks would laugh much to see such a sight;—
And they capered about in a dance of their own:
Such a comical dance was ne'er before known.

Now the Bull sang a song on the virtue of water,
While Miss Lamb told them how she'd escaped from slaughter.

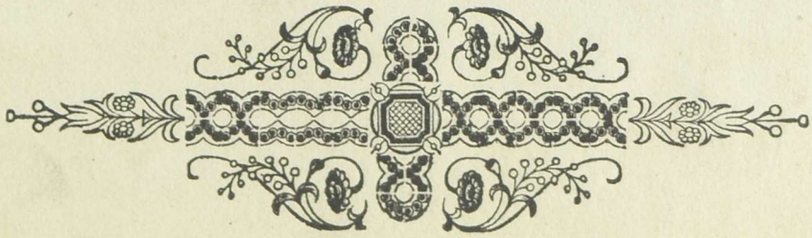
Soon to walk by a ditch young Miss Lamb did begin,
But not being careful, of course she fell in.
The beasts were quite puzzled and frightened, each one,
So they asked Mister Bull what had better be done.
"I'll have her," said he, "as sure as I'm born,"
And without more ado, pulled her out with one horn;
The Bull felt quite happy, for of this be assured,
An action that 's kind, ever brings its reward.

Mr. Pig grew quite merry, and rolled in the dirt,
When told it was wrong, he cried "Oh, it won't hurt,"
And with want of politeness he splashed Mrs. Cow,
Without begging her pardon, which was wrong, you'll allow;
So the party soon sent him o'er the next field to roam,
Which Piggy not liking, he went grunting home.

Now all the good things being eaten and gone,
The beasts thought it time that they all should go home.
First, to take her farewell, from the rest came the Cat,
Though she wished much to stay for a little more chat;

"But," said she, "while I'm here, all the mice will be out,
So home I must hasten, to put them to rout."

The Cat being gone, and the hour getting late,
The beasts thought it better no longer to wait;
So they thanked the good Donkey, which we all know was right,
And bowing politely, he wished them "Good night."



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