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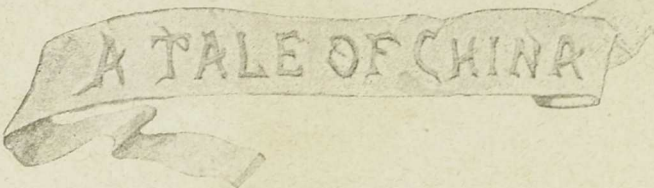
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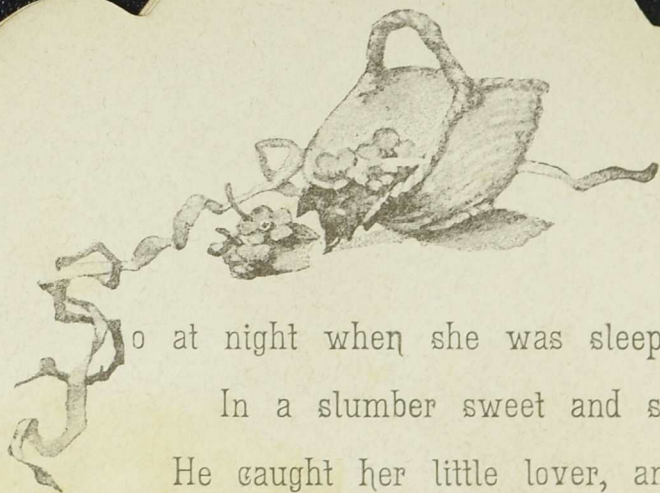
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HERE - was once a china maiden
Who lived upon a shelf,
And she had a little lover
Made of china like herself.

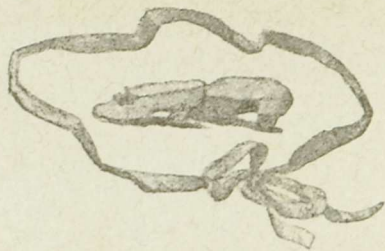
But there lived a wicked Mandarin,
As cruel as could be,
And he said: "If I can part them,
I can make her marry me!"





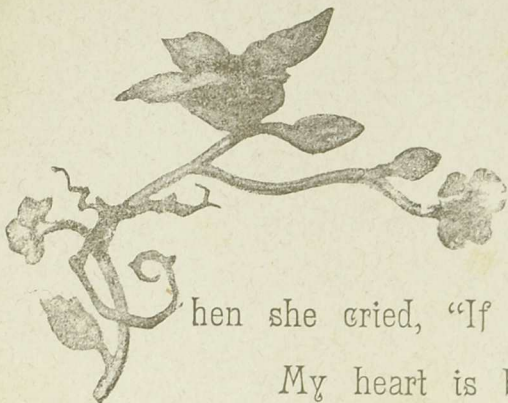
o at night when she was sleeping
In a slumber sweet and sound,
He caught her little lover, and dashed
Him to the ground.

And when she asked the Mandarin,
"O tell me where is he?"
He said "Your lover's broken,
So you'll have to marry me!"



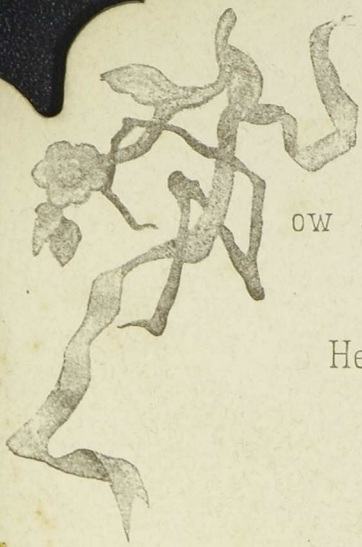


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hen she cried, "If he be broken,
My heart is broken too,
And if you were the Emperor,
I would not marry you!"

While overhead a bonny bird
Was singing blythe and gay,
"Be true, be true, my pretty maid,
True love will win the day!"

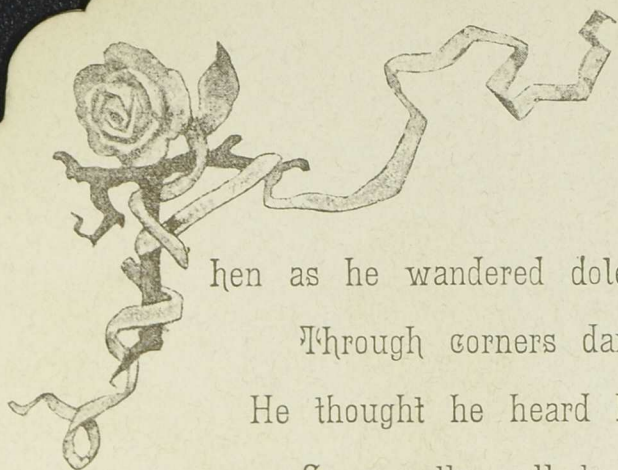


ow all this while her little love
Was groping on the floor.
He thought "Alas! I've lost her
For ever, evermore!"

And he sighed "Will she forget me,
Or will she love me true?
For if she weds the Mandarin,
Whatever shall I do?"







Then as he wandered dolefully
Through corners dark and dim,
He thought he heard his little love
So sweetly call to him!

While overhead the pretty bird
Was singing blythe and gay,
"Your love is true! she loves but you!
True love will find the way!"





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So up he climbed right merrily,
Despite he was so sore,
And seized that wicked Mandarin,
And dashed him on the floor.

Then to his little love he flew,
And clasped her to his heart,
And cried "Oh let's be married, dear,
And then—we need not part!"





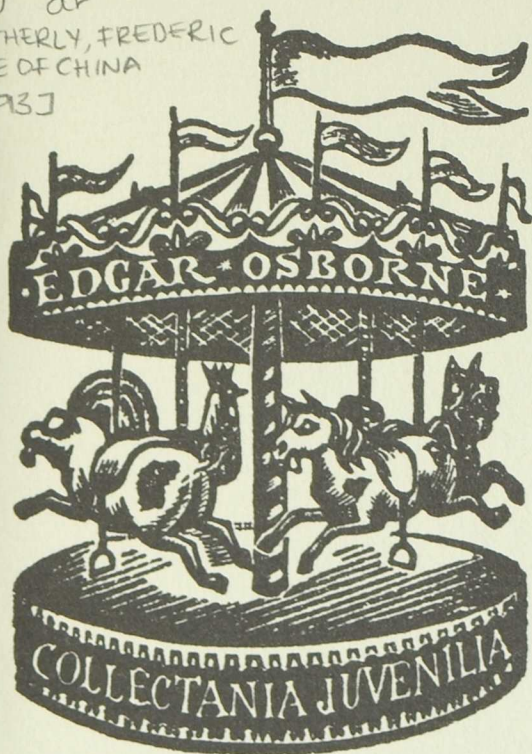
nd the Mandarin has never
Recovered from his fall,
He cannot wave his pigtail
Or nod his head at all.



Disconsolate he sits all day,
And gazes on the floor,
But the little china couple
Are happy evermore!



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