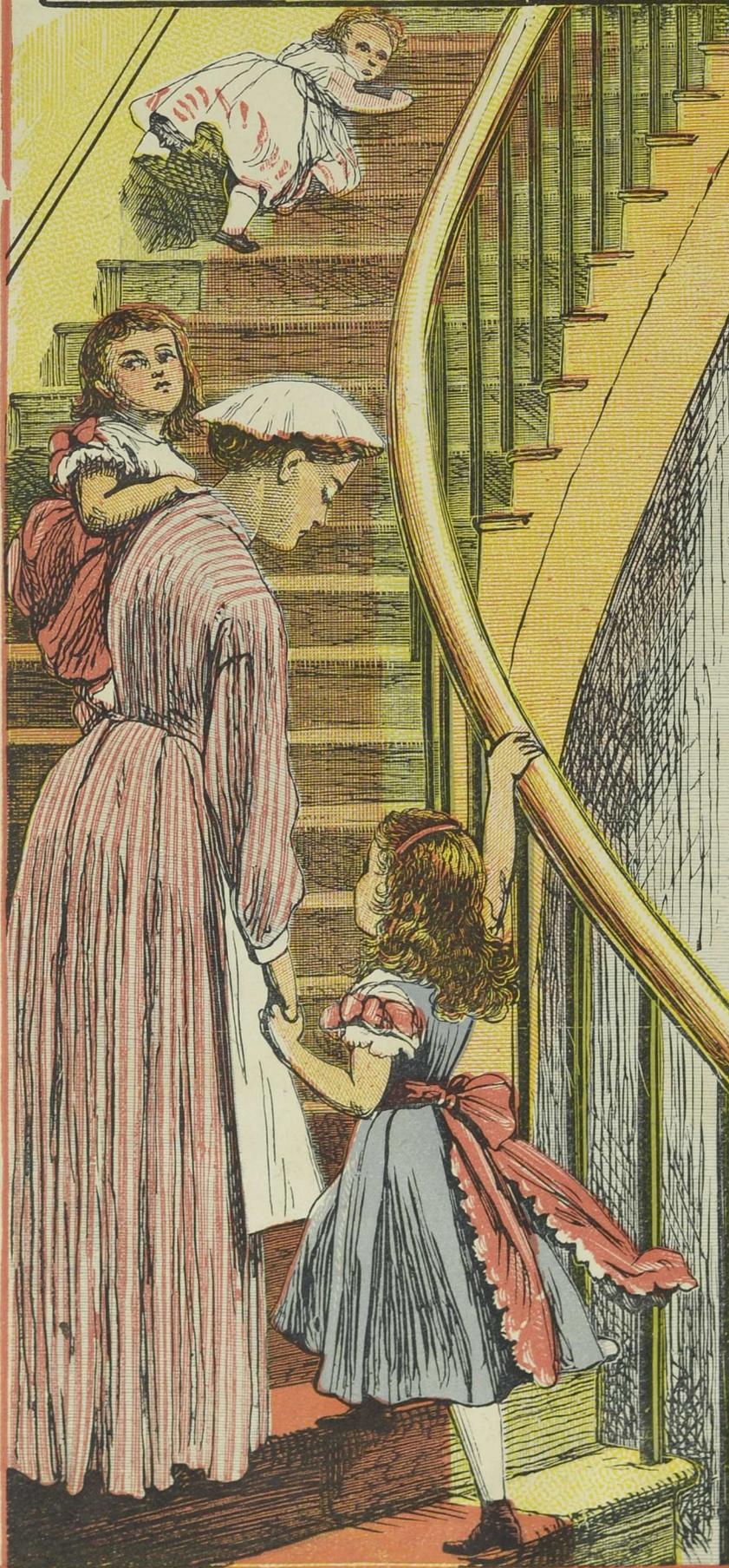


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A LITTLE girl lived in a
very large city,
In a house that was big, that
was fine, that was high ;
(I always have thought it a very
great pity
That we cannot teach children
in London to fly,
For the stairs are as winding
and long as my ditty,
And the nursery's always the
nearest the sky).
But this little girl Jessie had
lungs rather stronger
Than most little girls, for, to
people's surprise,
She was able to cry so much
louder and longer
Than any small child of her age
or her size.

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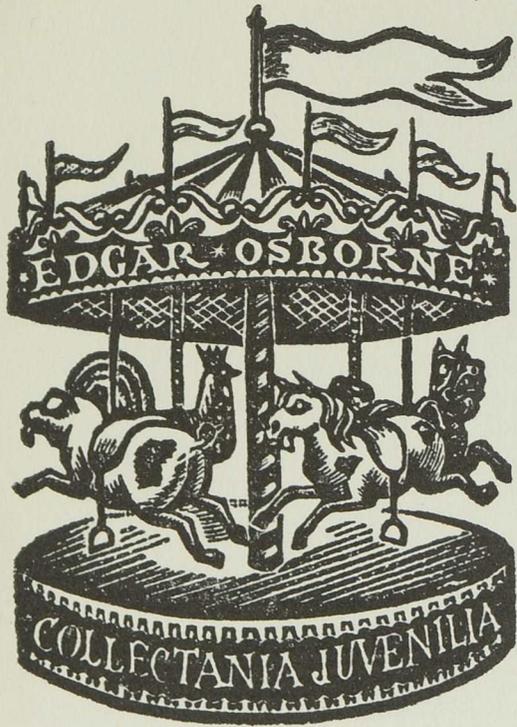
In Kensington Gardens my Jessie went walking,
With Nurse, and the baby, and Bessie the maid ;
They chatter'd like magpies, but what they were talking
They knew very little, I 'm sadly afraid.

I know this, as the Nurse was conversing with Bessie,
They forgot so entirely about their young charge,
That, seizing the chance, off went little Miss Jessie,

Upon finding herself
like a wild beast
at large.



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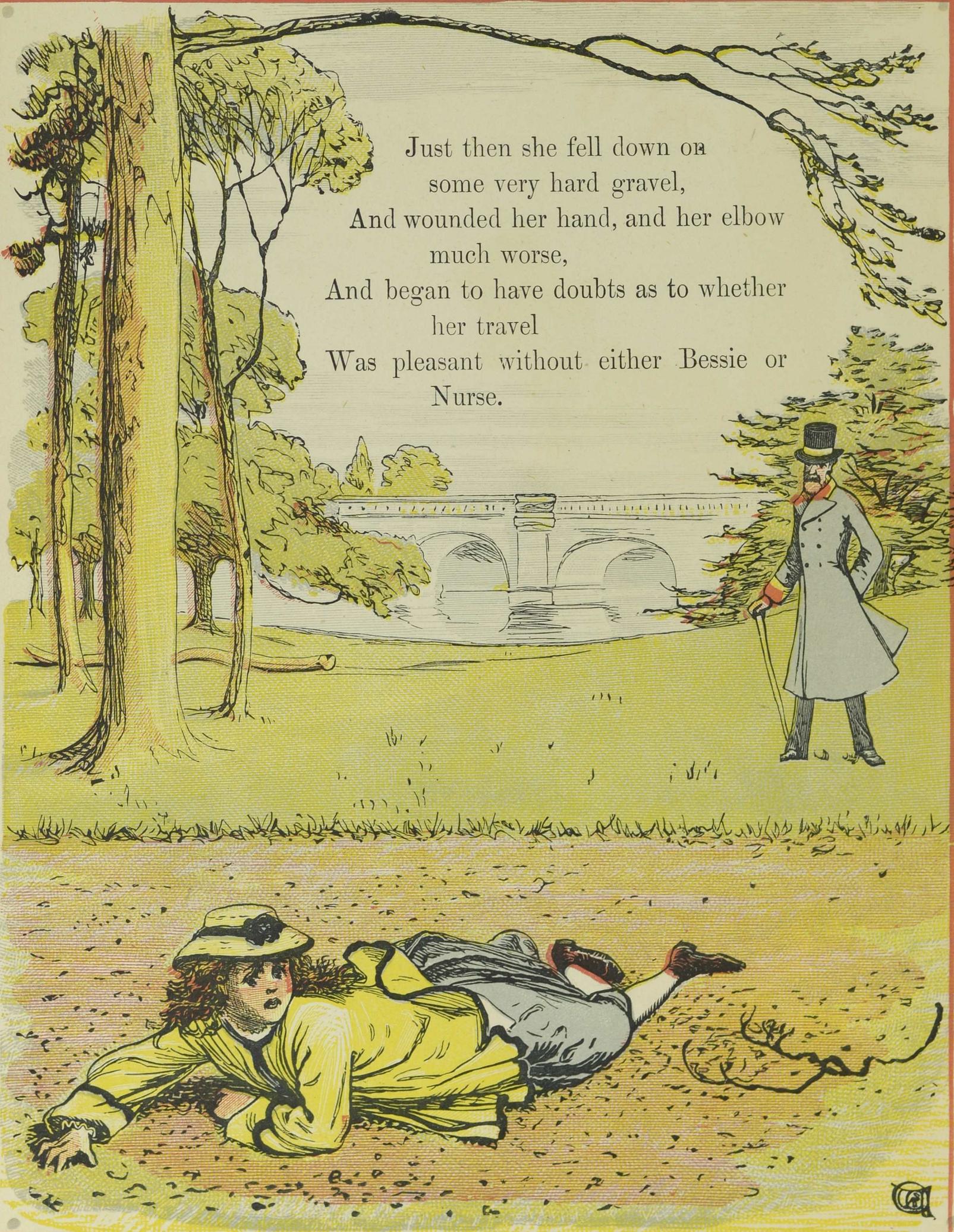


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She ran very quickly, between
the trees winding,
As far from the Nurses as ever
she could,
And she thought to herself, but
without at all minding,
“Now I shall be lost, like the
Babes in the Wood.”



Just then she fell down on
some very hard gravel,
And wounded her hand, and her elbow
much worse,
And began to have doubts as to whether
her travel
Was pleasant without either Bessie or
Nurse.





The Park-keeper saw her, and then
she grew paler ;
He thought she was frightened be-
cause she was lost ;
She thought with his thick stick
he meant to assail her,
For a Park-keeper 's really as bad
as a ghost.

The Park-keeper led her quite kindly, and brought her
To his lodge, and there gave her a raspberry-drop ;
But in spite of all that he could do, and his daughter,
She cried as if never intending to stop.

In vain did the Keeper to soothe her endeavour,
In vain did his daughters all give her a kiss ;
Her sobs became louder—they all said, “ I never
In all my life—*never* heard
crying like this ! ”



A gentleman, taking a walk with a lady,
Was strolling on slowly, enjoying the
view,
The grass all so green, and the path-
way so shady,
When they heard a peculiar noise
that they knew.
It was made up of sobs, and of calling
for Bessie,
And of crying, the loudest you ever
did hear;
And the lady exclaimed, "That can
never be Jessie!
It is so like her crying—we'll go and
see, dear."



Oh yes, it was Jessie, their own
little daughter,
But how she got *there*, there
was no one to say ;
And thus having found her, be-
fore they had sought her,
They forgot quite to scold
her for running away.



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