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JACK IN THE BOX.

"Jack in the Box!" cried pretty little Edith,
"Do buy it, dear Mamma, to please the boys;
We have all heard of it since we remember,
But never had one amongst all our toys."

So Jack was bought, and all the happy children
Gather'd around their smiling mother's knee;
Delighted when the wondrous box was opened,
The merry little Sailor's face to see.

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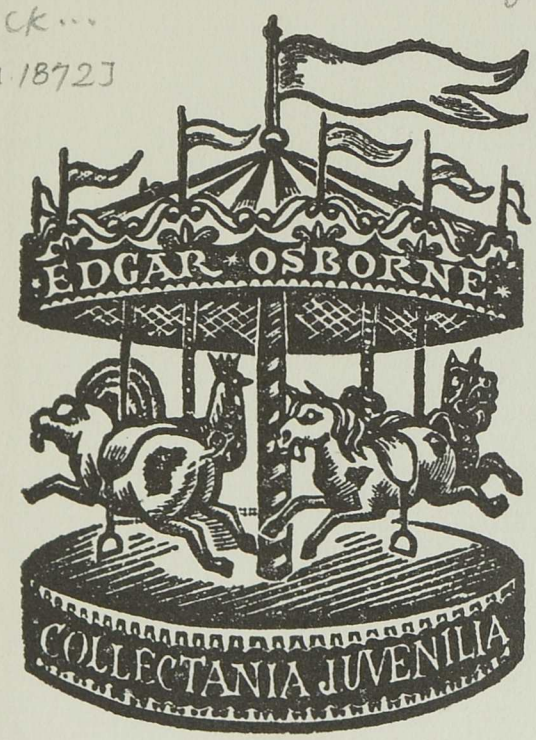

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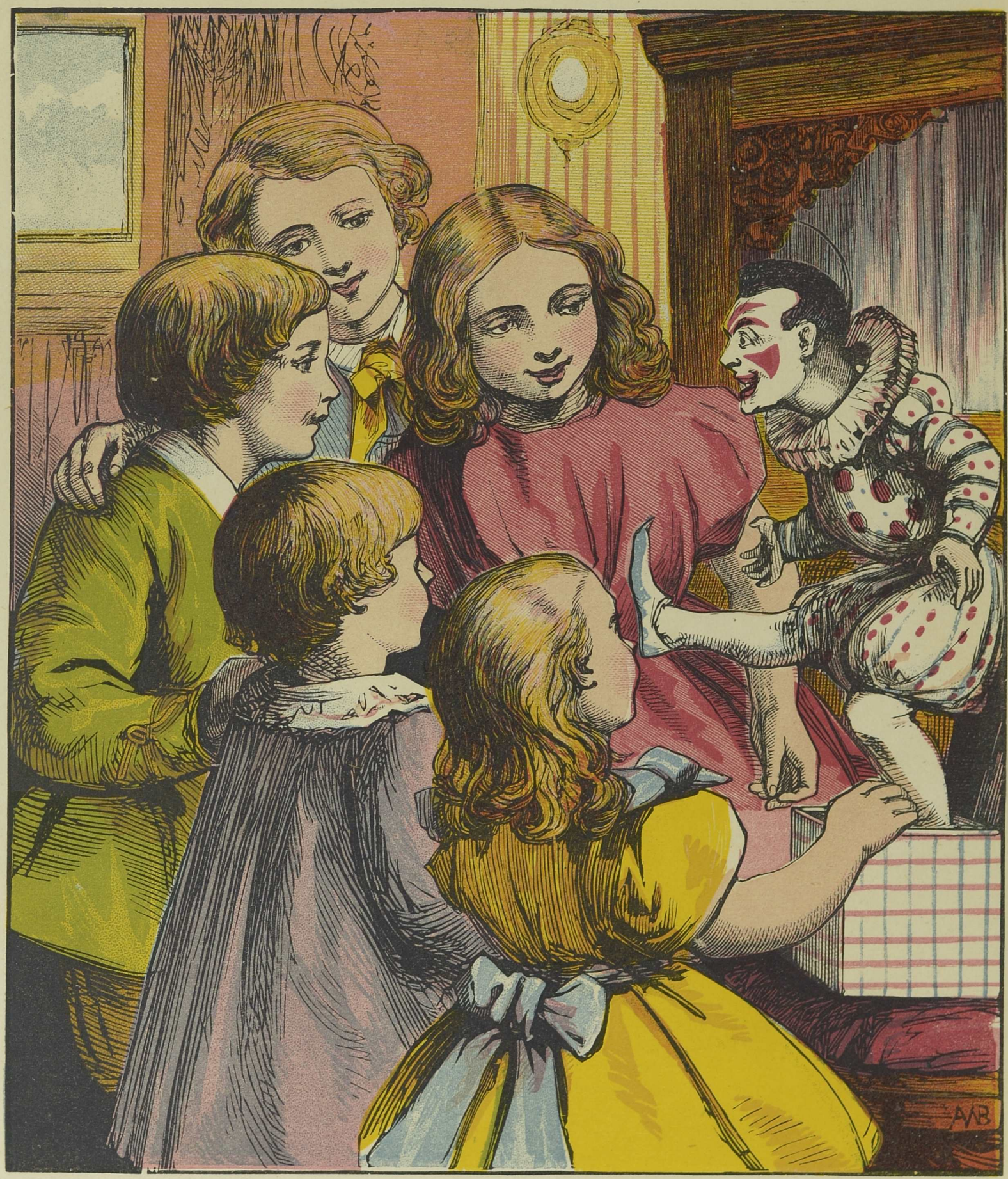
"Let's look at Jack," next day said little Arthur;
They lift the lid, and cry "What have we here?"
For up had popp'd, with rifle and fixed bay'net,
A gallant-looking British Grenadier.

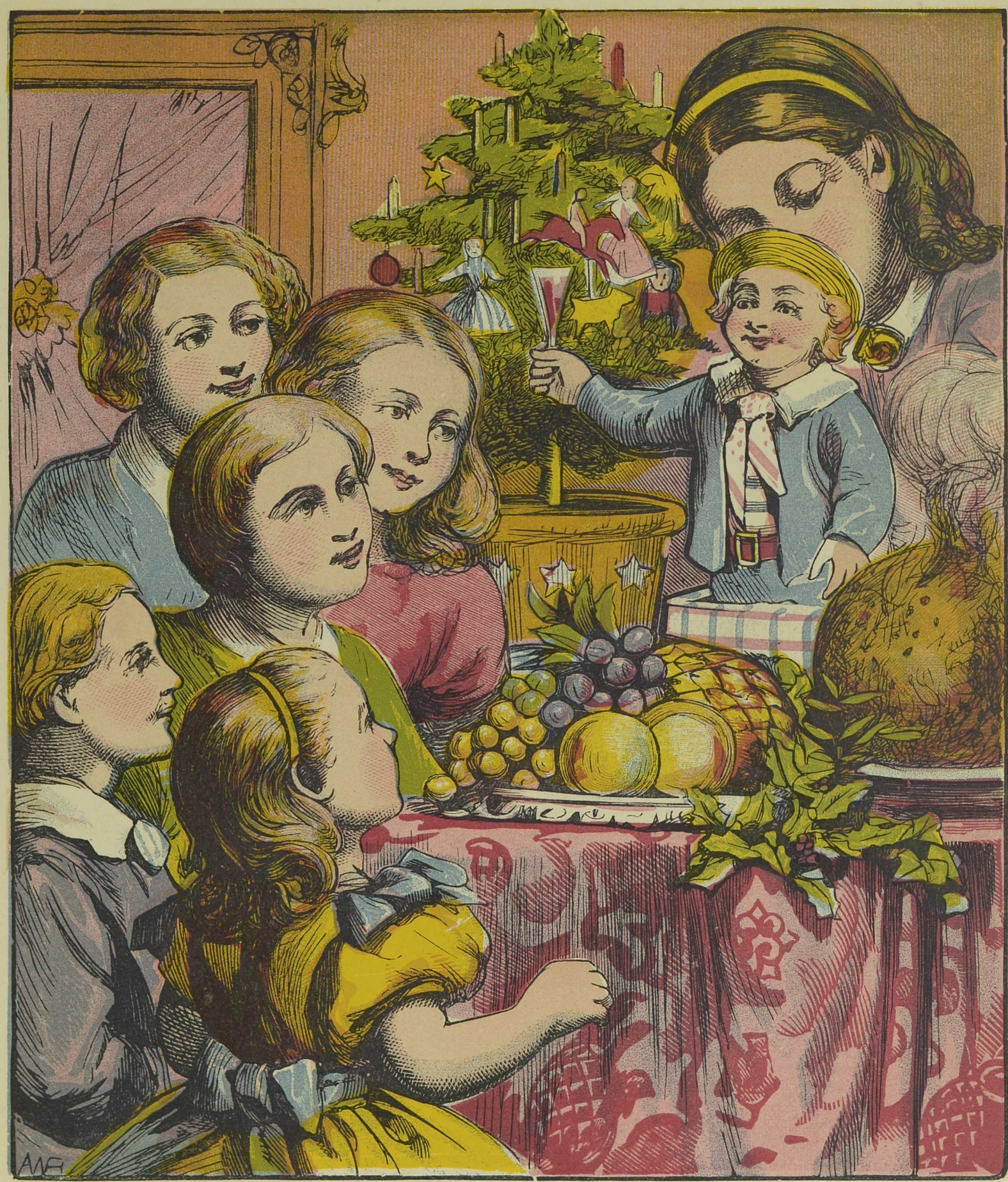
"Oh, Edith!" cried next day the little Amy,
"Jack has jumped up a Ploughman with a whip!"
"Well, dear, no doubt he'll keep his furrows even,
He's used to steer, you know, on board his ship!"

"I wonder if to-day Jack is a soldier?"
Said Arthur, as he gave the box a jerk;
Up flies the lid, a Carpenter revealing,
With saw and basket ready for his work.

Our funny Jack has turn'd into a Jester,
With cap and bells, and bauble in his hand;
And while he makes them ring, and nimbly capers,
Lost in surprise the children round him stand.



Oh, here we are again!" So near to Christmas,
He thinks you'd like to see him as a Clown;
Should he make too much mischief, or sad blunders,
You'll only have, you know, TO PUT HIM DOWN.



Behold the Christmas tree! the Christmas pudding!
Mamma once more the wondrous toy unlocks,
And in his Sailor's dress again appearing,
The children welcome back JACK IN THE BOX.

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