



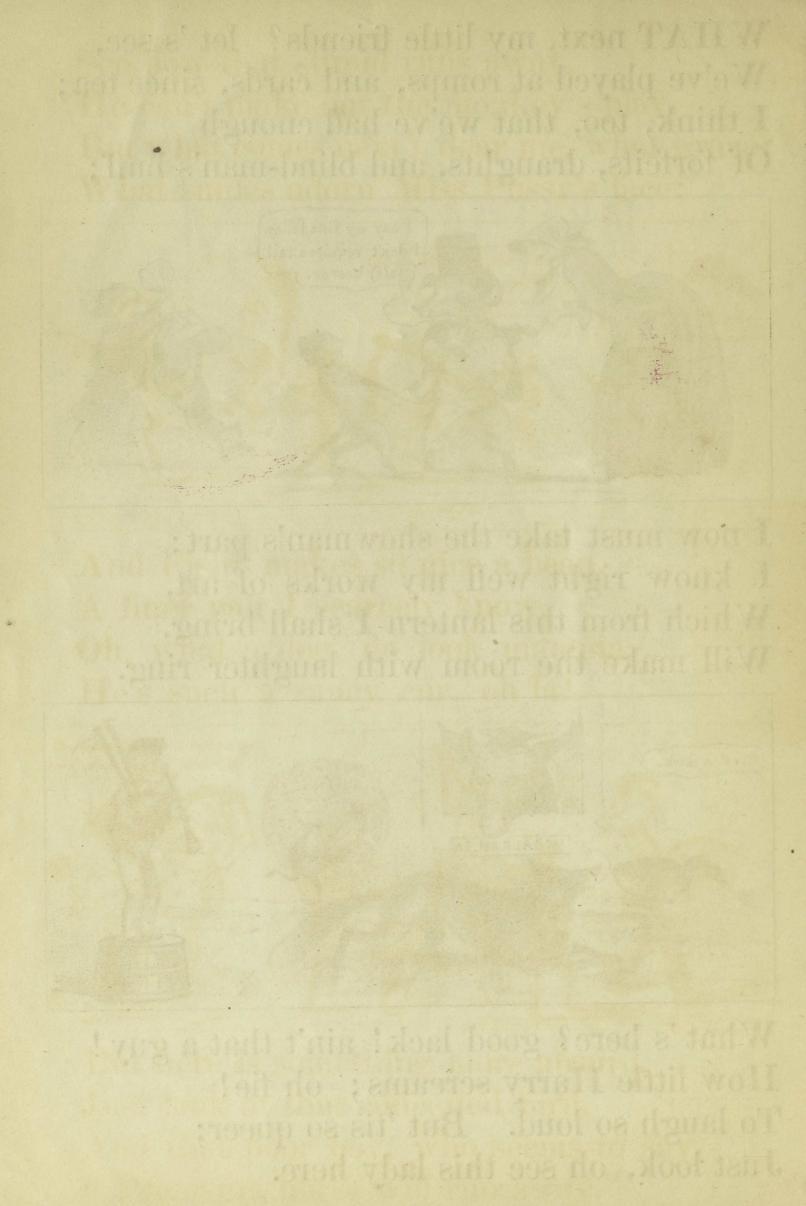
WHAT next, my little friends? let 's see,We've played at romps, and cards, since tea;I think, too, that we've had enoughOf forfeits, draughts, and blind-man's buff;

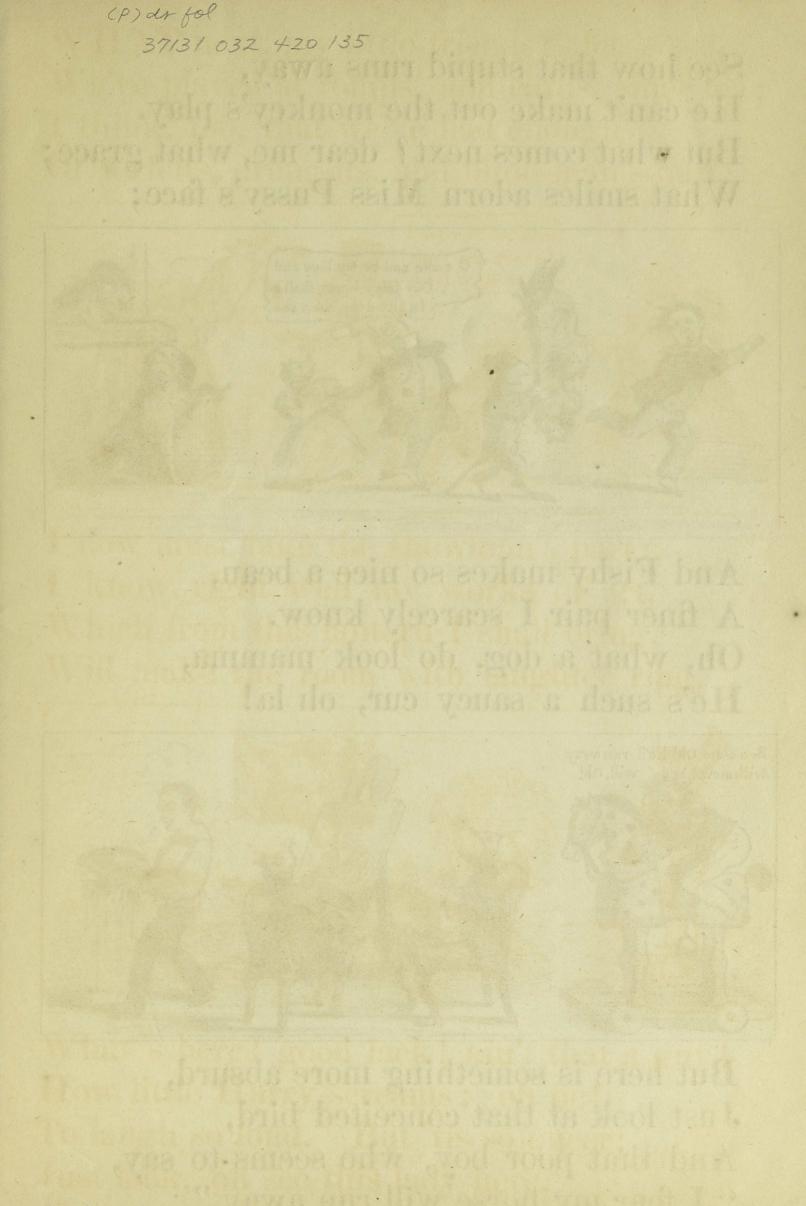


I now must take the showman's part: I know right well my works of art, Which from this lantern I shall bring, Will make the room with laughter ring.



What's here? good lack! ain't that a guy! How little Harry screams; oh fie! To laugh so loud. But 'tis so queer; Just look, oh see this lady here.





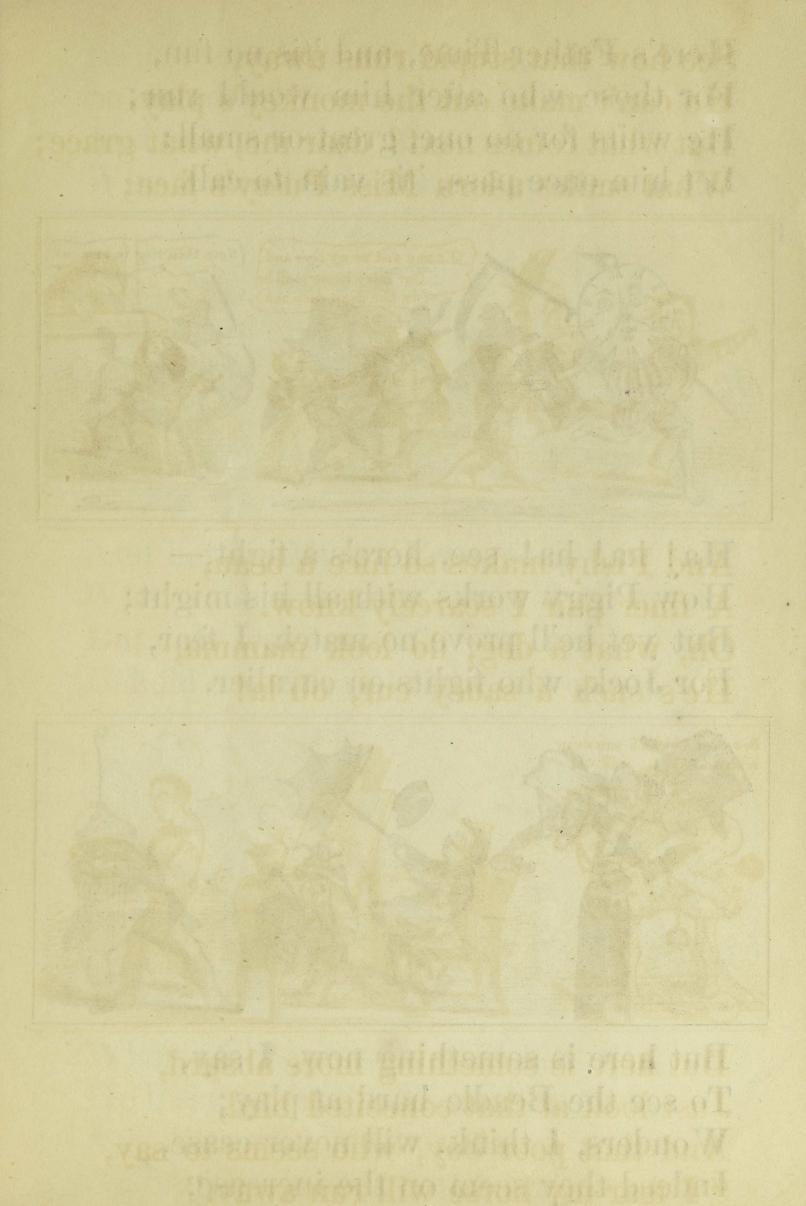
See how that stupid runs away, He can't make out the monkey's play. But what comes next? dear me, what grace; What smiles adorn Miss Pussy's face;



And Fishy makes so nice a beau, A finer pair I scarcely know. Oh, what a dog, do look mamma, He's such a saucy cur, oh la!



But here is something more absurd, Just look at that conceited bird, And that poor boy, who seems to say, "I fear my horse will run away."



Here's Father Time, and 'tis no fun, For those who after him would run; He waits for no one, great or small: Let him once pass, 'tis vain to call.



Ha! ha! ha! see, here's a fight,— How Piggy works with all his might; But yet he'll prove no match, I fear, For Jock, who fights en cavalier.



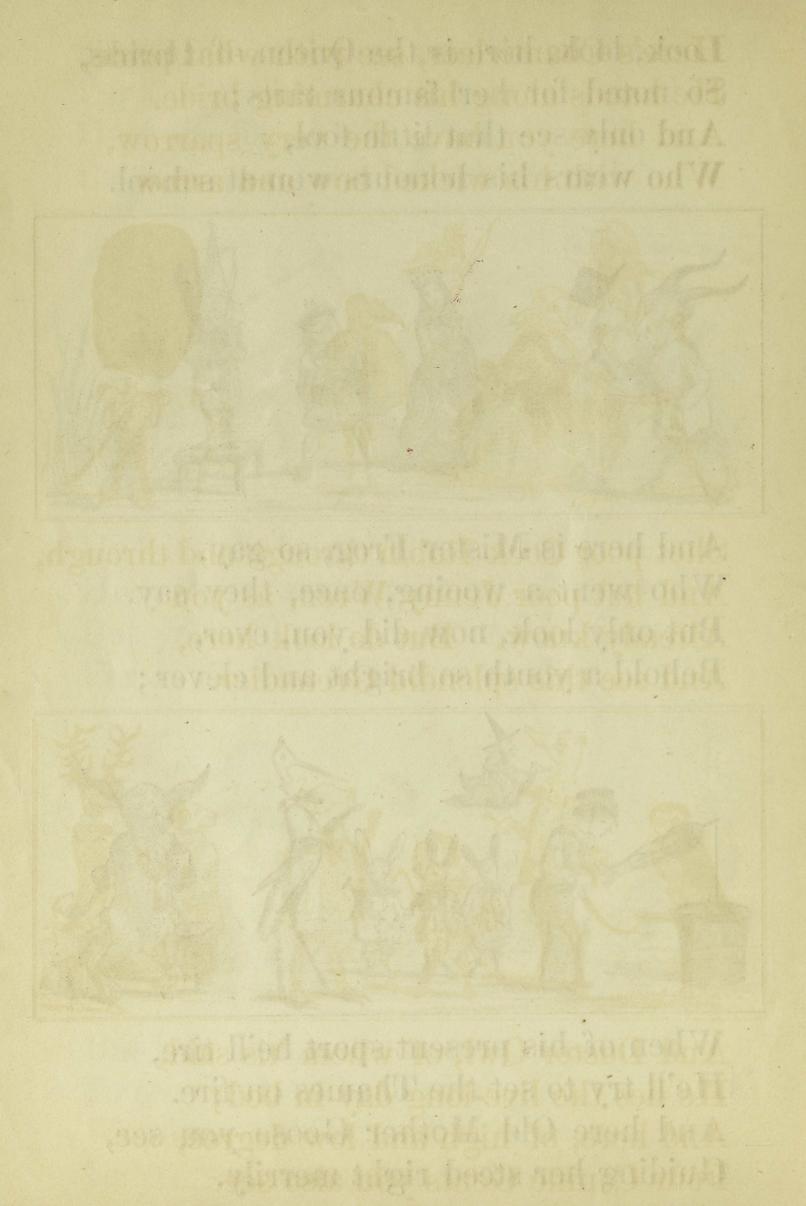
But here is something new, I say, To see the Beadle hard at play; Wonders, I think, will never cease, Indeed they seem on the increase. Look, look, here is the Queen of Hearts, So noted for her famous tarts; And only see that little fool, Who wears his honours won at school.



And here is Mister Frog, so gay, Who went a wooing, once, they say. But only look, now did you, ever, Behold a youth so bright and clever;



When of his present sport he'll tire, He'll try to set the Thames on fire. And here Old Mother Goose you see, Guiding her steed right merrily.



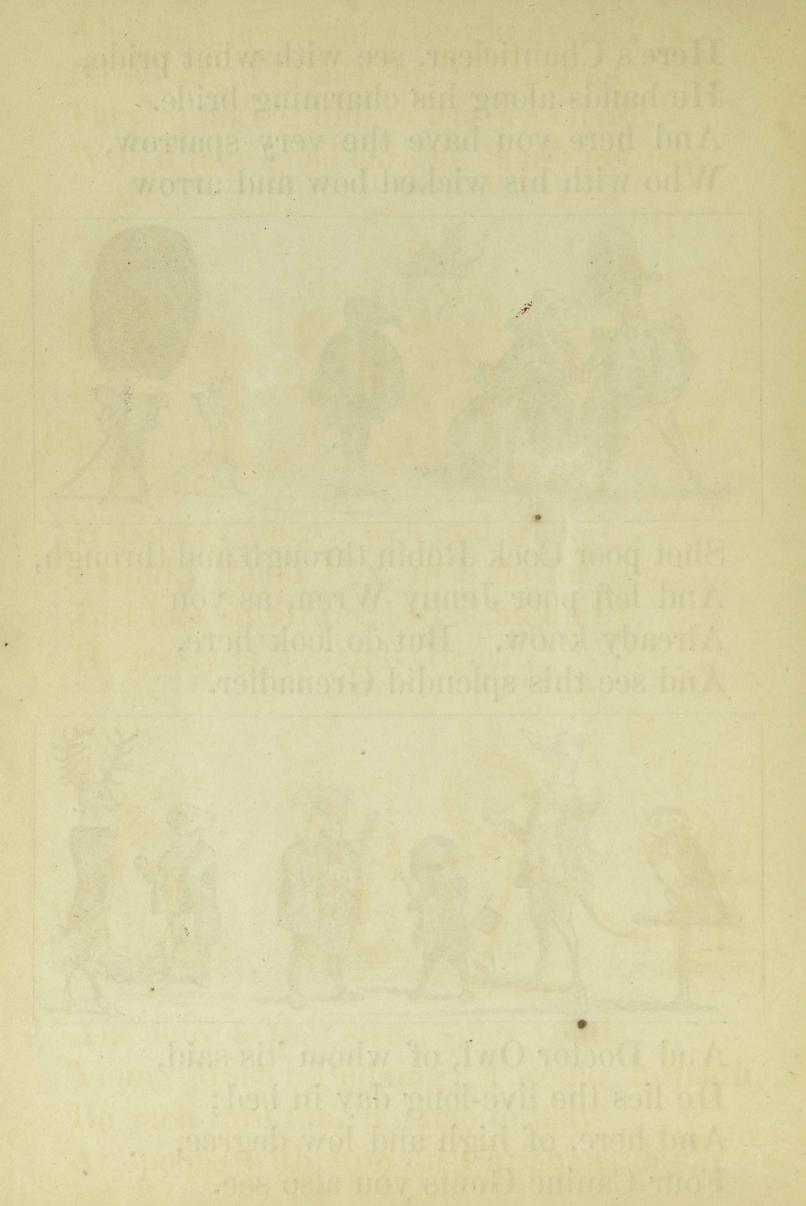
Here's Chanticleer, see with what pride, He hands along his charming bride. And here you have the very sparrow, Who with his wicked bow and arrow

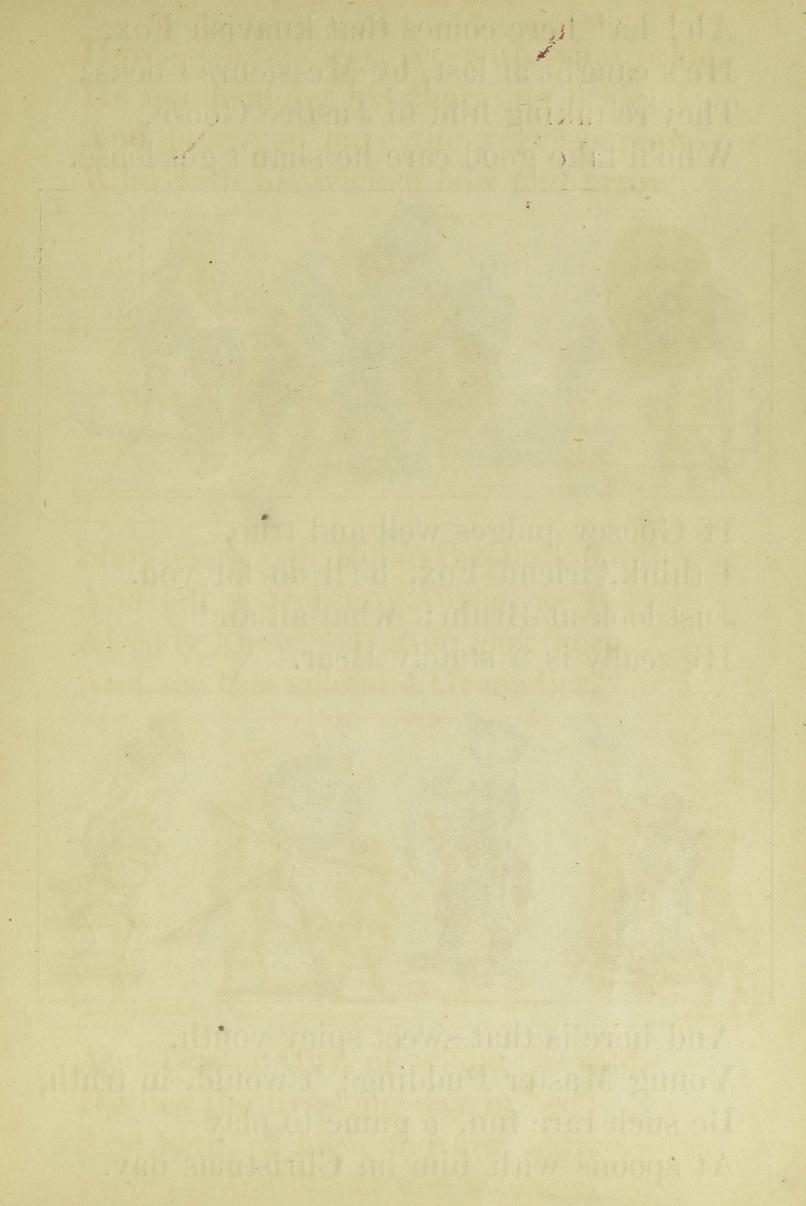


Shot poor Cock Robin through and through, And left poor Jenny Wren, as you Already know. But do look here, And see this splendid Grenadier.



And Doctor Owl, of whom 'tis said, He lies the live-long day in bed; And here, of high and low degree, Four Canine Gents you also see.





Ah! ha! here comes that knavish Fox, He's caught at last, by Messieurs Cocks; They're taking him to Justice Goose, Who'll take good care he shan't get loose.



If Goosey judges well and true, I think, friend Fox, he'll do for you. Just look at Bruin; what an air! He really is a stately Bear.



And here is that sweet spicy youth, Young Master Pudding; 't would, in truth, Be such rare fun, a game to play At spoons with him on Christmas day.

See, here we are with old Jack Frost, Don't some of these get nicely tost. And oh! that Dandy Monkey, see, He skates along so jauntily.



In play hours, harmless sport is fair, I'd do the same, if I were there; And what a splendid Man of Snow These boys are pelting well, you know.



But what! they're surely not all done? Oh, yes! we've had a deal of fun; And now, my little friends, we part,— I wish you joy with all my heart. 

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