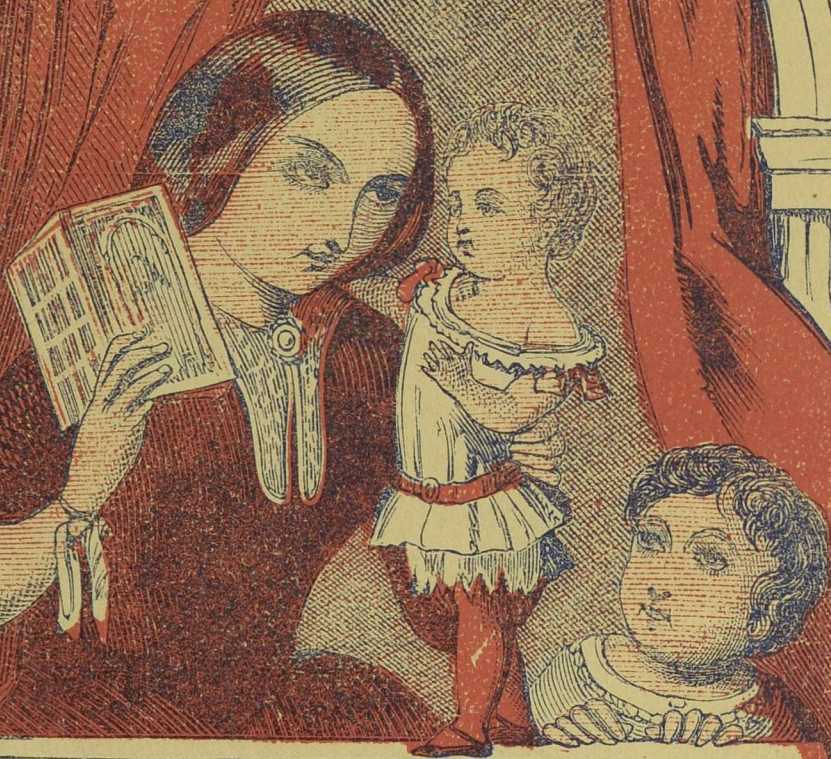


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THE Queen
of the Fairies,
So I've heard tell,
A grand party gave
To some friends she loved well;
So now, little readers, sit quiet
and hear
Of all that were asked, and of all
that were there.

The letters were written on rose-leaves, they say,
And each one was sent by a comical fay.
They all said they'd come, but one or two would not,
For being unwell, thus go out they could not.

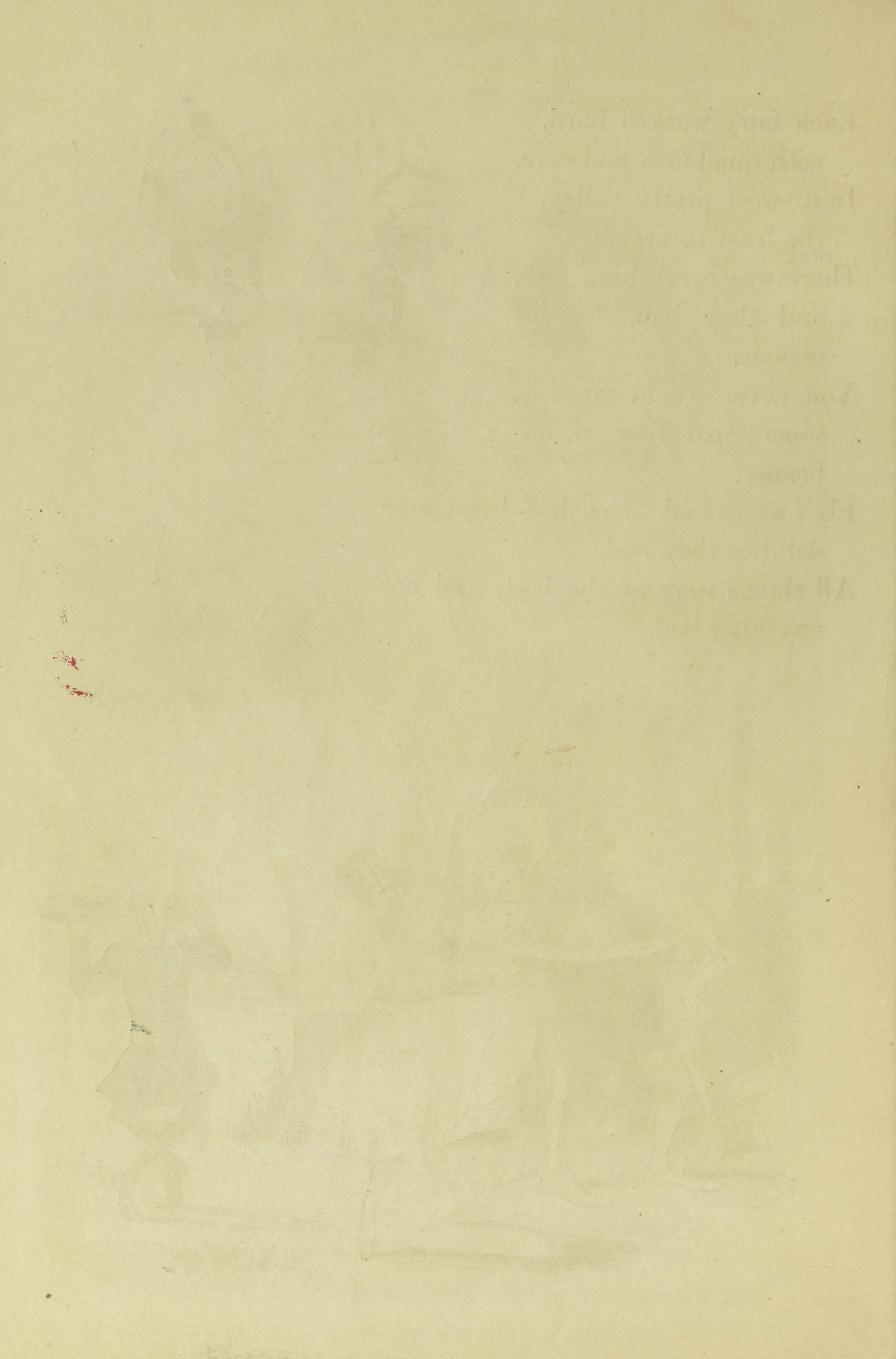
Each fairy worked hard,
with quickness and care,
In a sweet pretty valley,
the feast to prepare :

There was everything nice,
and they had, for ice
creams,

You never would guess it,
some sparkling moon-
beams ;

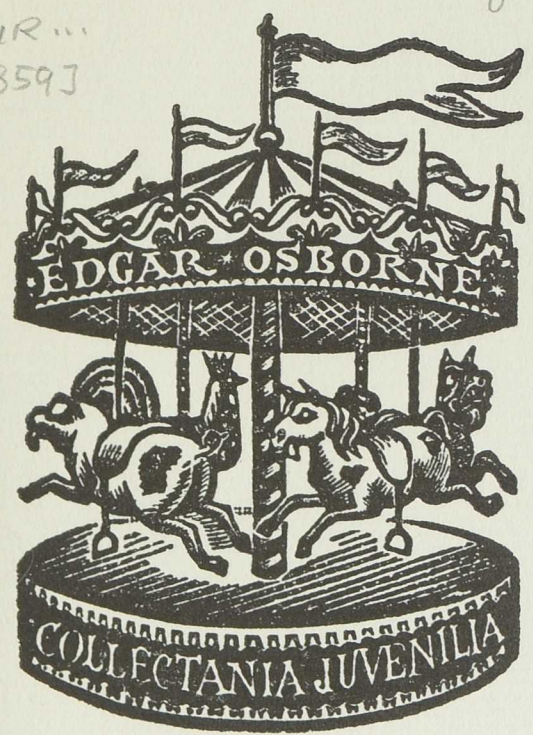
Fly's wings and sweet dew-drops were
dainties they had,
All things were of the best, and not
anything bad.





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But what of the guests, you keep wanting to know;
Well, now I will tell you,—here's three in a row;

Three damsels so sweet, as
they pass on their way,
They seem like bright sun-
beams on midsummer's-day.
Few persons would know them,
or think them to be
Cinderella and her sisters; but
the change that you see
By kindness is caused,—and
as long as you live,
Remember 'tis best to FORGET
AND FORGIVE.



In perambulator, came sweet Silver-
hair,
Pushed along by the gruff-looking
comical bear;



But how startled the guests were, at a loud rat-tat,
And who should it be but our friend, the White Cat.
And very soon after, in fact, next to come,
Was that smallest of small men, Little Tom Thumb.

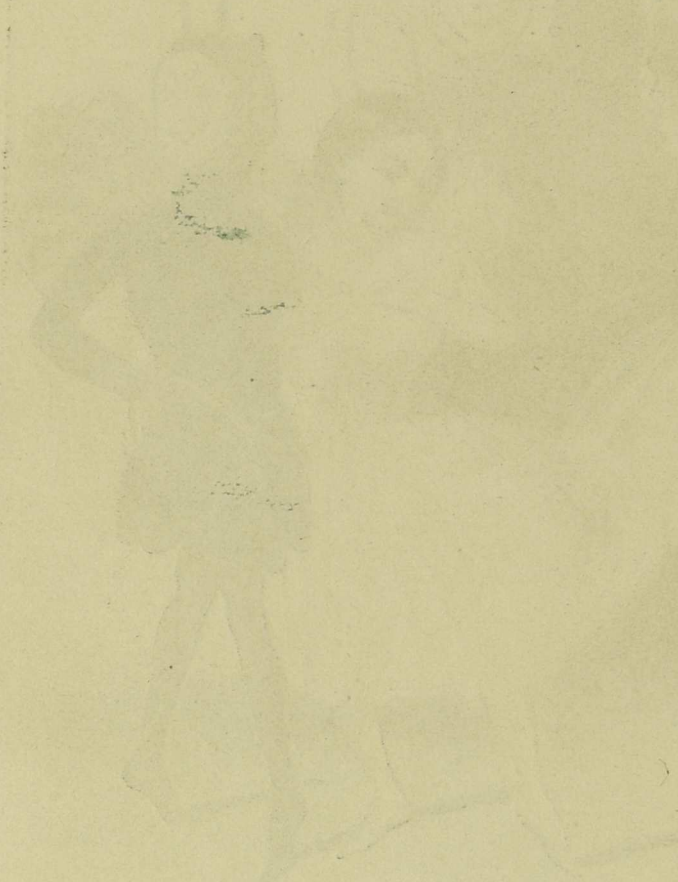


And small did he look at this
very grand feast,
By the side of sweet Beauty's
fierce-looking Beast.
With Beauty came Blue
Beard, — Blue Beard so
grim,
But Beauty had thoroughly
Rarey-ized him ;
And now he came forward,
as should be the case,
With Fatima talking, — his
arm round her waist.

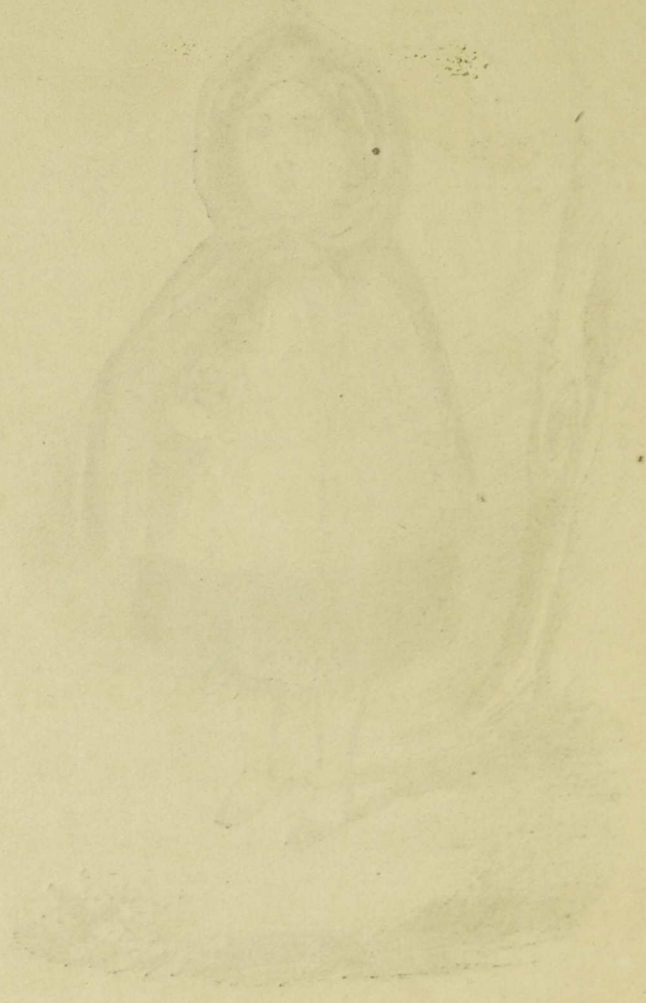


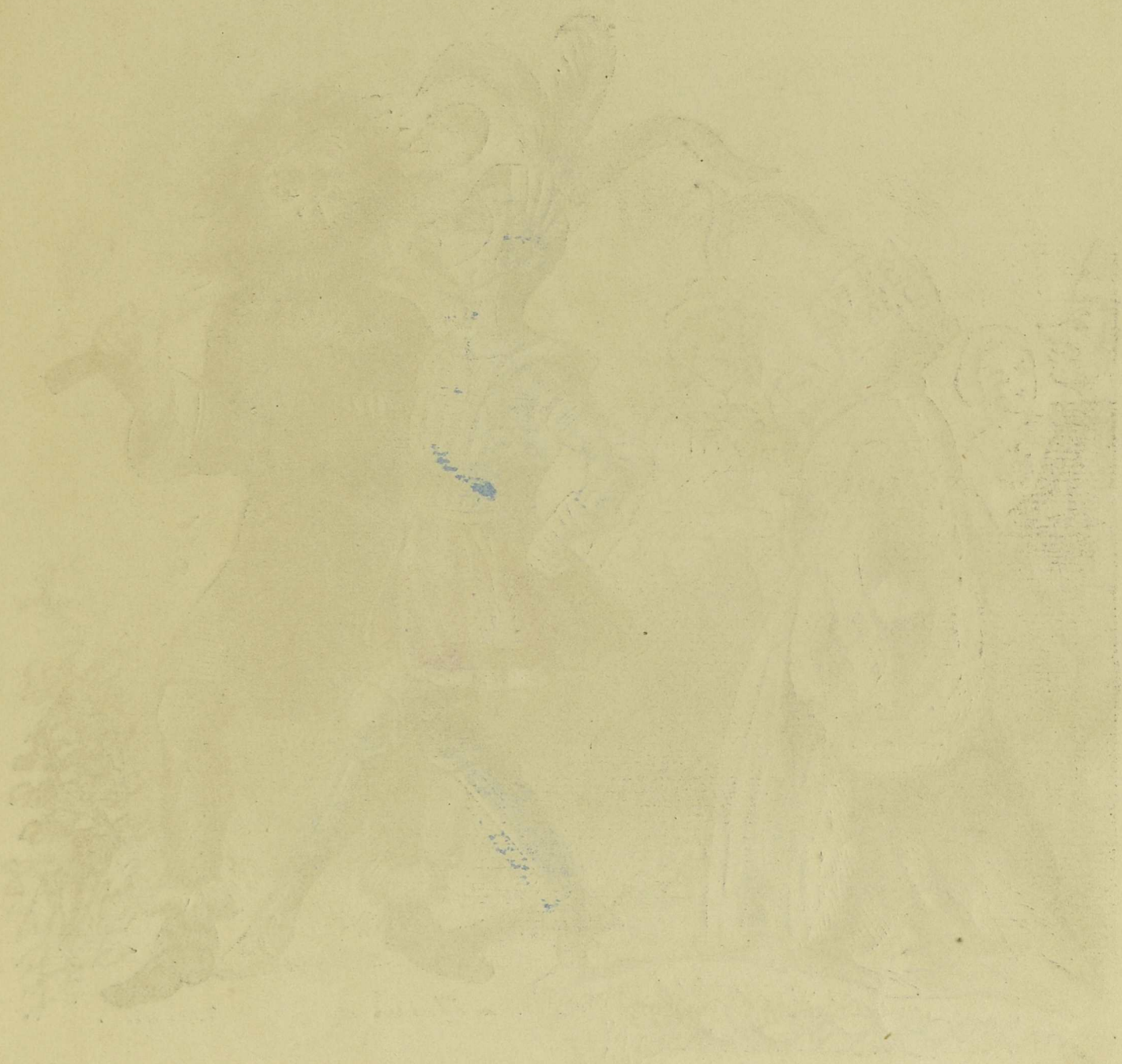


Then came Little Red Riding
Hood, looking all grace,
With her brilliant red cloak
and her sweet smiling face,
The next to arrive were some
fairy-like elves,
In butterfly-costume, and not
like themselves.
Goody Two Shoes was not
there; the reason I'll tell,—
She had caught a sad cold,
and was very unwell.



Then came I to the first station
that looked all around
to see the distant hills
and the sweet smelling
The first morning was
like the day
in the morning and
the evening
The day was
like the evening
The day was
like the evening
The day was
like the evening





And she felt happy that she was not
that such one was present that was the Queen's
// for we all the good things and that all the best
to be. I shall really not be so sure that
I am not a fool. I think in the very best
// of the world, but really, I think that I am
// the best of the world, and that I am
// the best of the world, and that I am
// the best of the world, and that I am



And here's Orson, the wild man, and also his brother;
How happy they look by the side of each other.
Valentine in his armour looks gallant and gay;
Whilst Orson looks wild,—but that's only his way.
Now being quite ready, they sat down to feast,
From Little Tom Thumb, to the very large beast;
In fact, I should really not like to write, here,
Who ate all the good things and drank all the beer.
But each one was pleased, that was what the Queen wanted,
And she felt happy too, at her wish being granted.



So all were well pleased in the
clear evening light,
And they danced away gaily,
till far in the night ;
Then supper was brought, and
the dish and the cup
Was passed to and fro, whilst
all ate and did sup,
'Midst jokes, merry chat,
and much laughter ;
But time flying fast, they all
bade a farewell
To the Queen ; so dear readers
I've no more to tell,
For the party broke up
shortly after.

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