

Scenes from Showland.

Now, children, as you've been so good, you well deserve a treat,

You all expect to have some fun when Uncle

Tuck you meet,

Run off and ask Mama at once if you can come with me,

I'll take you to the circus all the funny sights to see.

At first Miss Lucy Spangles will go riding round the ring,

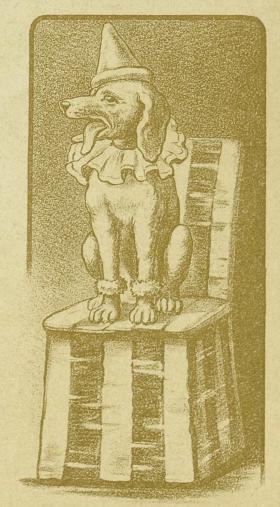
And dance upon a horse's back a sort of Highland fling,

And jump through hoops, and juggle too, and balance plates on sticks,

But please don't take the dinner things to imitate her tricks.

Then comes the clown's performing dog who'll dance and laugh and sneeze,

If you don't laugh as well, I'll think you're very hard to please.



And after that an Arab chief will show you how to ride,

Perched on a dromedary's back, across the desert wide.

And "Jolly Jack" the clown will bring his learned donkey too.



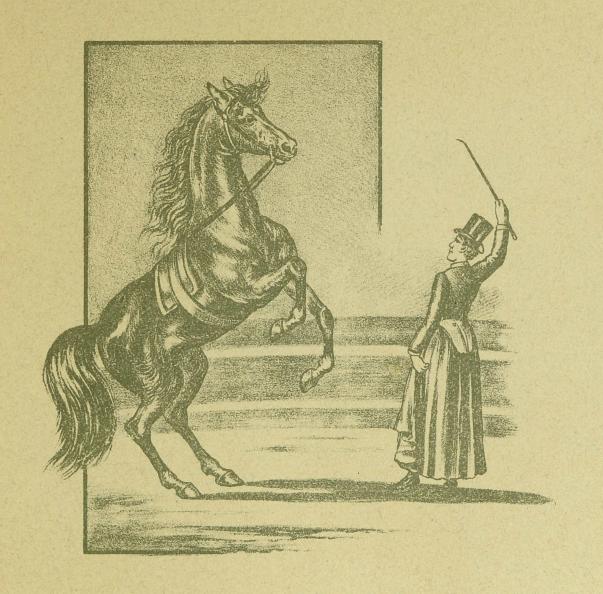


Jack whispers in his ear, you know, and tells him what to do,

"Pray would you like a carrot, sir?" And Neddy nods his head,

Then trots off quite contentedly and in comes "Funny Fred."





As he and Jack run round the ring a pieman they will meet,

Who has a basket full of tarts and other things to eat, And "Funny Fred" then tells a tale that fills him with surprise,

While "Jolly Jack" creeps up behind and eats up all his pies.

Next comes another lady and her great performing steed, I think that this part of the show is very good indeed;

You'll see the horse go on his knees and kiss the lady's hand,

Then jump and stand up in a way that I consider grand.

Then "Jolly Jack" and "Funny Fred" will ride a donkey race.

One donkey kicks and plunges so that Fred falls on his face,

But then you know he's used to it and does'nt care a pin,

And only says he's very vexed that "Jolly Jack" should win.







He vows he wont be beaten so he does a funny thing,

And makes his donkey and a cow play see-saw in the ring,



And "Jacko" he's the monkey,

who you see is standing there,

He's watching very carefully

to see them

both play fair.

And "Jolly Jack" is very

proud and so decides that Ned,

Would make a splendid Zebra

if he'd stripes of black and red,

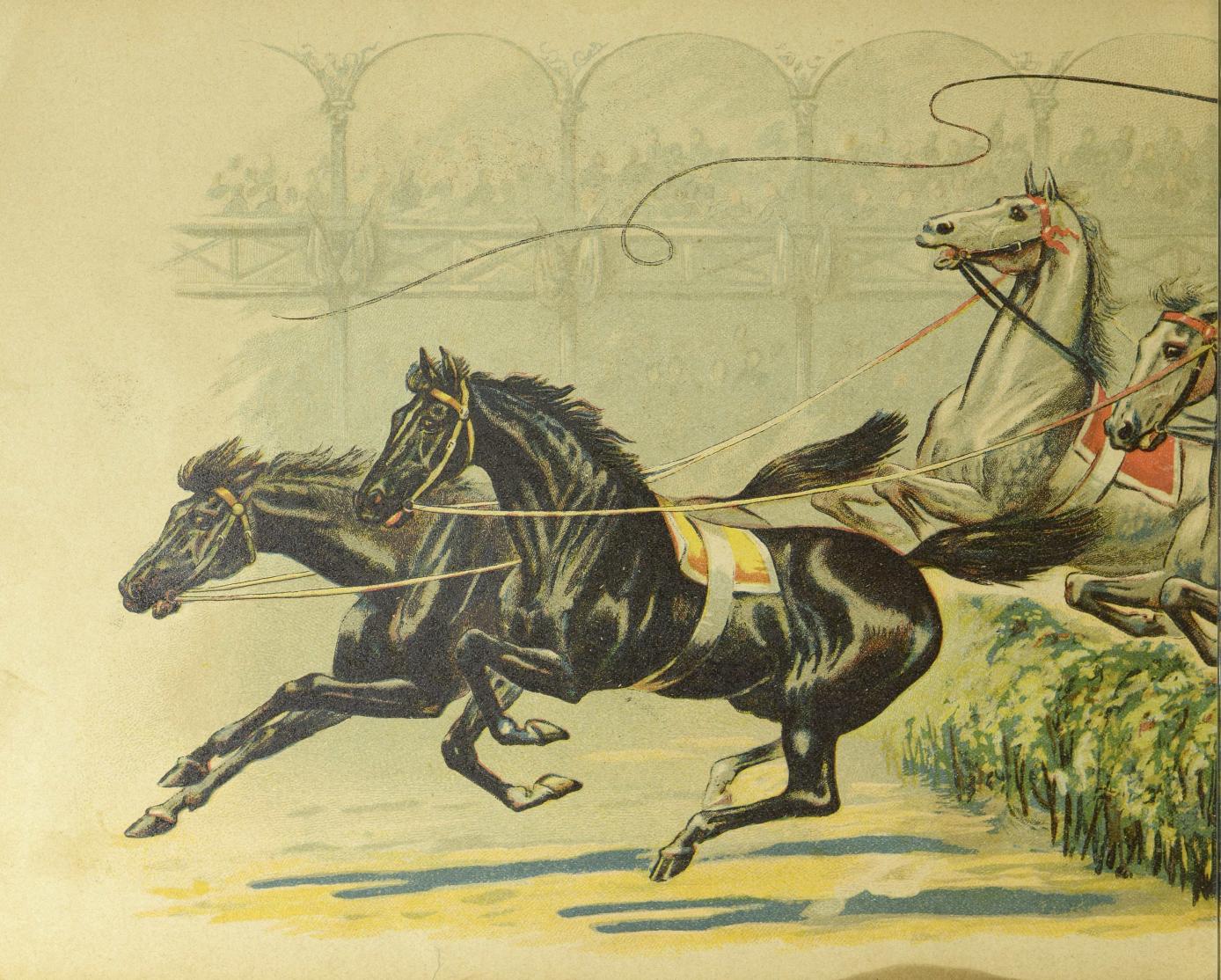
So then he tries to paint him up

till "Neddy Bray" kicks out,

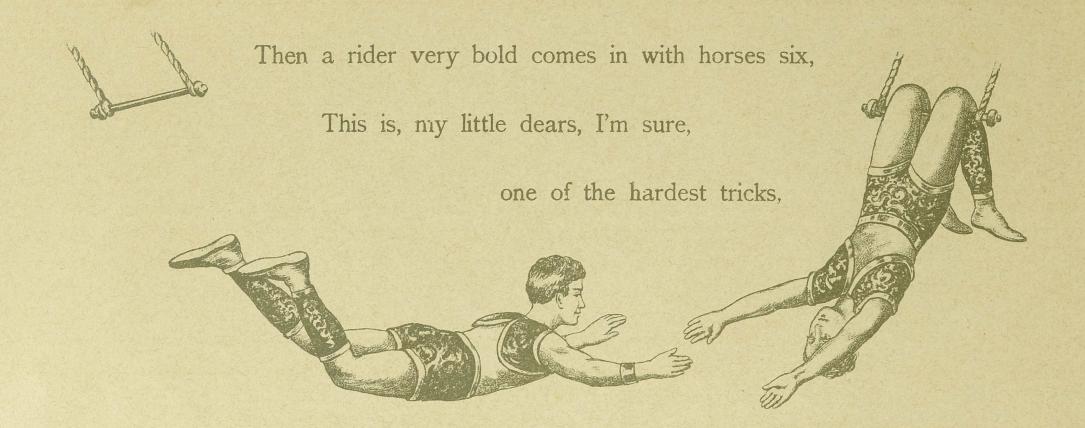
And sends his master and the paint

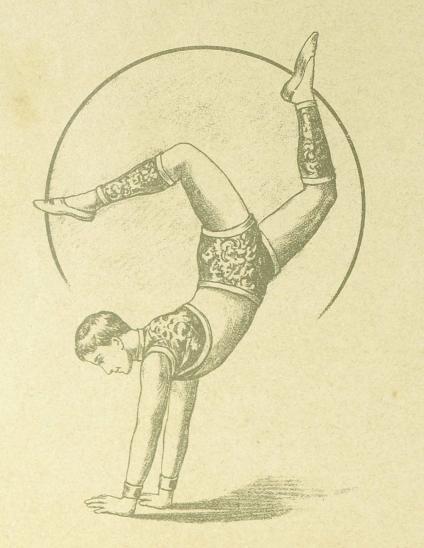
both to the right about.











And then the "Bounding Brothers" will perform on the trapeze,
It is not often you can see such graceful men as these,
And though it looks so dangerous you needn't mind at all,
They' ve got a net spread out you know,

but now comes some one you will know,

you've guessed it, that's Bo-peep.

She's come to show you little ones her two performing sheep

I don't know if they're those she lost, but anyhow you'll find them,

As clever sheep as ever had two tails to wag behind them.



And then a very daring man comes in and rides his steed,

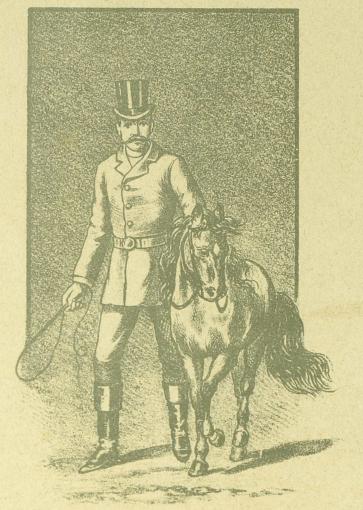
A dapple grey with long white mane and famous for his speed,

It's just the very kind of horse I think you'll all admire.

And more so when you see him leap a flaming fence

of fire.





And now a clever troupe of dogs will all come trotting in,

Both poodles black, and poodles white, and greyhound
tall and thin,

They jump through hoops, stand on their heads and trundle tubs with ease,

I don't think Mother Hubbard's dog did better tricks than these.



I'm sorry when these three go out, but still they must, and now

The fortune telling pony will come in and make his bow,

He's very wise and clever, and he knows if you are good,
Or if you don't behave as well as little children should.





Then monsieur Pierrot's turn comes next to walk upon a ball,

And every minute you'll believe, he's sure to have a fall,

But at the moment you expect to see him on the ground,

You'll find him standing straight again and running round and round.

And then comes famous "Merrylegs", a chesnut horse is he,

I think he's just as clever as an animal can be, He'll fetch and carry, like a dog, and sit up too and beg,

And undo any handkerchief that's tied around his leg.

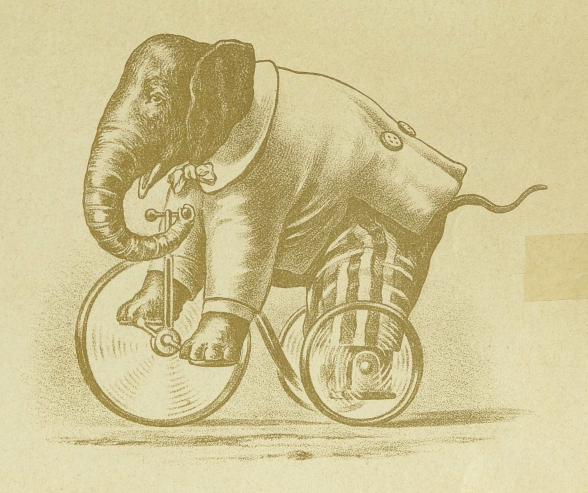
And here's our old friend Jumbo too, and isn't he a swell?

He's got a pair of trousers on, and coat and vest as well,

He wears a hat, and smokes a pipe, and in a solemn way,

He'll shake hands with his master who is wishing him "Good day".





And then he'll ride a cycle, but can't go very fast;

Of all the things we came to see, why this one is the last,

'Tis time to go, and now the band will play "God save the Queen",

I hope you're all delighted with the things that you have seen.

