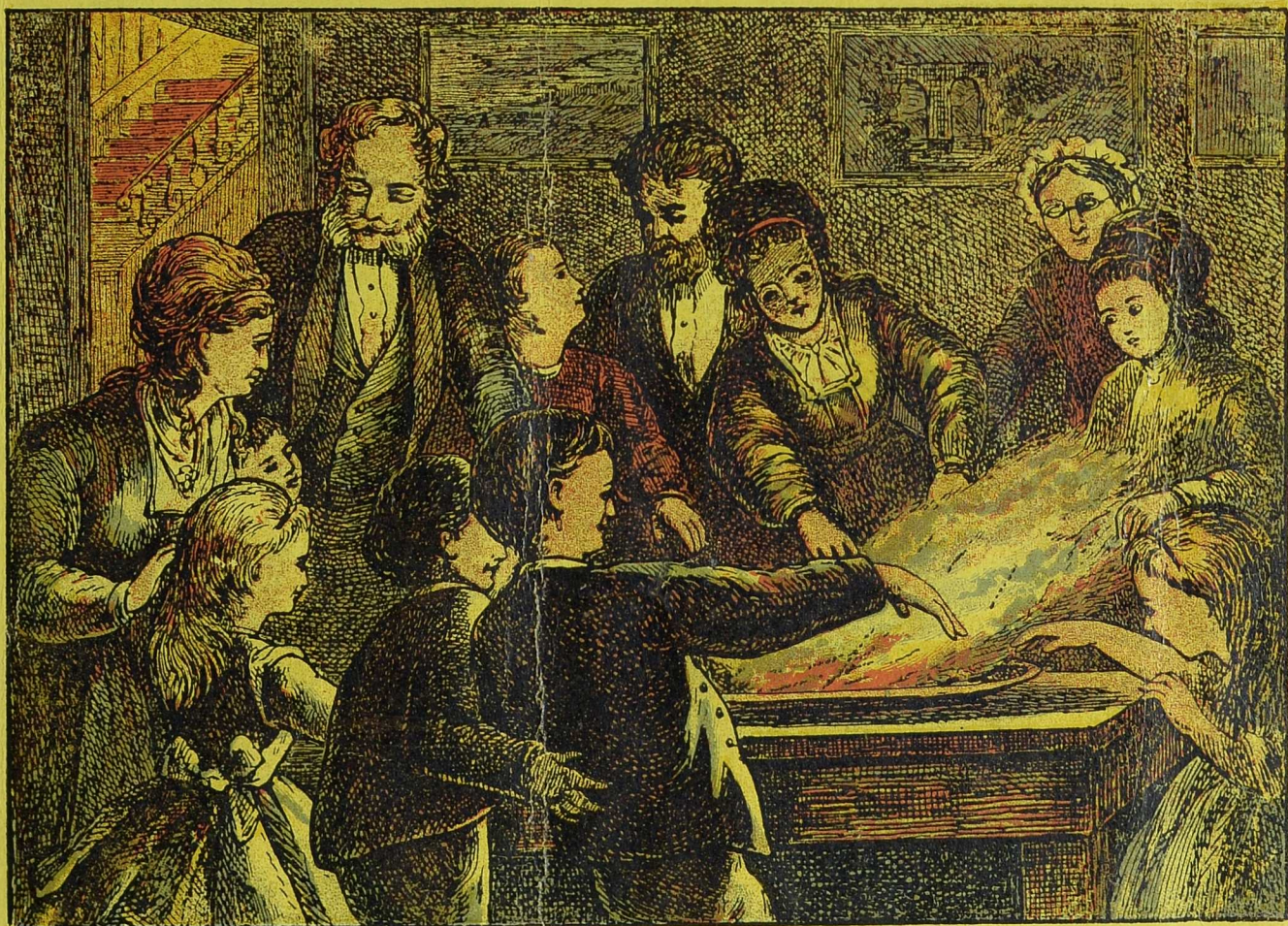


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HOME for the Holidays, here we go;  
Bless me, the train is exceedingly  
slow!

Pray, Mr. Engineer, get up your steam,  
And let us be off with a puff and a  
scream!

We have two long hours to travel,  
you say;

Come, Mr. Engineer, gallop away!

Two hours more! why, the sun will  
be down

Before we reach dear old London  
town!

And then, what a number of fathers  
and mothers,

And uncles and aunts, and sisters and  
brothers,

Will be there to meet us—oh! do make  
haste,

For I'm sure, Mr. Guard, we have no  
time to waste!





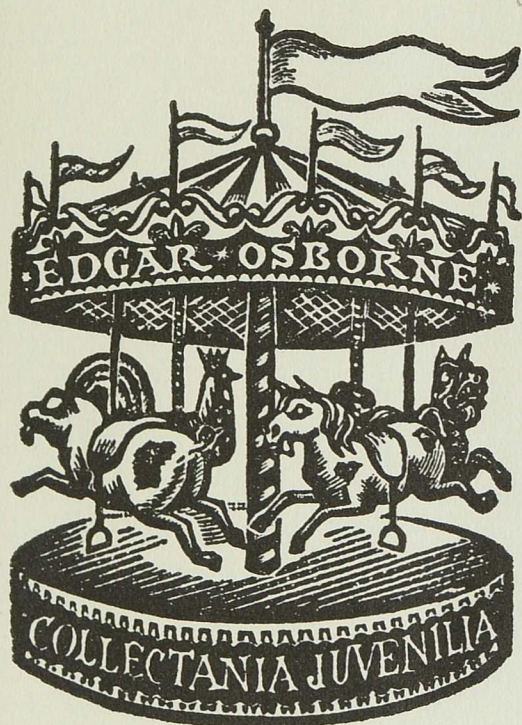






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Thank goodness, we shan't have to  
study and stammer

Over Latin and sums, and that nasty  
French grammar;

Lectures, and classes, and lessons are  
done,

And now we'll have nothing but frolic  
and fun.

Home for the Holidays, here we go;

But this Fast train is really exceed-  
ingly slow!

We shall have sport when Christmas  
comes,

When "snap-dragon" burns our fin-  
gers and thumbs:

We'll hang mistletoe over our dear  
little cousins,

And pull them beneath it and kiss  
them by dozens:

We shall have games at "Blind Man's  
Buff,"

And noise and laughter and romping  
enough.















We'll crown the plum-pudding with  
bunches of bay,  
And roast all the chestnuts that come  
in our way;  
And when Twelfth Night falls, we'll  
have such a cake  
That as we stand round it the table  
shall quake.  
We'll draw "King and Queen," and be  
happy together,  
And dance old "Sir Roger" with hearts  
like a feather.  
Home for the Holidays, here we go!  
But this Fast train is really exceed-  
ingly slow!

And we'll go and see Harlequin's won-  
derful feats,  
Changing by magic whatever he  
meets;  
And Columbine too, with her beautiful  
tripping;  
And Clown, with his tumbling, and  
jumping, and slipping;















Cramming all things in his pocket so  
big,  
And letting off crackers in Pantaloon's  
wig.

The horses that danced, too, last year  
in the ring;  
We remember the tune, it was sweet  
"Tink a Ting;"  
And their tails and their manes, and  
their sleek coats so bright;  
Some cream and some piebald, some  
black and some white;  
And how Mr. Merryman made us all  
shout  
When he fell from the horse and went  
rolling about.  
We'll be sure to go there—'tis such  
capital fun,  
And we won't stir an inch till 'tis every  
bit done.

Mr. Punch, we'll have him too, our  
famous old friend;  
One might see him for ever and laugh  
till the end:















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With his little dog Toby, so clever and  
wise,  
And poor Mrs. Judy, with tears in her  
eyes;  
With the Constable taking him off to  
the bar,  
And the gentleman, talking his  
"Shalla-balla;"  
With the flourishing stick that  
knocks all of them down,  
For Punch's delight is in breaking a  
crown.

Home for the Holidays! here we go.  
But really this train is exceedingly  
slow;  
Yet stay! I declare here is London at  
last;  
The Park is right over the tunnel just  
past.  
Huzza, huzza! I can see my papa!  
I can see George's uncle and Edward's  
mamma!















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And, Fred, there's your brother! look!  
look! there he stands!

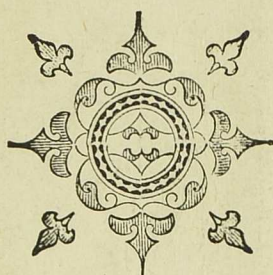
They see us! they see us! they're waving their hands!

Why don't the train stop? what are they about?

Now, now, it is steady,—oh! pray let us out!

A cheer for old London, a kiss for mamma,

We're home for the holidays. Now,  
Huzza!





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