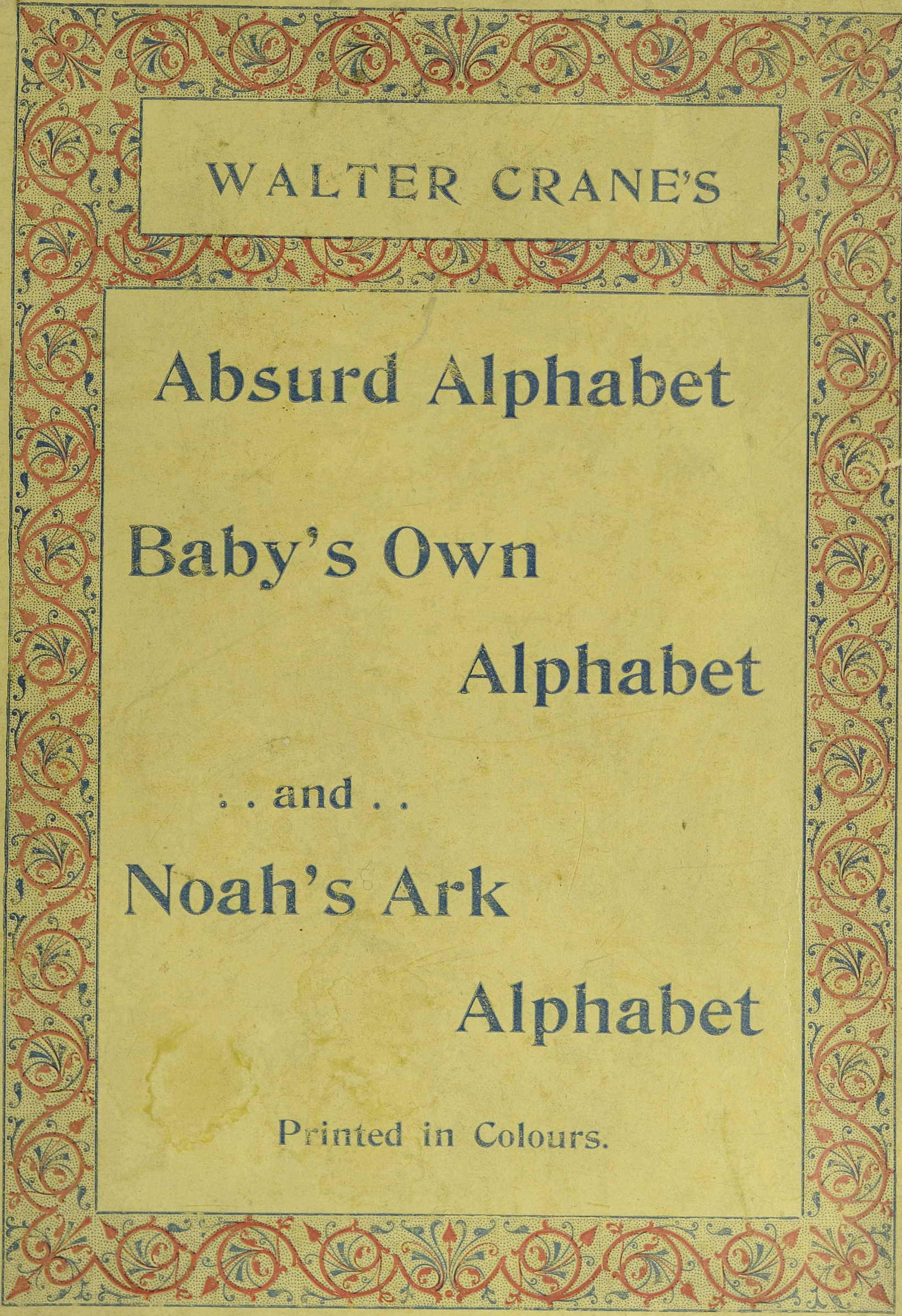




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A

A for the APPLE
or Alphabet pie,
Which all get a slice
of. Come taste it & try.

B

C

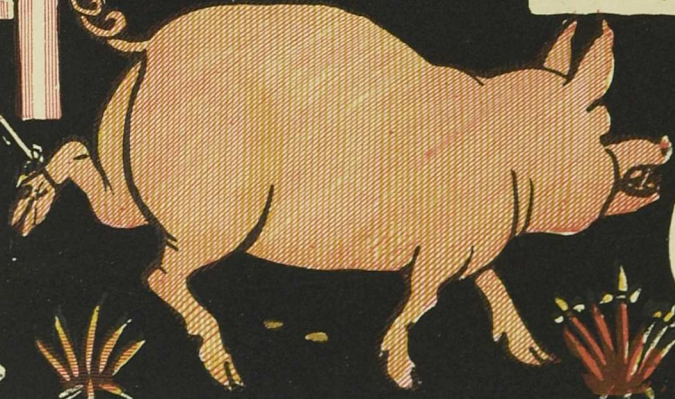
C for the
CAT that
played on
the fiddle,
When cows
jumped
higher than
'Heigh
Diddle,
Diddle!

D

D for the
DAME
with her
pig at the
stile,
'Tis said
they got
over, but
not yet
a while.



B is the
BABY
who gave
Mr Bunting
Full many
a long day's
rabbit skin
hunting.





E for the Englishman,
ready to make fast
The giant who wanted to
have him for breakfast.



F for the Frog in the story,
you know,
Begun with a wooing but
ending in woe.



G for Goosey Gander,
who wandered upstairs,
And met the old man
who objected to prayers.



H for poor Humpty who
after his fall,
Felt obliged to resign his
seat on the wall.



I for the Inn where they
wouldn't give beer,
To one with too much
and no money, I fear.



J does for poor Jack and
also for Jill,
Who had so disastrous
a tumble down hill.

K L M N O P

L for Little man, gun and
bullets complete,
Who shot the poor duck, and
was proud of the feat.

N for the Numerous children
they who
Were often too much for
their mother in Shoe.

K for calm Kitty, at dinner
who sat,
While all the good folks
watched the dog & the cat.

M for Miss Muffet, with
that horrid spider,
Just dropped into tea and
a chat beside her.

O the Old person that
cobwebs did spy,
And went up to sweep 'em
Oh ever so high!

P for the Pie made of
blackbirds to sing,
A song fit for supper
a dish for a king.





Q for Queen Anne
who sat in the sun
Till she, more than the lily
resembled the bun



R stands for Richard &
Robert, those men
Who didn't get up one
fine morning till ten!



S for the Snail that showed
wonderful fight,
Putting no less than twenty
four tailors to flight!



T stands for Tom, the son of
the piper,
May his principles change
as his years grow riper.



U for the Unicorn, keeping
his eye on
The coveted crown, and
its counsel the Lion.



V for the Victuals, including
the drink,
The old woman lived on
surprising to think!

WXY

W for the
WOMAN
who not
over nice,
Made very
short
work of
the three
blind mice

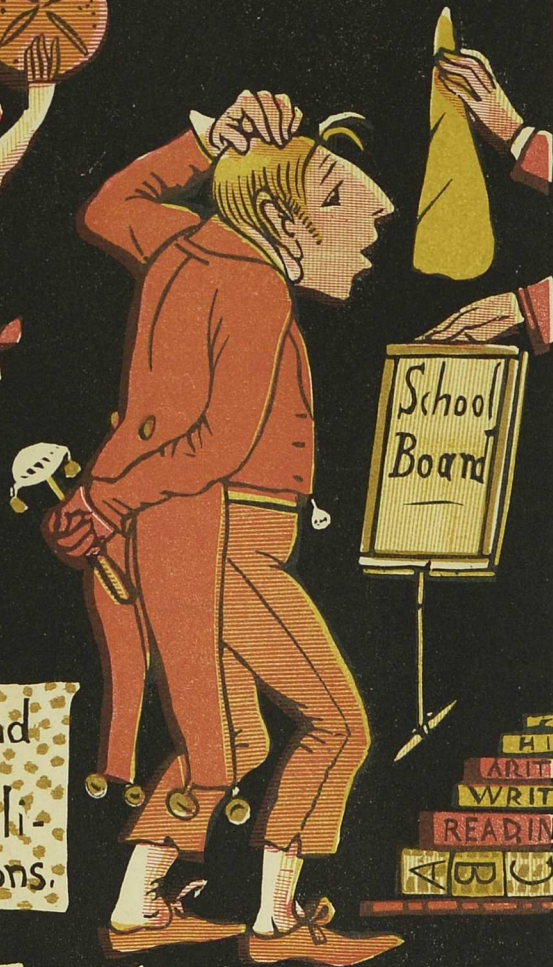
Z for the
Zany who
looked like
a fool,
For when he
was young
he neglected
his school.



X is the X that is found
upon buns,
Which daughters not li-
-king may come in for sons.

Y for Yan-
kee Doodle
of ancient
renown,
Both he &
his pony
that took
him to town.

Z



ART
WRIT
READIN

A^a



As I was going up Pippin Hill, There I met a pretty miss,
Pippin hill was dirty, And she dropped me a curtsy.

B^b



Boys and girls come out to play, Come with a whoop, come with a call,
The moon doth shine as bright as day: Come with a good will, or not at all.

C^c

D^d



Little
Tommy
Trout

Cuckoo, cherry tree | How many years | DING, dong, bell, | Who put her in? | Who
Come down & tell me | I have to live | Passy's in the well. | Naughty Johnny Green | pulled her

Ff



EARLY to bed, and early to rise, Is the way to be healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Gg



FOR every evil under the sun There is a remedy, or there is none. If there be one, try and find it; If there be none, never mind it.



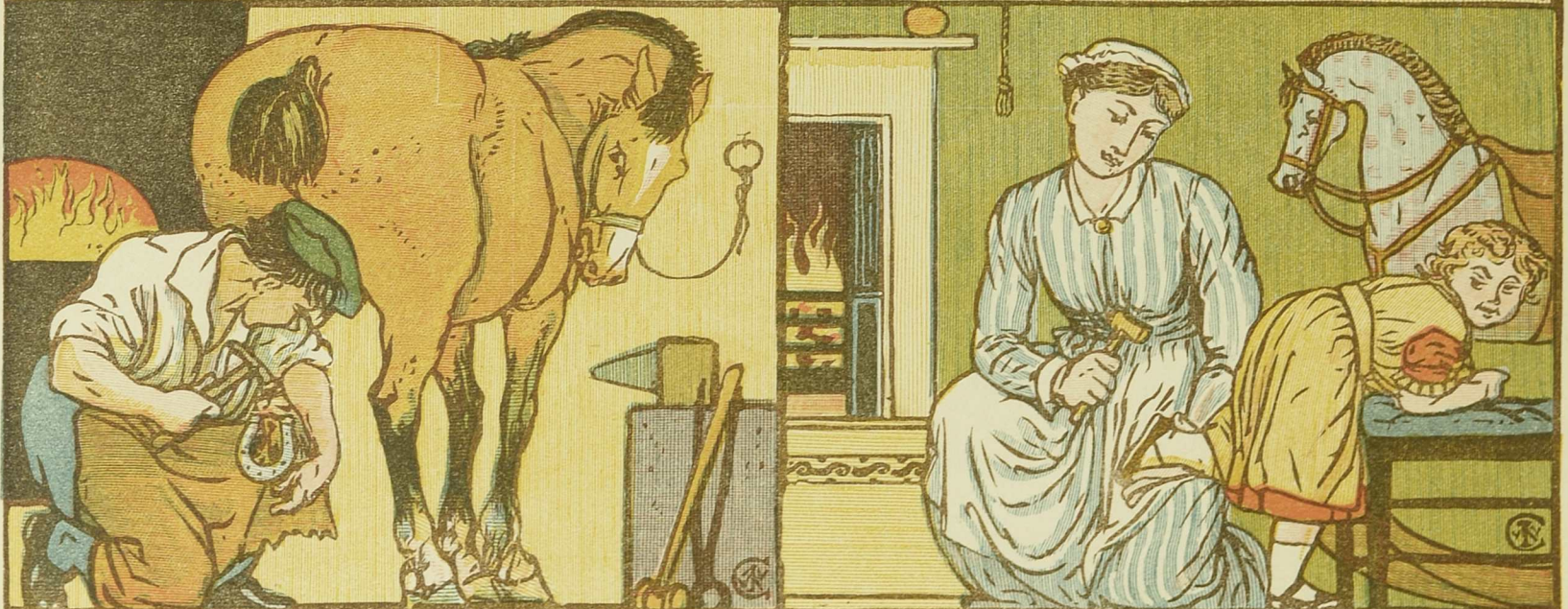
GREAT A, little A; Bouncing B; The cat's in the cupboard, And she can't see me.



HARK! hark! the dogs do bark,
The Beggars are coming to town.
Some in rags & some in jags,
And some in velvet gowns.



I HAD a little pony,
They called it Dapple Gray;
I lent it to a lady
To ride a mile away
She whipped it, she slashed it,
She drove it through the mire;
I will not lend my pony more,
For all the ladies' hire.



JOHN SMITH, fellow fine,
Can you shoe this horse o' mine?
Yes, indeed, and that I can!
As well as any man!
There's a nail upon the tae, &
To make the bowy speel the brae;
There's a nail, and there's a brod,
a horse wheel shod.

K

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M

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KING O'KATCHEM met a King, Says this king to that king,
In a narrow lane; "Where have you been?"



"Oh, I've been a hunting
With my dog & my doe
Pray lend him to me,
That I may do so.
There's the dog,
TAKE the dog.
What's the dog's name?"
"I've told you all ready
Pray tell me again."

LADYBIRD, lady bird, fly away home,
Your house is a-fire, your children all gone;
All but one that lies under a stone;
Fly thee home, lady bird, ere it be gone!



MULTIPLICATION is vexation,
Division's twice as bad;
The Rule of Three it puzzles me,
And Fractions drive me mad!

N

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P

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NIEVIE, nievie, nicknack,
Which hand will ye tak'?
"Tak' the right, or tak' the wrong,
I'll beguile ye, if I can."



OH, Mother, I'm to be married
To Mr Pun, To Mr Nel,
To Mr Punchinello; To Mr Chin, To Mr Lo,
To Mr Pun, Mr Chin, Mr Nel,
To Mr Punchinello, (Mr Lo)



PAT a cake, pat a cake, Baker's man,
Prick it, and bake it as fast as you can;
Prick it, and bake it, and mark it with B,
And put it in the oven for baby and me.

Q
R
S



QUEEN of Hearts, She made some tarts, All on a summer's day:
The Knave of Hearts, He stole the tarts, And took them all away.



RAIN, rain, Go to Spain, And never come back again.

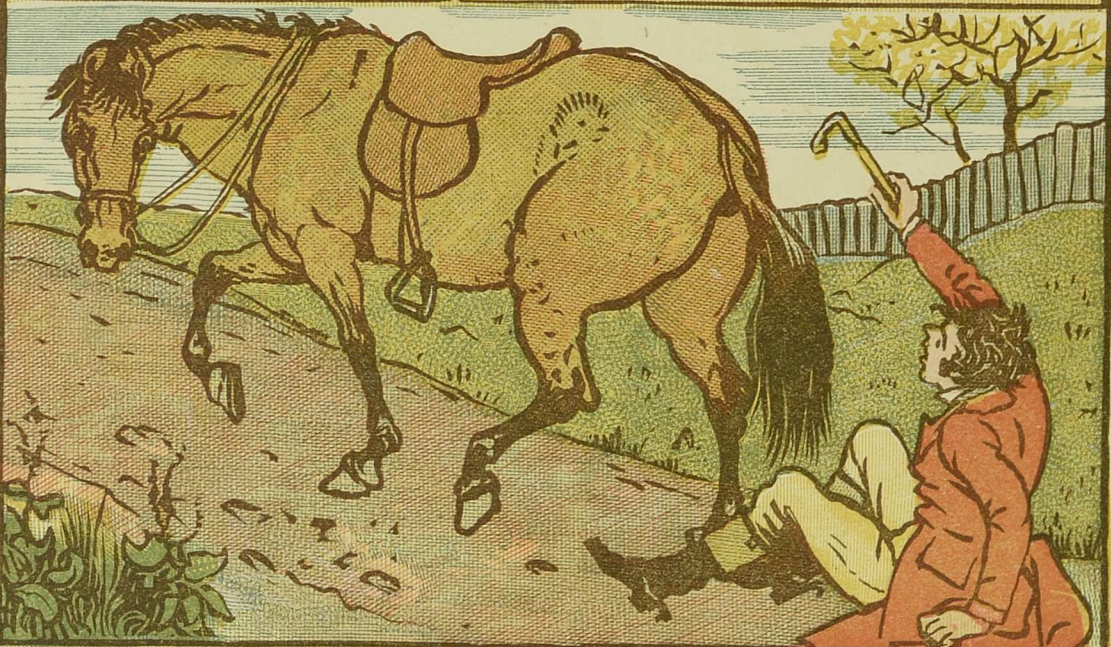


SEE, Saw, Margery Daw, † Sold her bed, and lay upon straw.

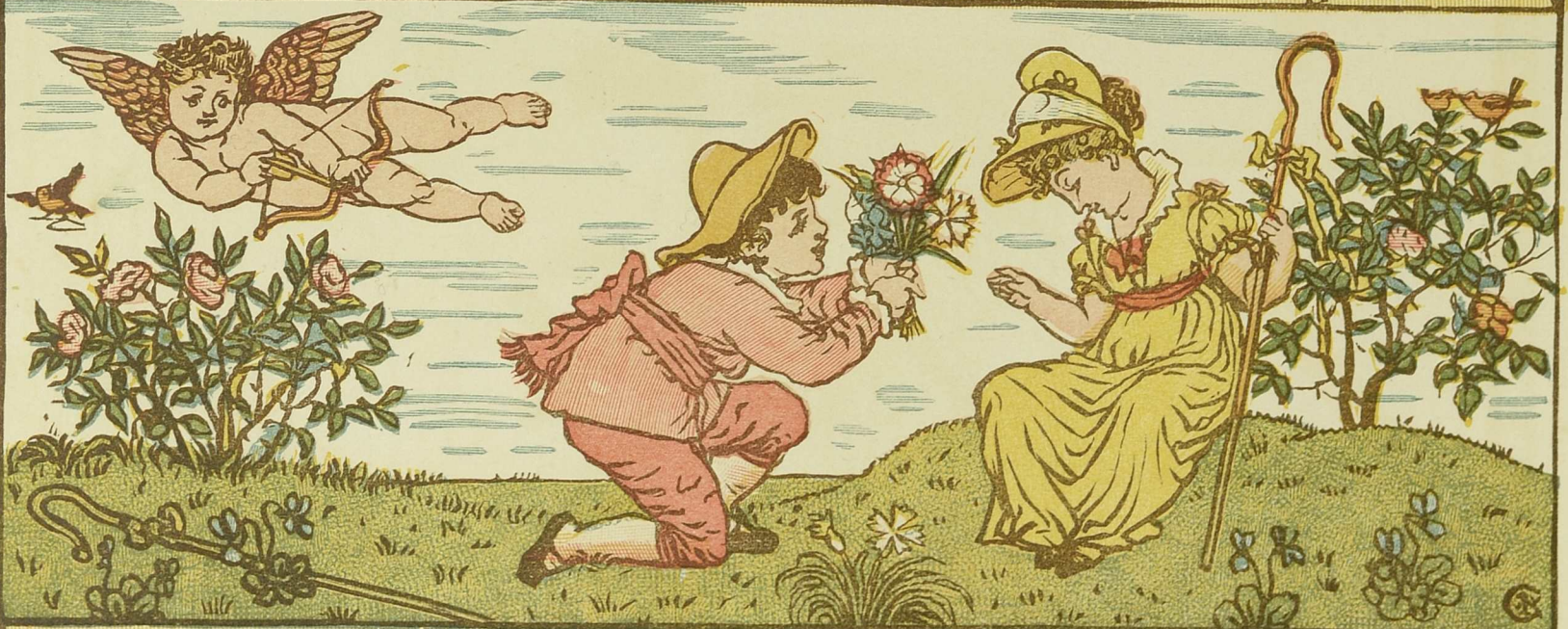
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U u
V v



Three children sliding on the ice, As it fell out, they all fell in:
Upon a summer's day, The rest they ran away:



Up hill spare me, Down hill ware me, On level ground spare me not, } And in the stable
forget me not.



VALENTINE The rose is red; the Violet's blue The pink is sweet; & so are you

W

w

X

x

Y

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WE'LL go a-shooting, says Robin to Bobbin; We go a-shooting, says Richard
"We'll go a-shooting," says John all alone; We'll go a-shooting, say every one. [to John,

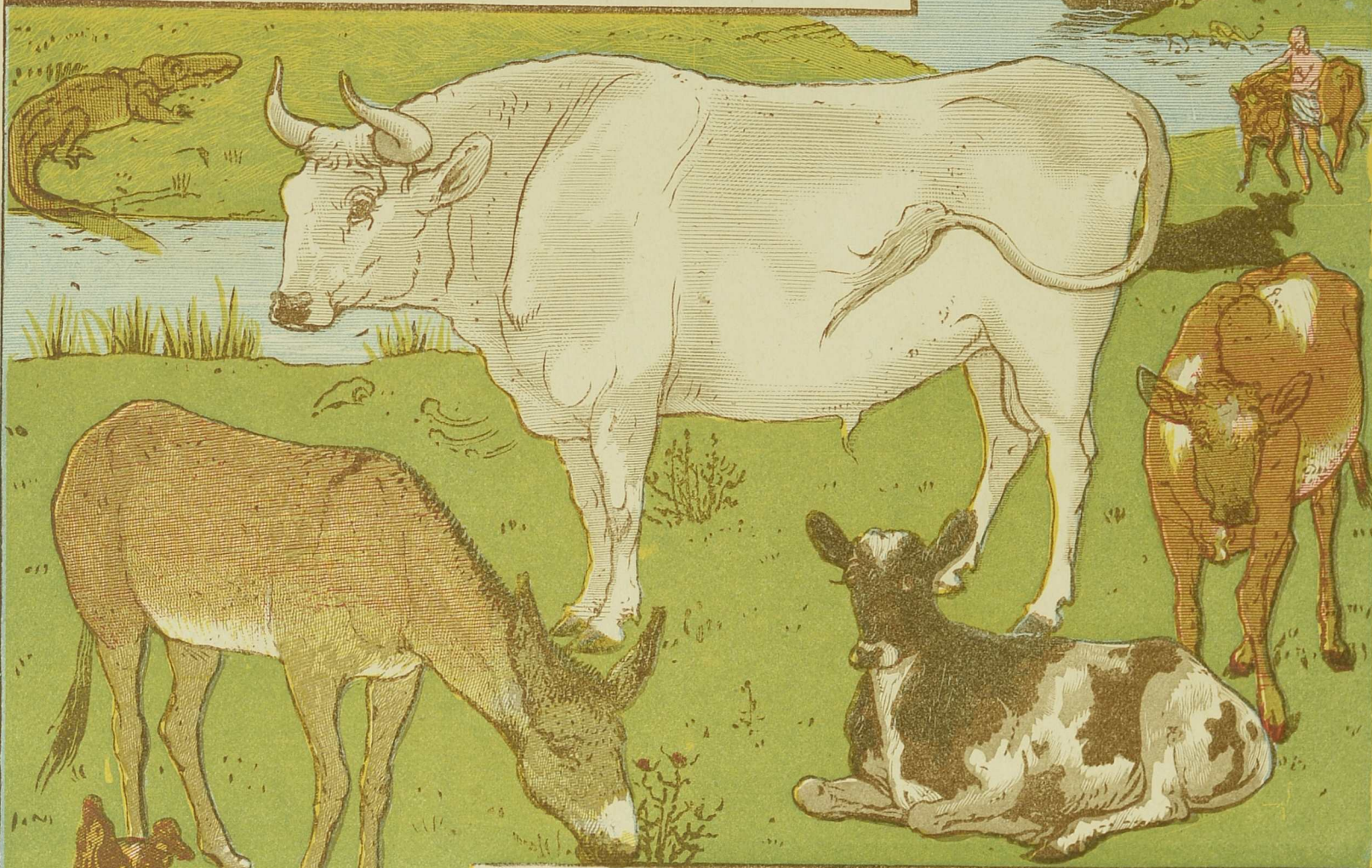


XMAS GIFTS. The first day of X- YULE DAYS. The king sent
X-mas My mother sent to me This lady on the first Yule day
A partridge in a pear tree. Si A popping-eye.
Who learns my carol & carries it away?



ZOOLOGICAL Gardens, where you shall go too; But it's through ABC that we get to the Zoo

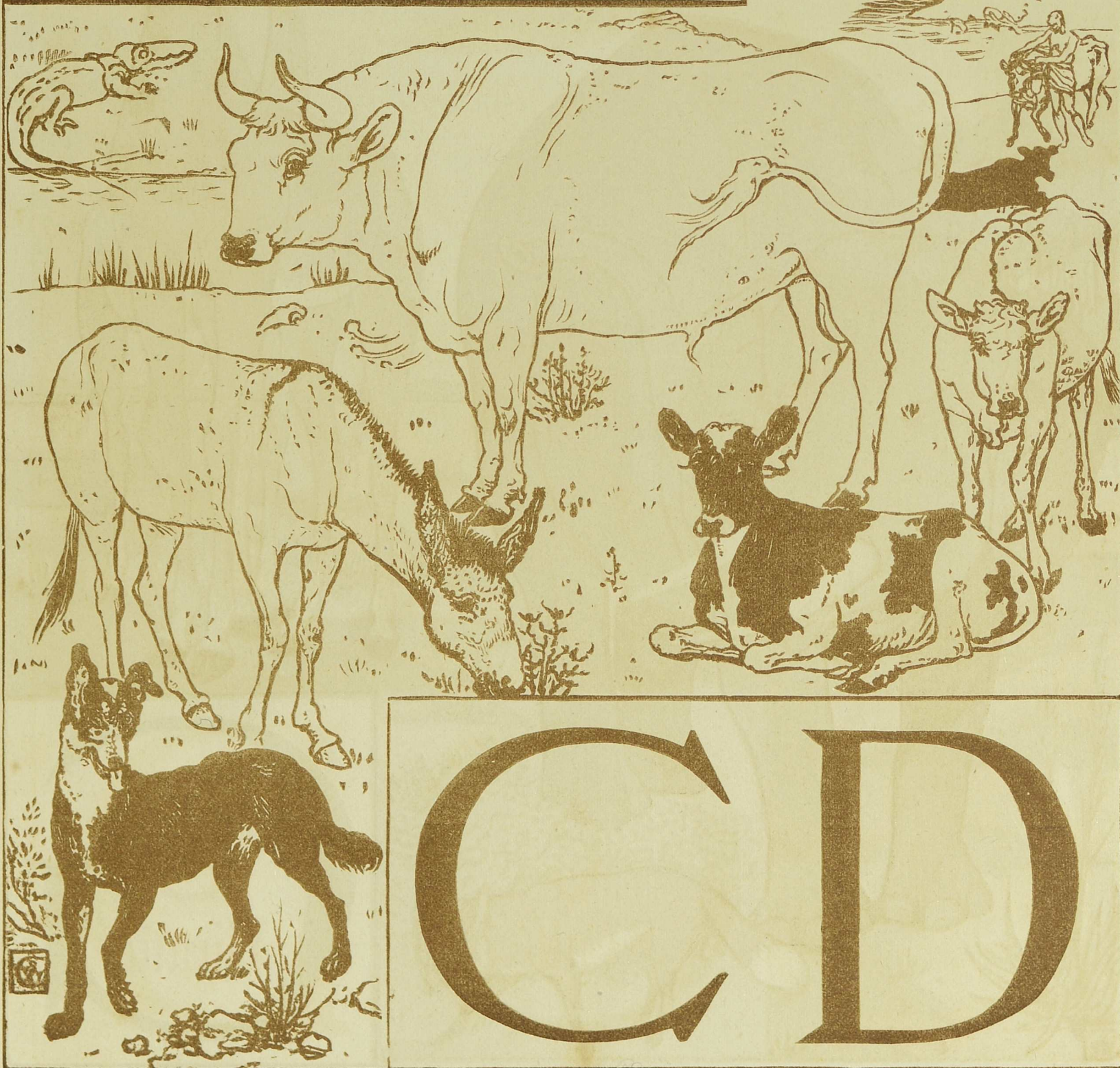
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Ark Alligator Ass Bull



Cc Dd
Calf Dog



A B

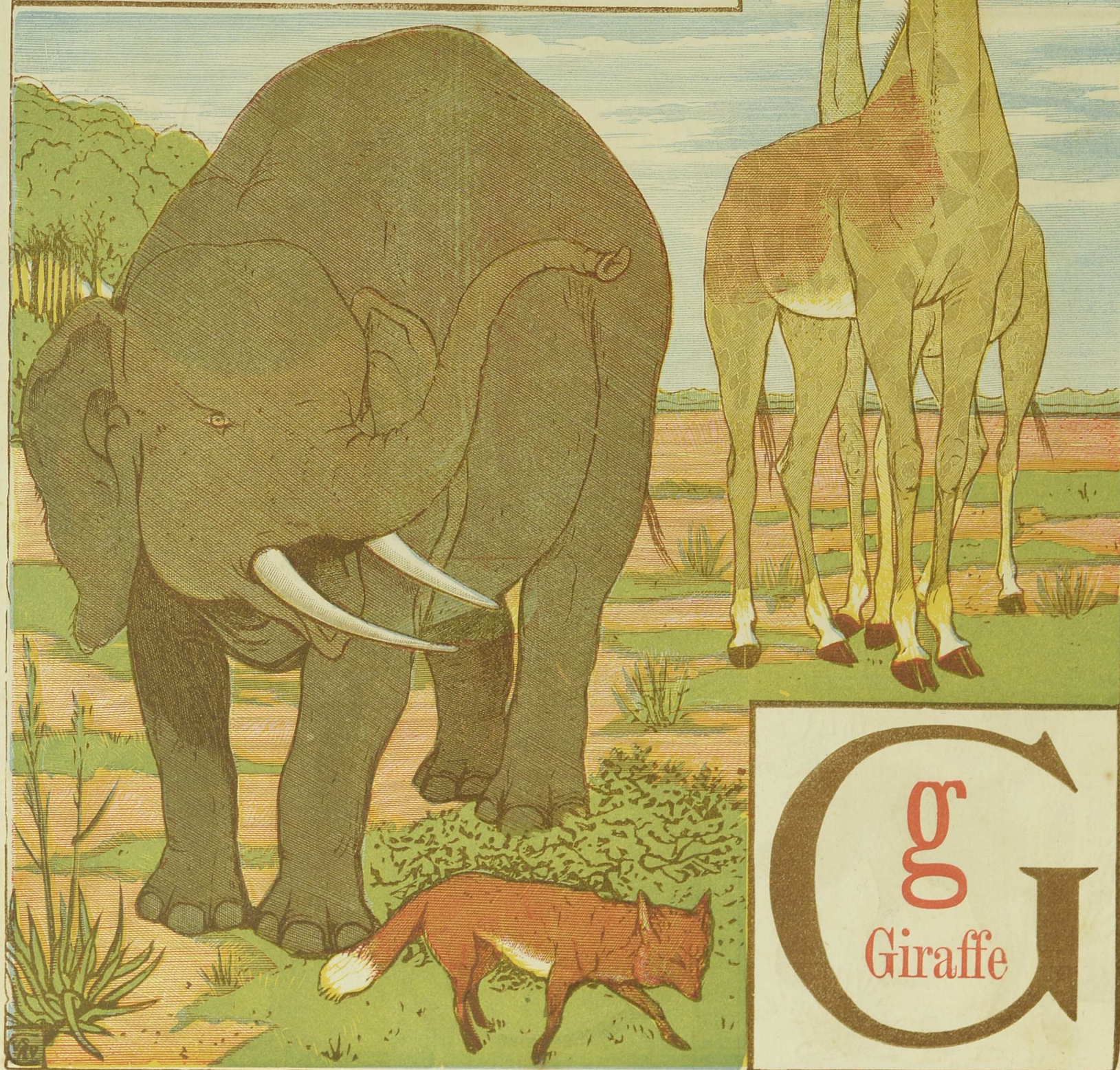


C D

E^e F^f

Elephant

Fox



G^g
Giraffe

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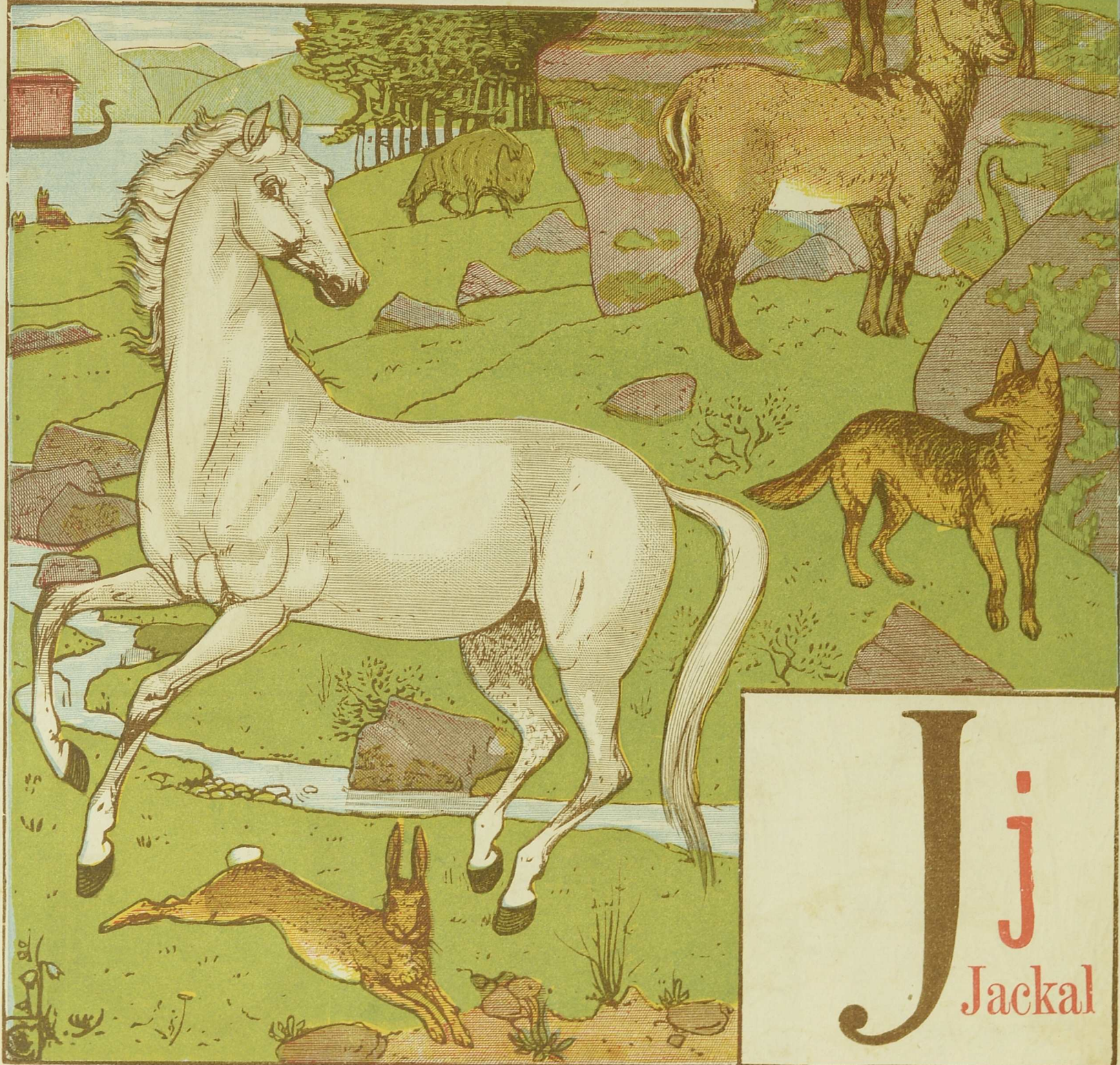
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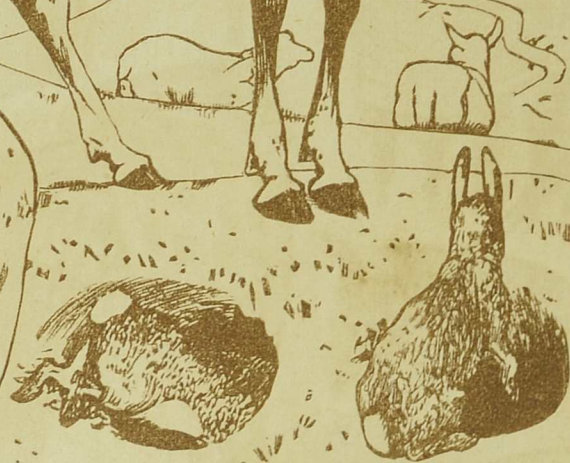
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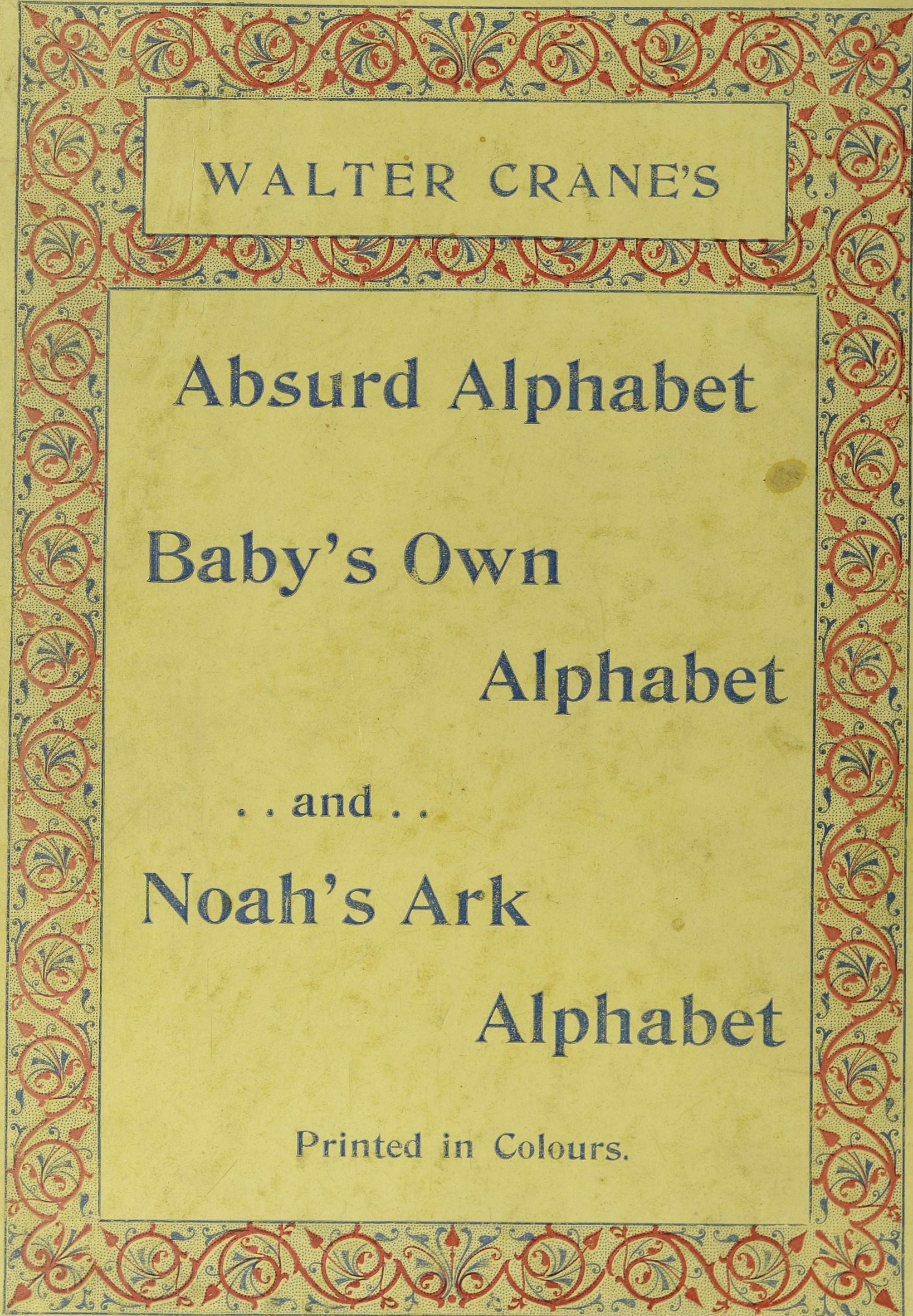


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Wolf Xiphias Yak



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Zebra



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