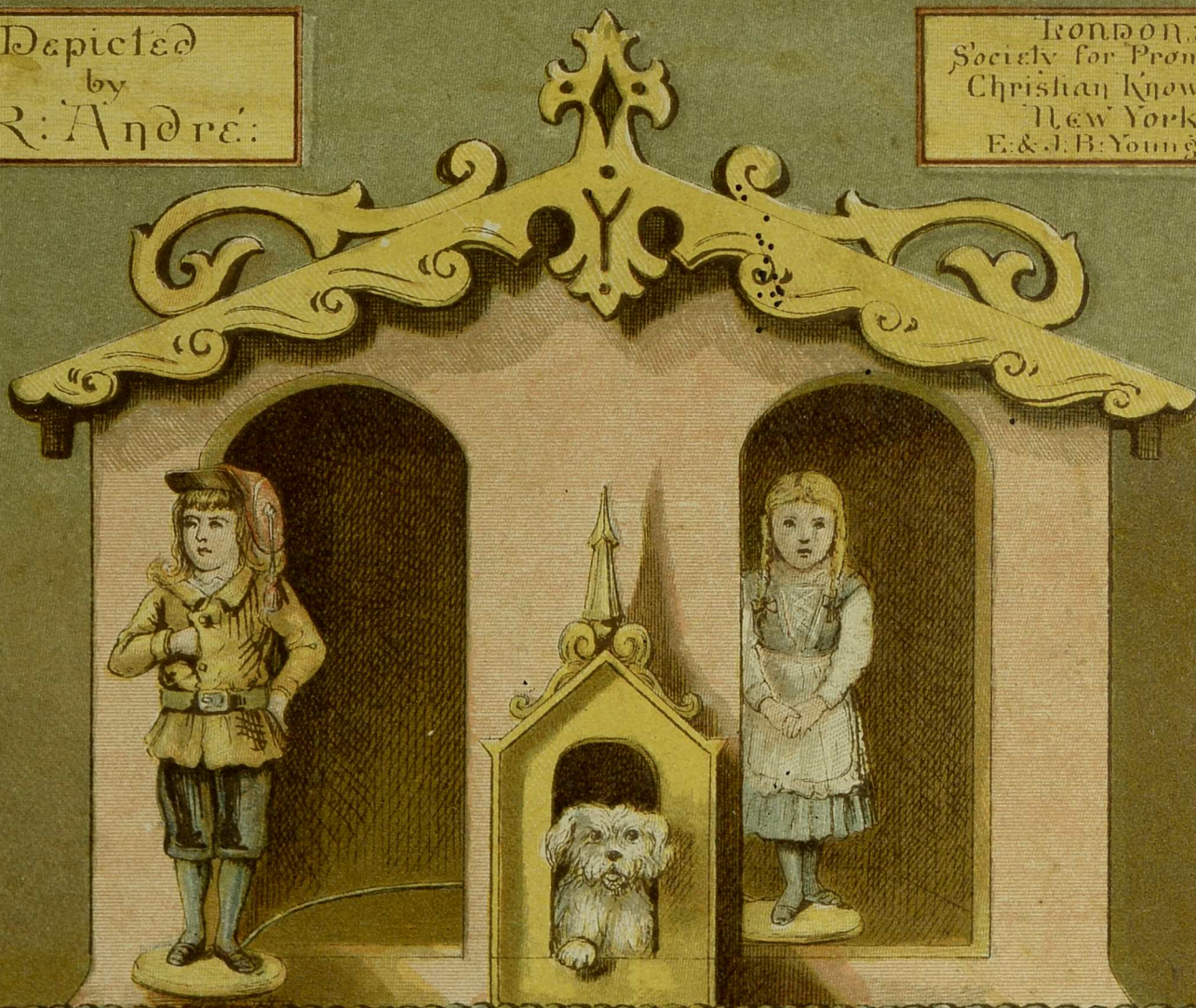


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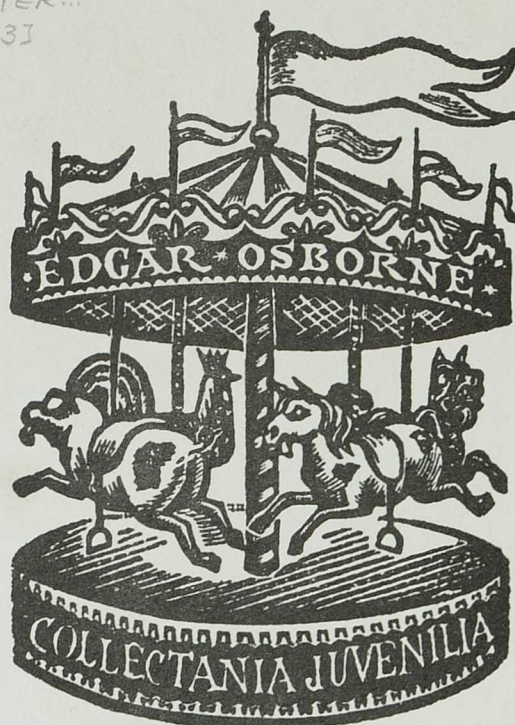
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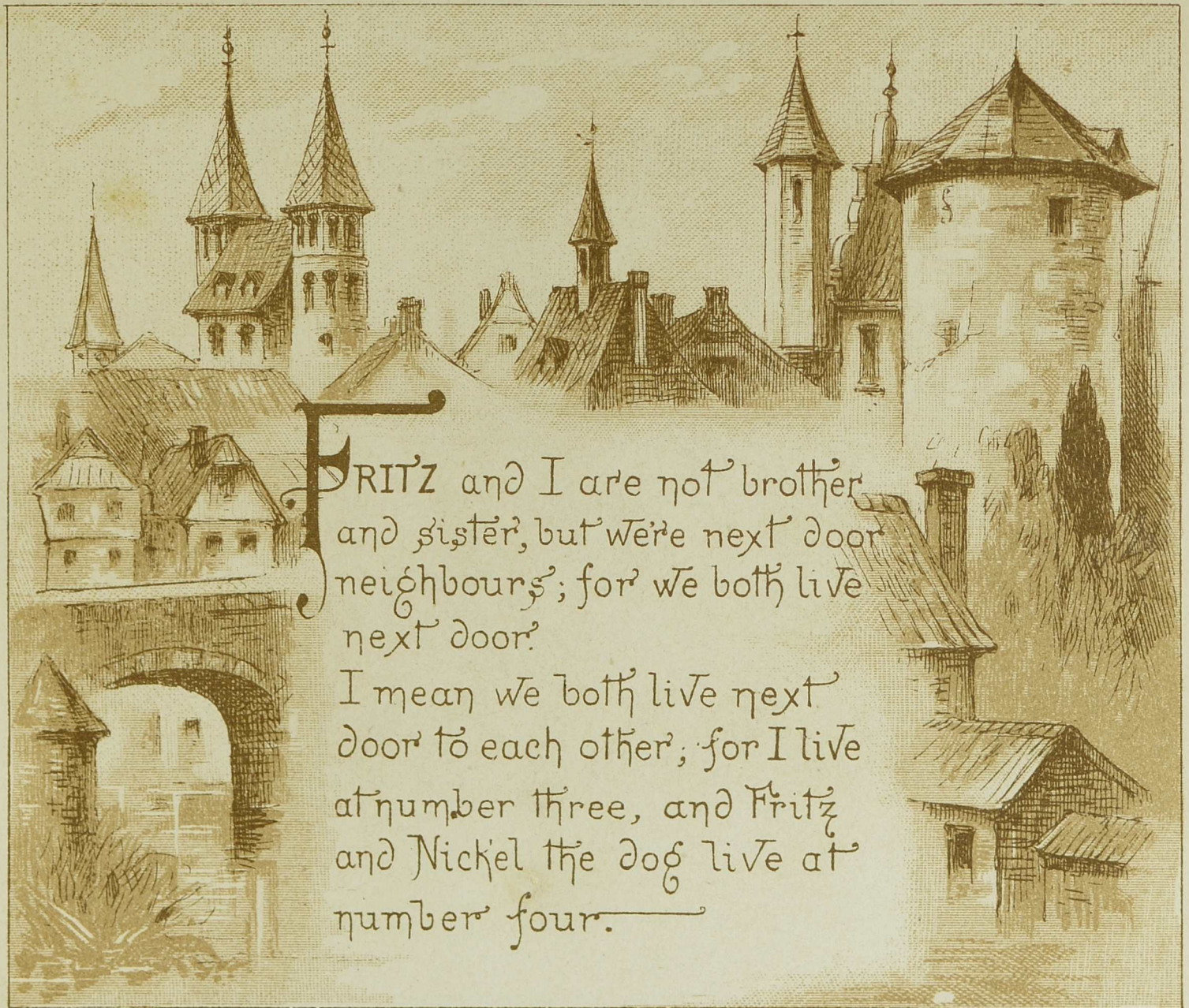
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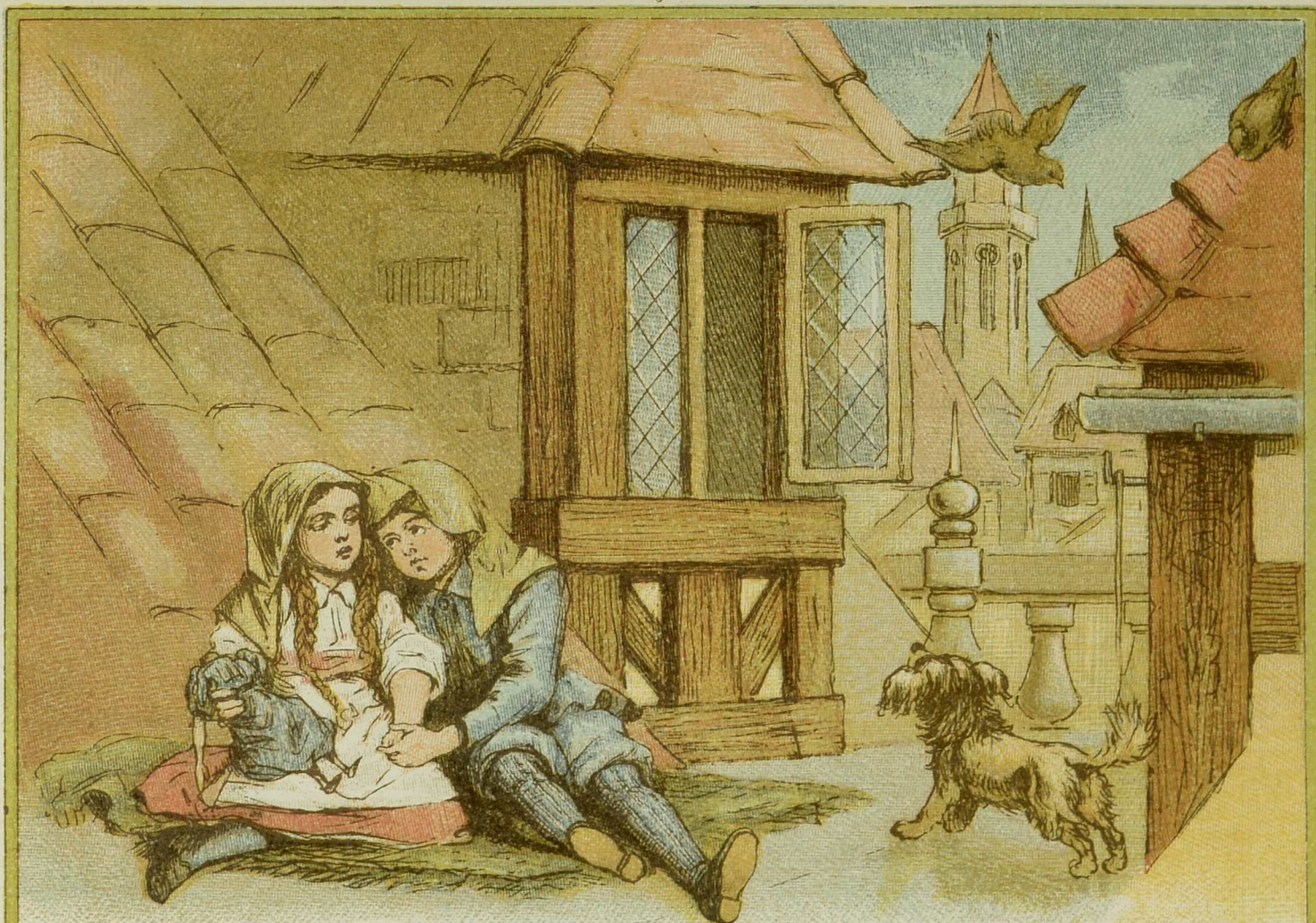






FRITZ and I are not brother
and sister, but were next door
neighbours; for we both live
next door.

I mean we both live next
door to each other; for I live
at number three, and Fritz
and Nickel the dog live at
number four.



In summer we climb through the garret windows and sit
 together on the leads,
 And if the sun is too hot mother lends us one big Kerchief
 to put over both our heads:



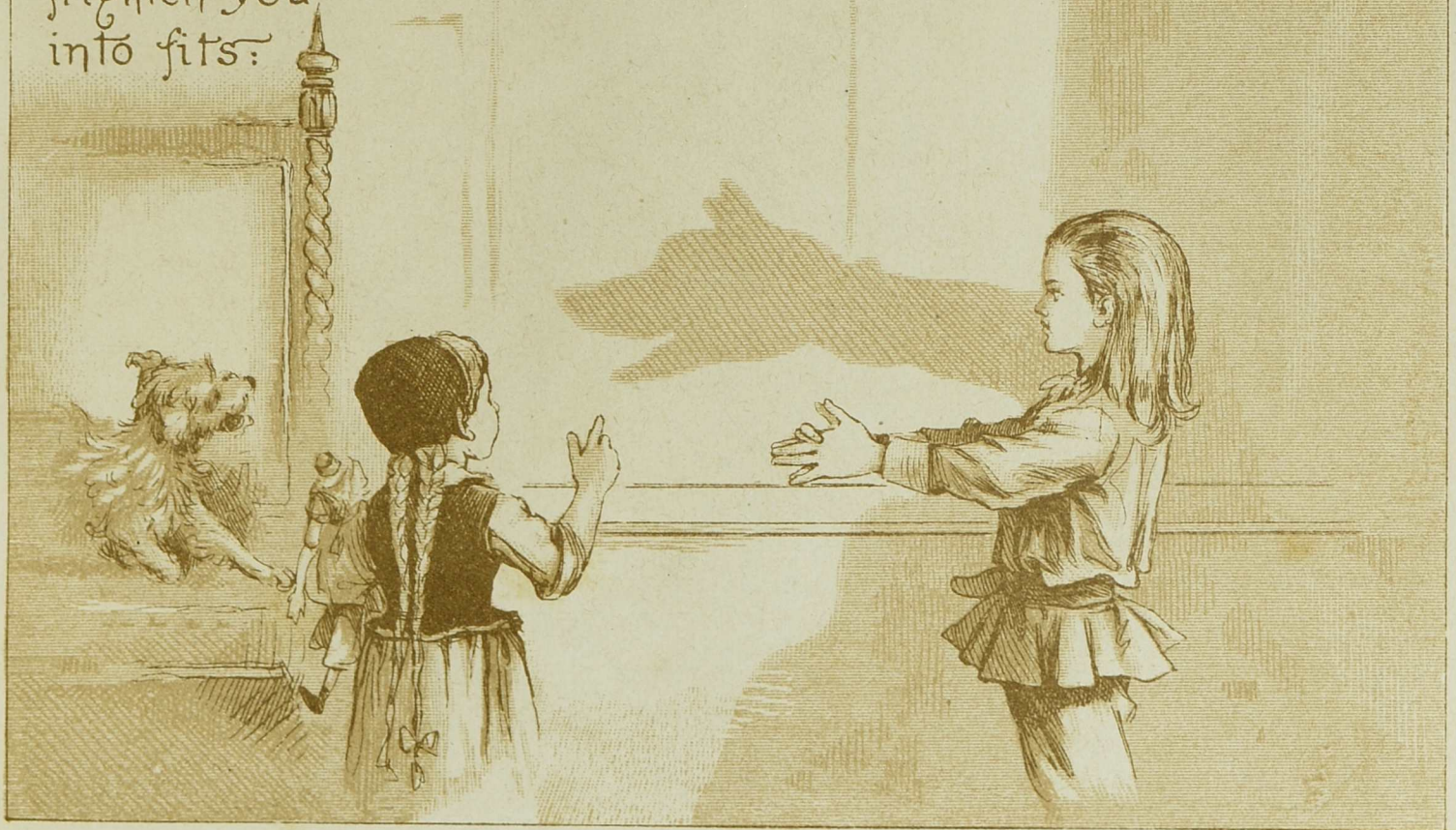
Sometimes she gives
us tea under the myrtle —
tree in the big pot that
stands in the gutter.
(One slice each, and I always give Fritz
the one that has the most butter).

In winter we sit
on the little stool
by the stove at
number four;
For when it's cold
Fritz doesn't like
to go out to come
in next door.



It was one day in spring that he said, "I should like to have a house to myself with you, Gretel, and Nickel." And I said, "Thank you Fritz."

And he said, "If you'll come in at tea-time and sit by the stove, I'll tell you tales that'll frighten you into fits."







"About boys who ran away from their homes, and were taken by robbers, and run after by wolves, and altogether in a dreadful state.

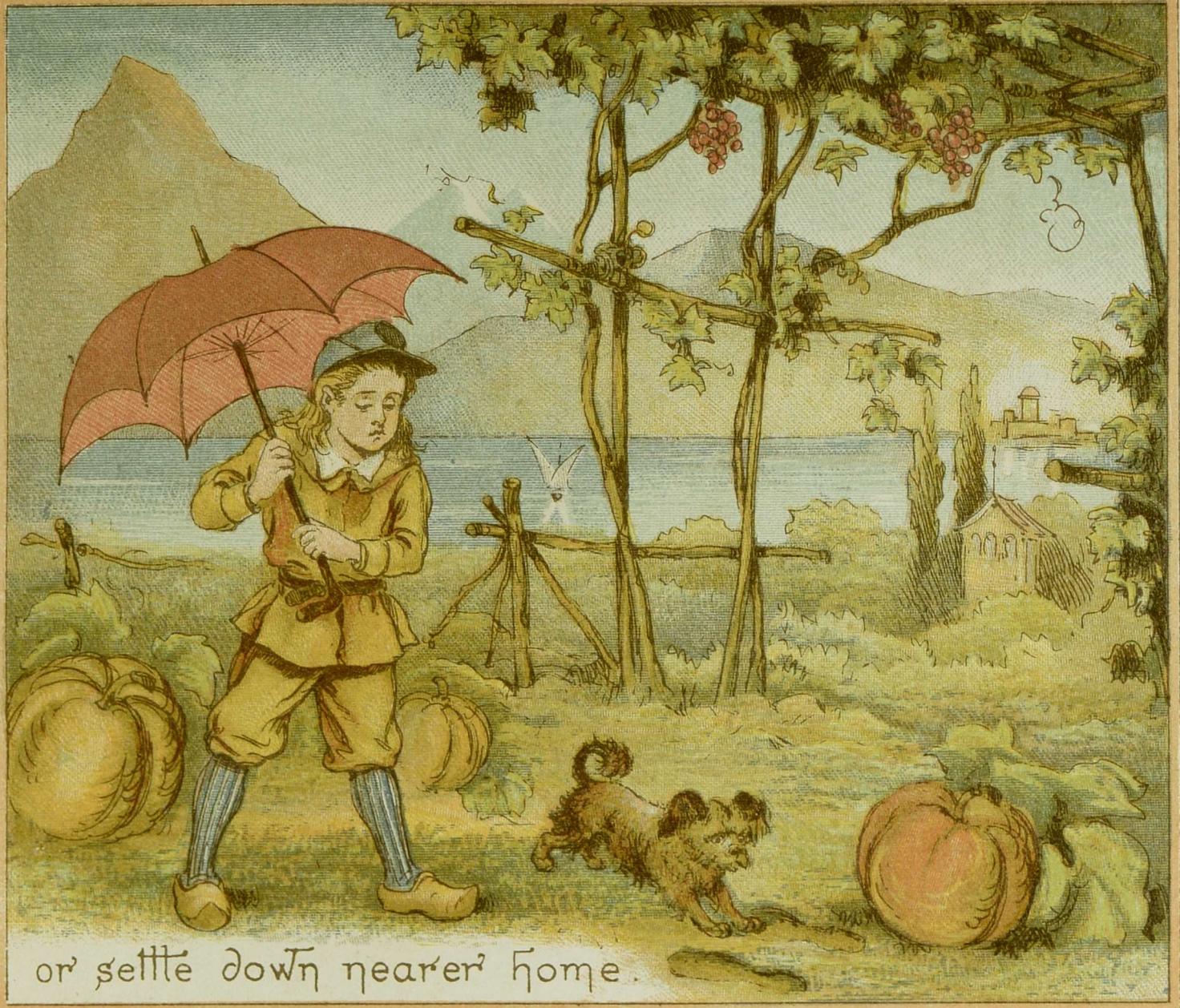


"I saw the pictures of it in a book I was looking in, to see where perhaps I should like to emigrate.





"I've not quite settled whether I shall, or be cast away
on a desert island,



"But you'd better come in and hear about it and then, wherever it is, you'll be sure to be ready to come."

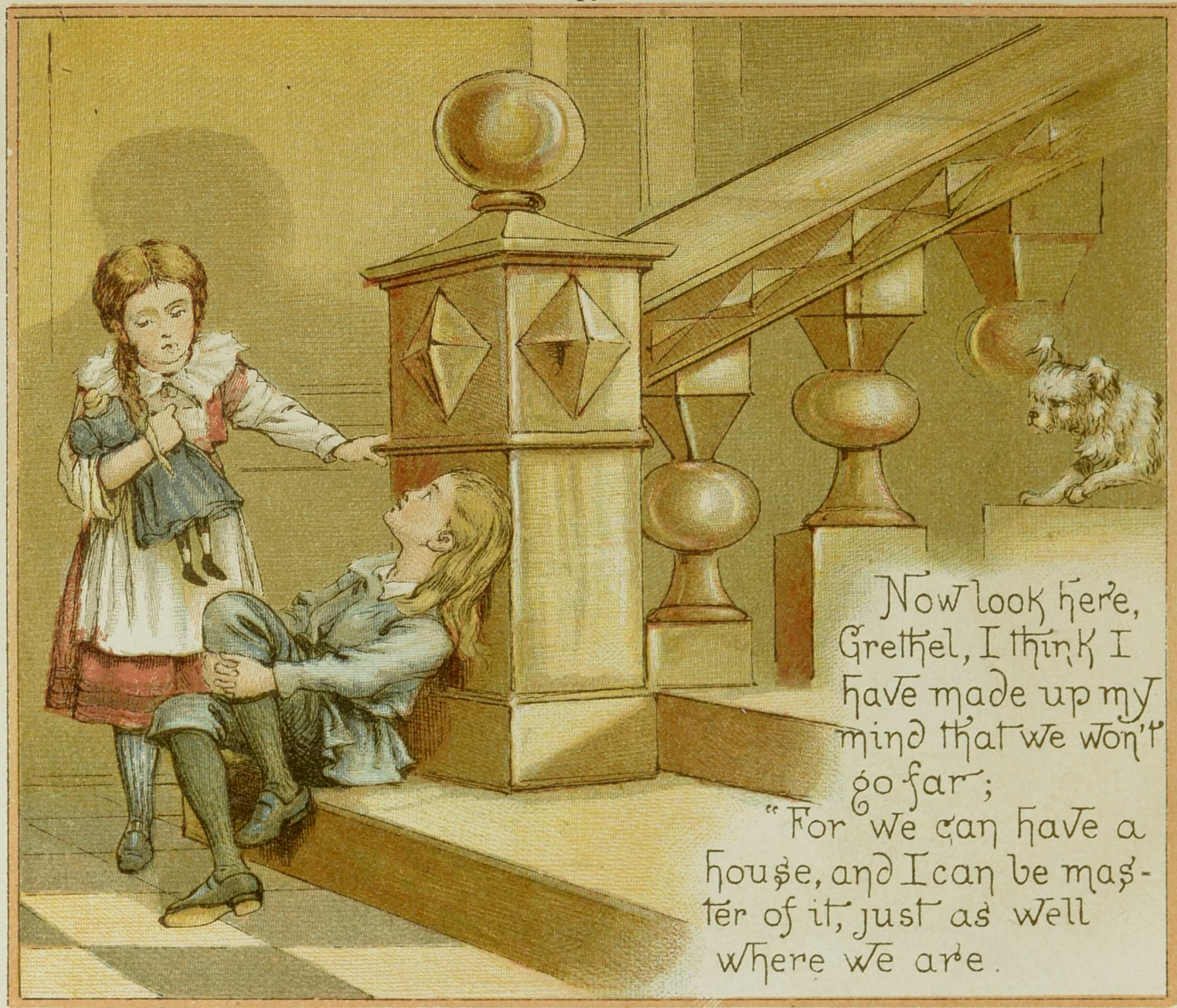


So I took my darling Katerina in my arms, and we went in to tea.

I love Katerina, though she lost her head long ago,
poor thing; but Fritz made me put her off my knee.

For he said, "When you're hushabying that
silly old doll I know you're not attending to me.





Now look here,
Gretel, I think I
have made up my
mind that we won't
go far;

"For we can have a
house, and I can be mas-
ter of it, just as well
where we are.



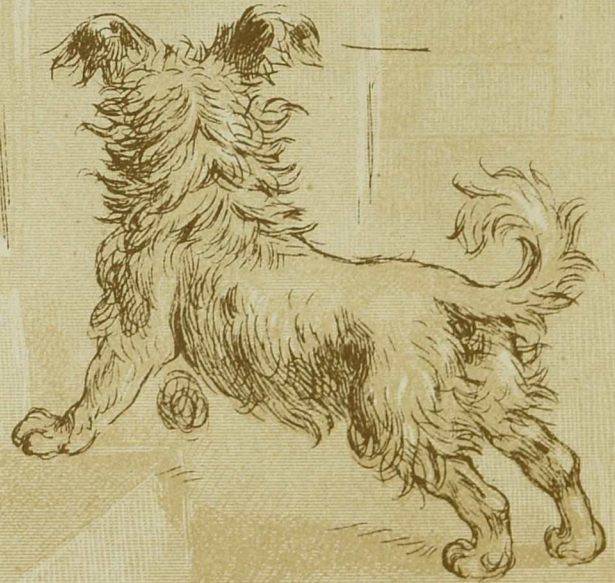
"Under the stairs
would be a good
place for a house
for us if there's room.
"It's very dirty, but you're
the housewife now, and you
must sweep it out well
with the broom."

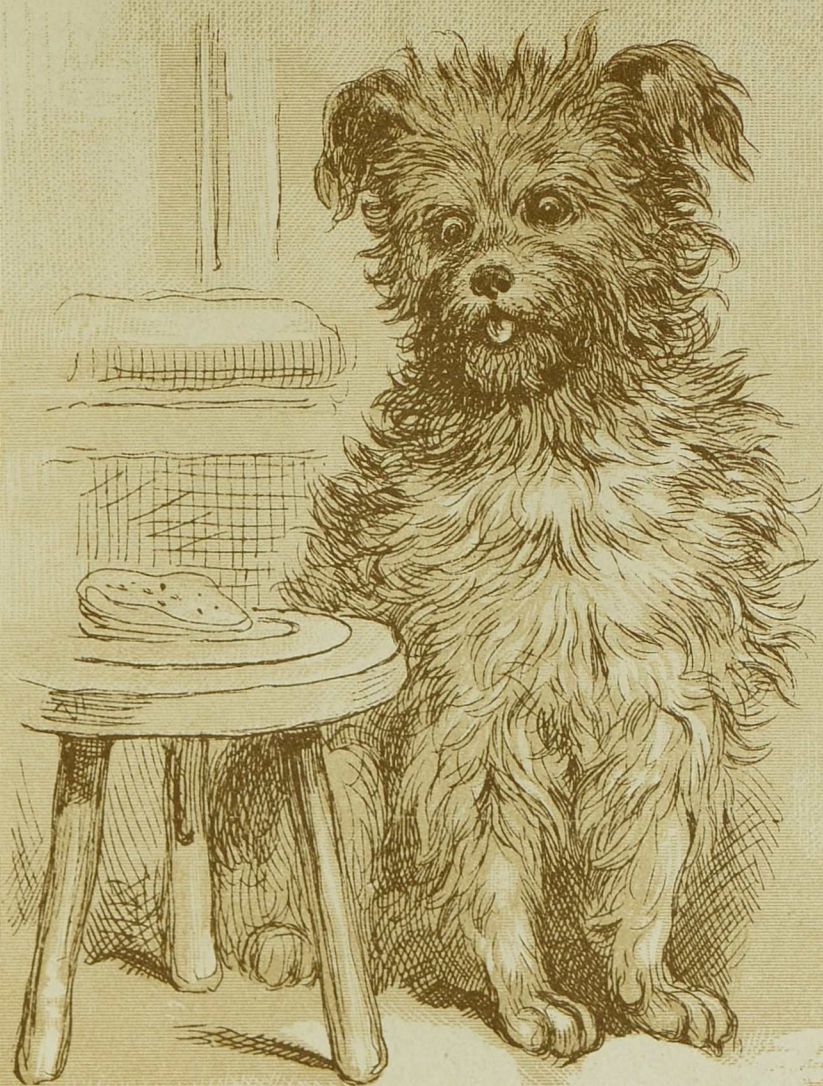


I shall expect you to keep my house very comfortable, and have my meals ready when there's anything to eat;

"And when Nickel and I come back from playing outside, you may peep out and pretend you're watching for us coming up the street."

You've kept your apple
I see — I've eaten mine —
well, it will be something to
make a start.





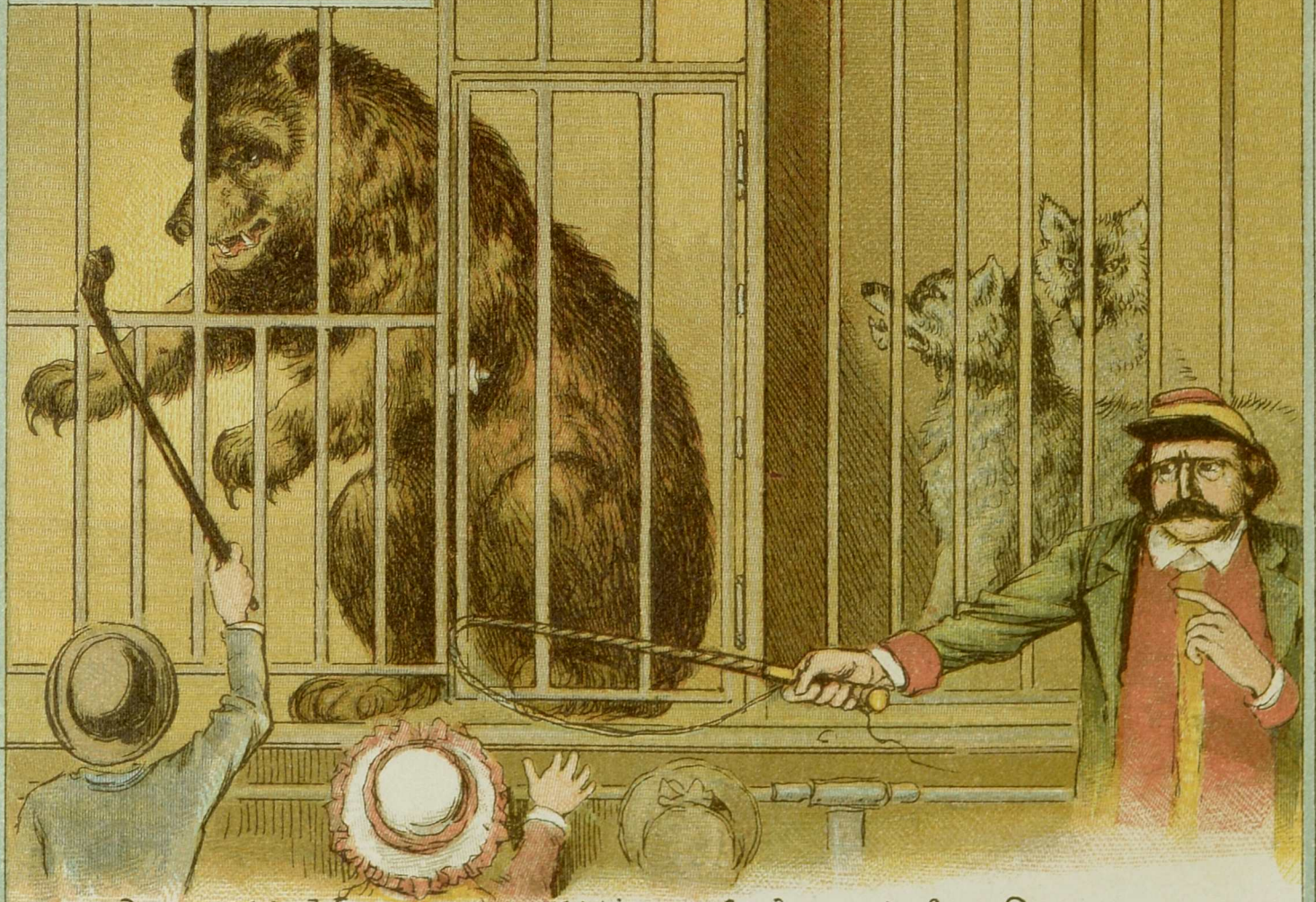
"And I'll put by some of my cake, if you'll keep some of yours; and, remember Nickel must have part."

I call it your cake and your apple; but of course, now you're my housewife, everything belongs to me.

"But I shall give you the management of it and you must make it go as far as you can amongst three."

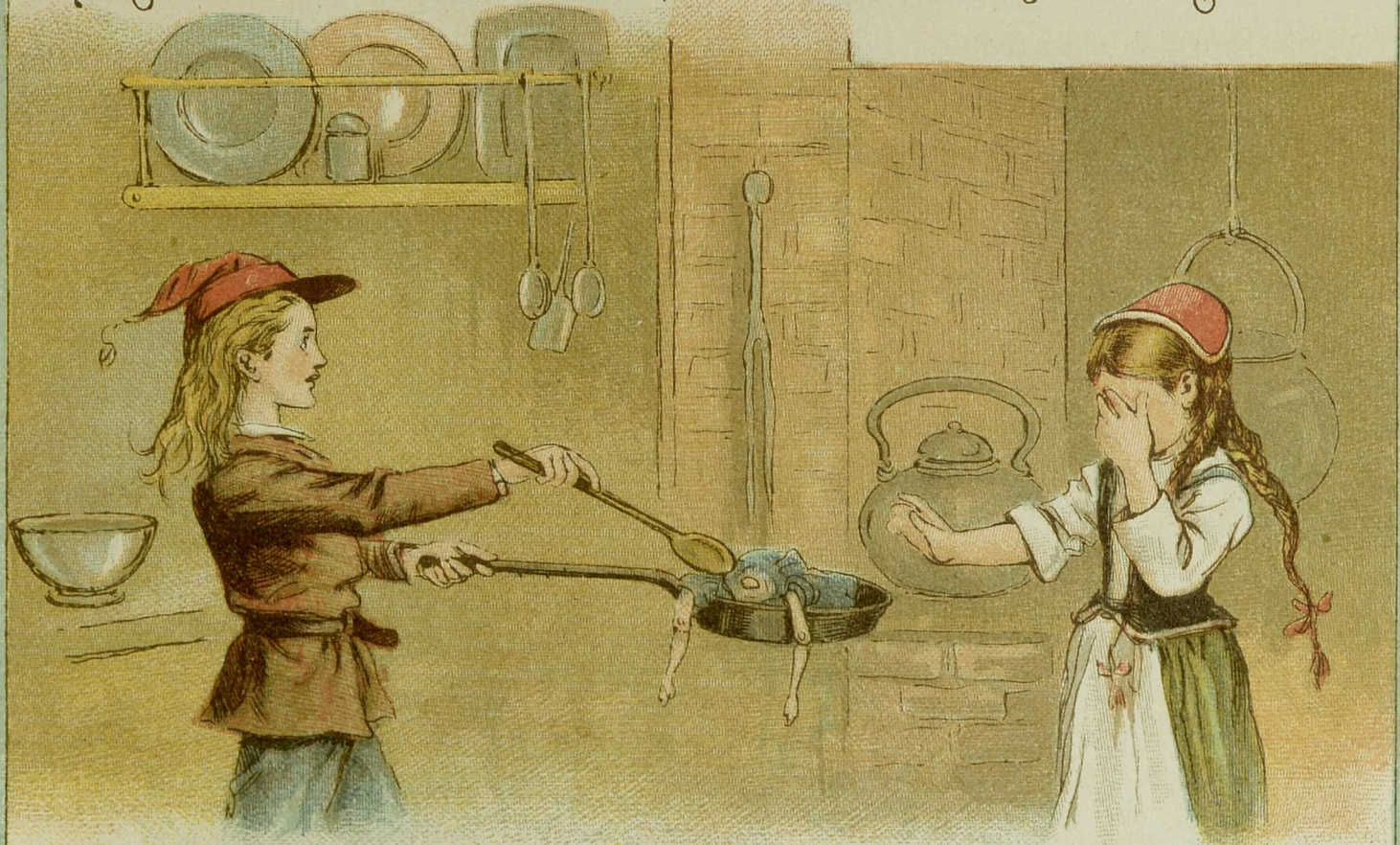
And if you make nice feasts every day for me and Nickel,

PLEASE NOT TO
IRRITATE THE BEAR
TILL HE HAS BEEN FED



and never keep us waiting for our food,

And always do everything I want, and attend to everything I say, I'm sure I shall almost always be good.



And if I am naughty now and then, it'll most likely be your fault; and, if it isn't, you mustn't mind;
 For even if I seem to be cross, you ought to know that
 I mean to be kind.

And I'm sure you'll like combing Nickel's hair for my sake: it'll be something for you to do, and it bothers me so!

"But it must be done regularly, for if it's not his curls tangle into lugs as they grow.

"I think that's all, dear Grethel, for I love you so much that I'm sure to be easy to please.

"Only remember — it's a trifle — but when I want you, never keep that headless doll on your knees?

"I'd much rather not have her in my house —



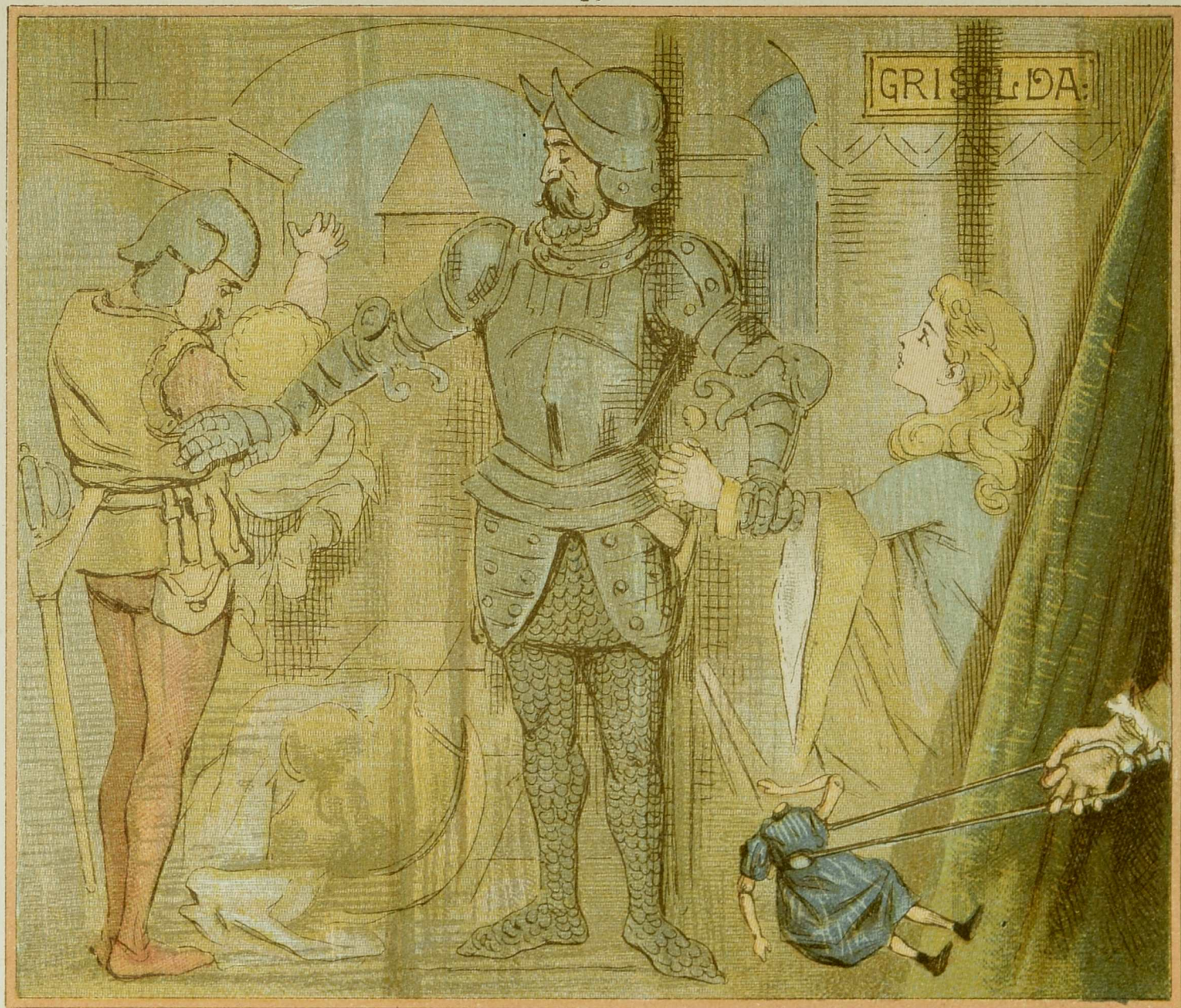
there, don't cry! — if you will have her, I suppose it must be!

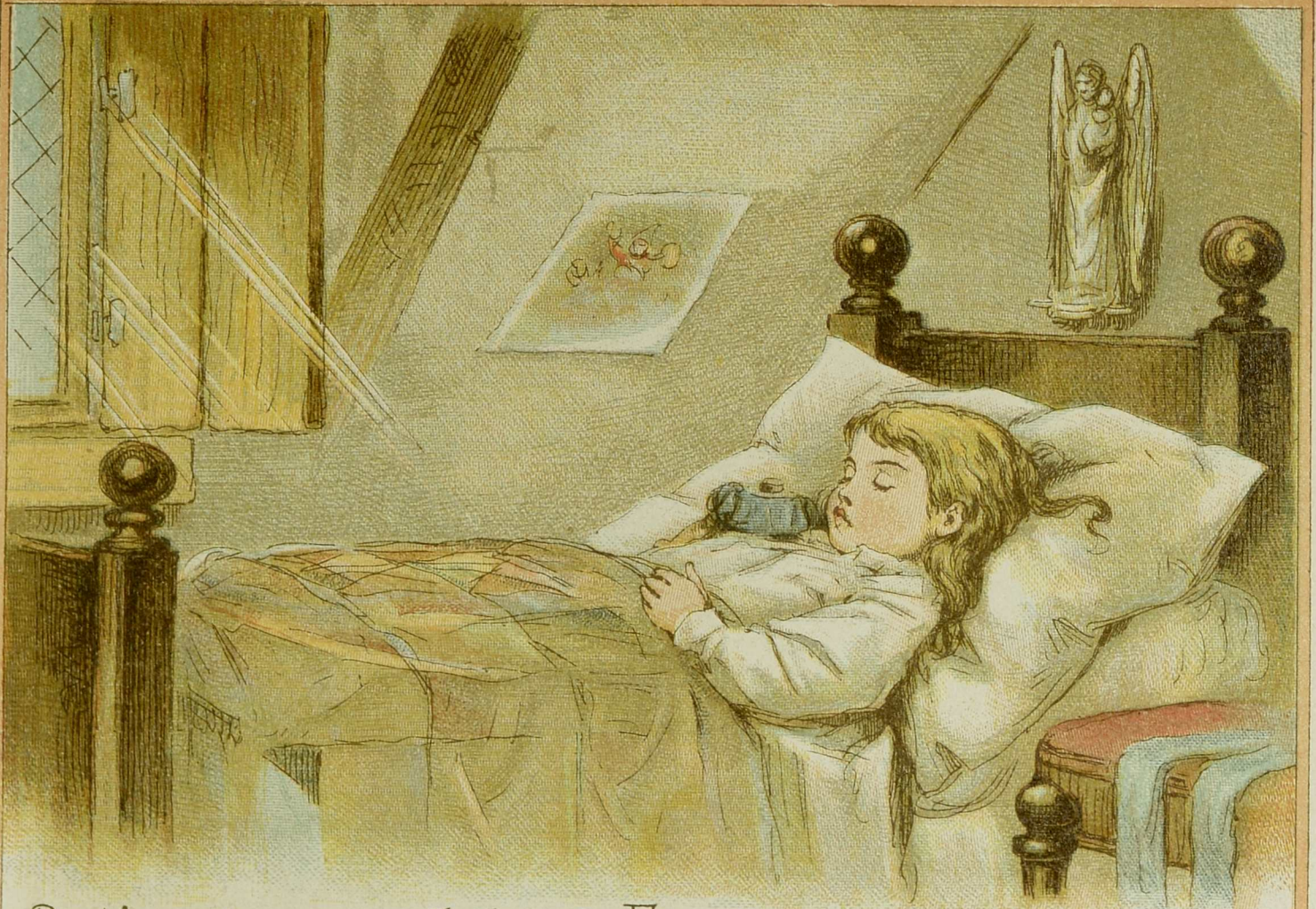
"Though I can't think what you want with Katerina when you've got Nickel and me." ~~~

So I said,
"Thank you,
dear Fritz, for
letting me bring
her, for I've
had her so long
I shouldn't
like to part
with her now."



"And I'll try and do everything you want as well as I can, now you've told me how."





But next morning I heard Fritz's garret window open,
and he put out his head,
And shouted, "Grethel! Grethel! I want you Be
quick! Haven't you got out of bed?"

Iran to the window and said,
 "What is it, dear Fritz?" and he
 said, "I want to tell you that
 I've changed my mind."



"Hans Wandermann is here, and he says there
 are real sapphires on the beach; so I'm off to see what I
 can find."



"Oh, Fritz!" I said, "Can't I come too?" but he said, "You'd better not, you'll only be in the way."

"You can stop quietly at home with Katerina, and you may have Nickel too, if he'll stay."



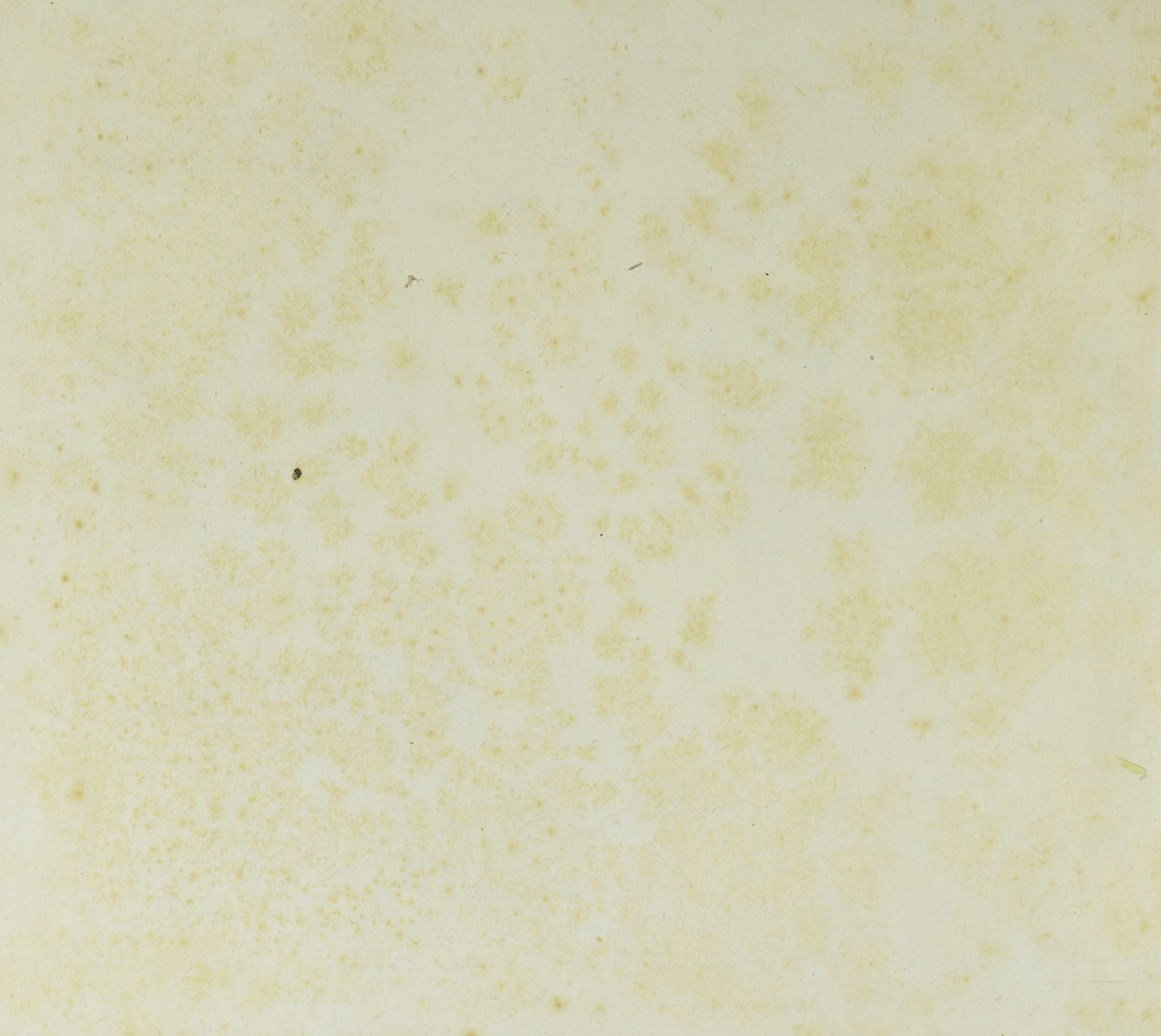


But Nickel wouldn't?
I give him far more of my cake than
Fritz does, but he likes Fritz better than me.

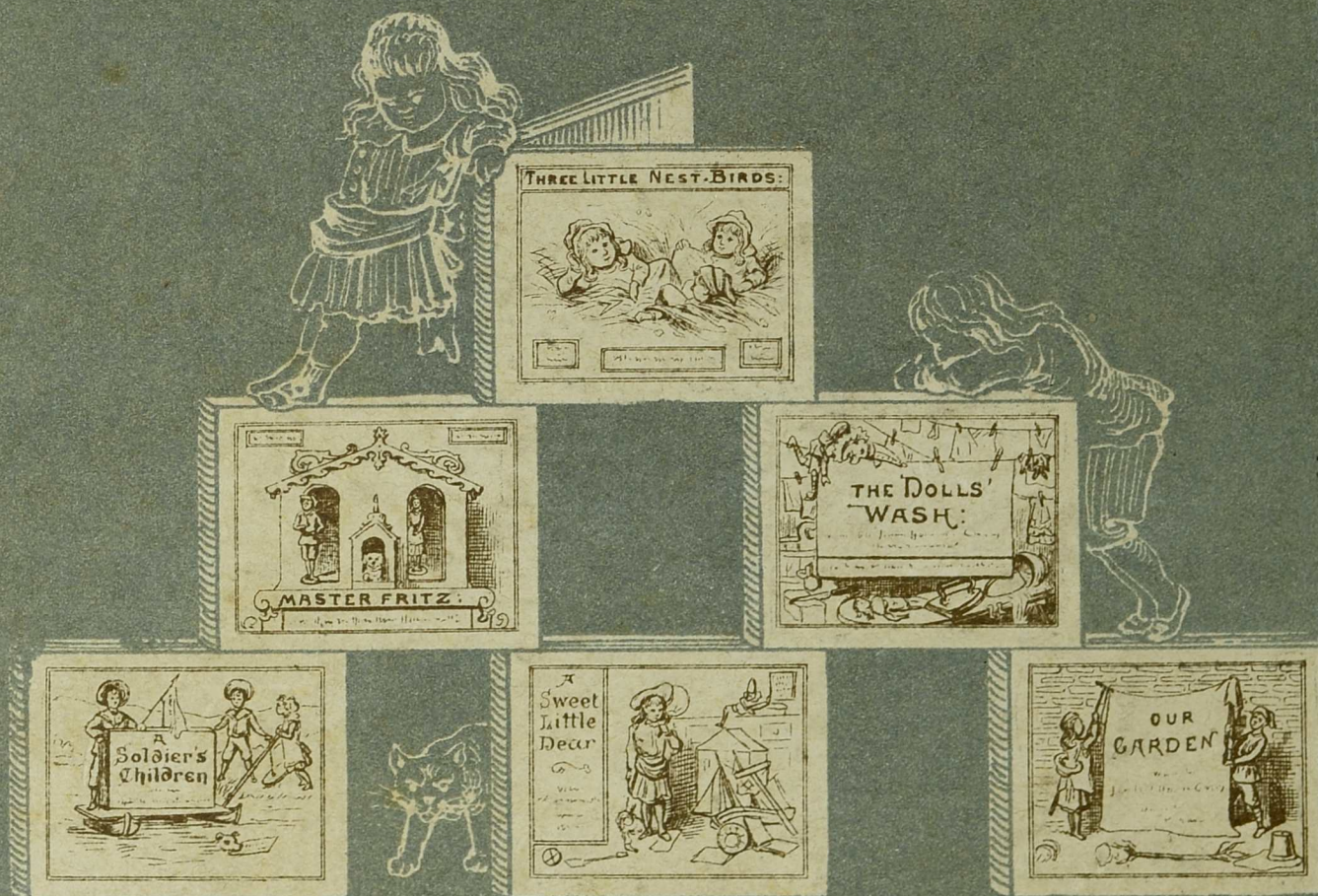
So dear Katerina and I had breakfast together
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