

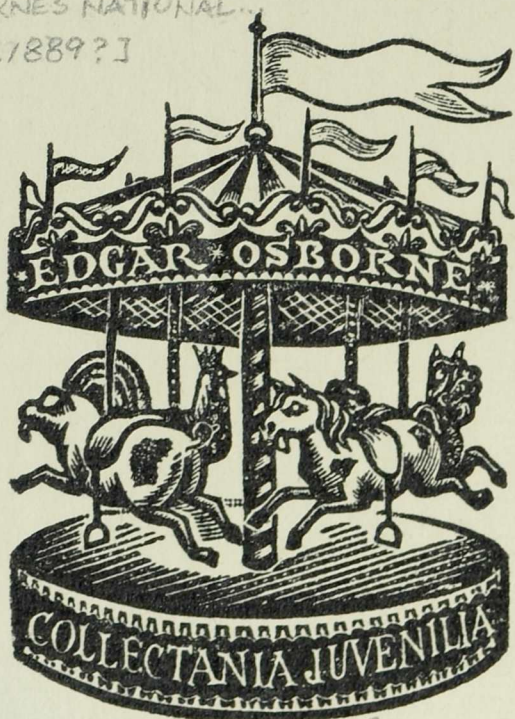
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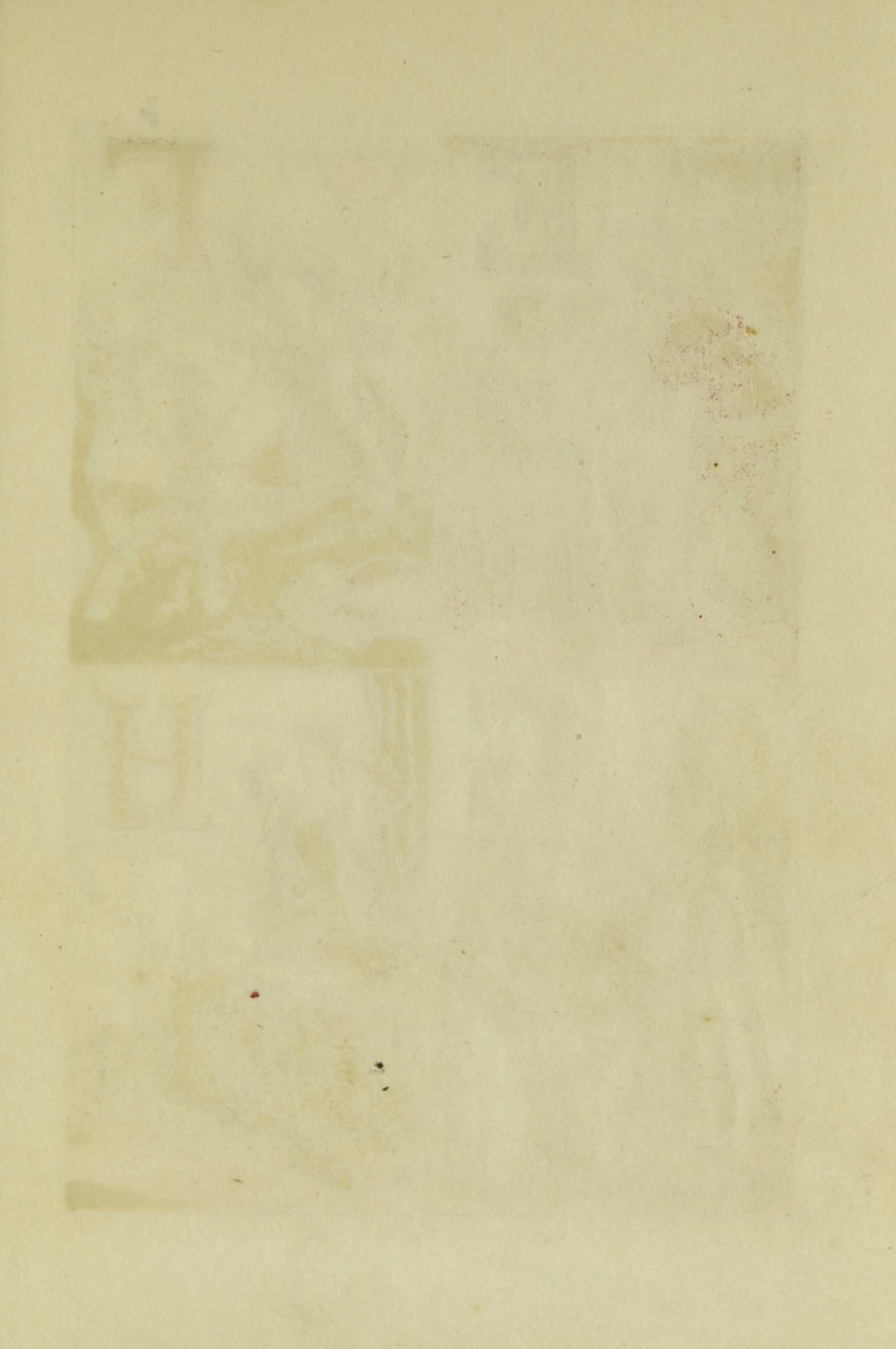
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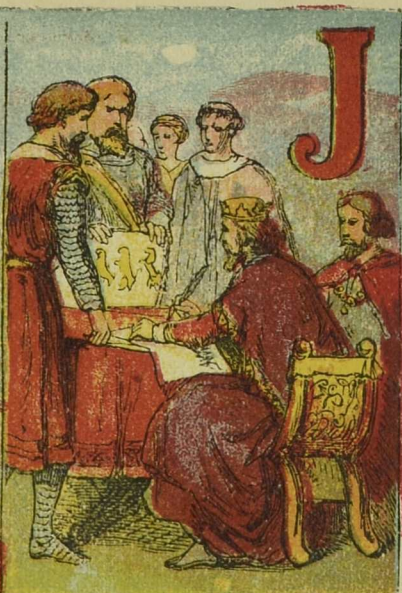
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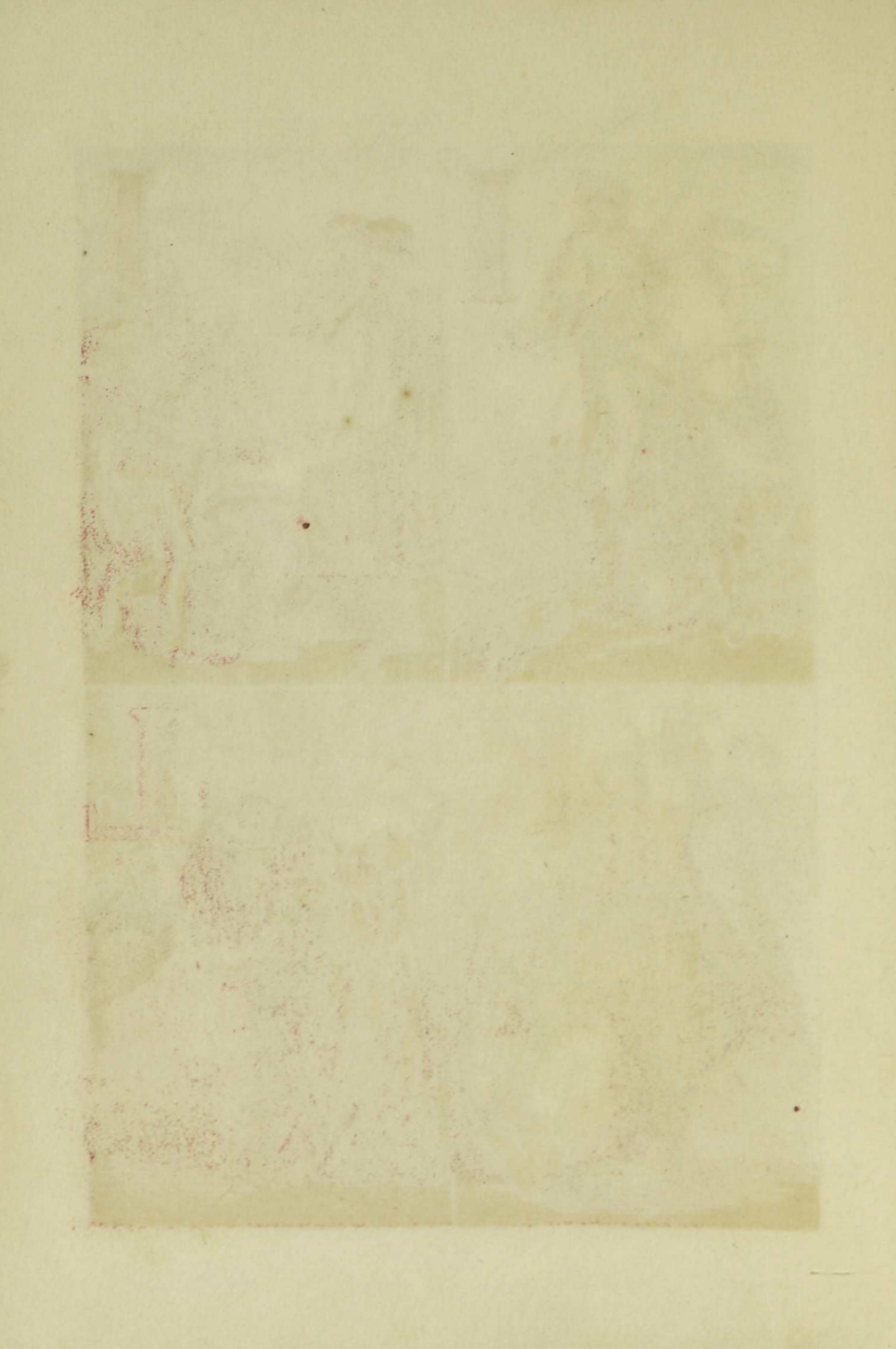
I—IRONSIDES, Cromwell's soldiers. These in the picture are attacking a cavalier, or king's soldier. It is very sad when people of the same country fight against each other.

J—This is a picture of King JOHN signing the Magna Charta—the Charter which laid the foundation of English liberty.

K—KING HENRY VI., crowned in his mother's lap King of England and France. He was only nine months old when he became King.

L—LADY JANE GREY refusing the crown of England; but her father made her take it, and she was queen for ten days. She had no right to the throne.





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N



O



P



The Royal Alphabet.

M—MARY, the Queen who succeeded Jane, put her innocent rival to death ; and burned a great many people at Smithfield because they refused to be Roman Catholics.

N—NASEBY FIELD, where King Charles I. and his army were defeated by Oliver Cromwell.

O—OLIVER CROMWELL in this picture is breaking up the Parliament, and telling them to “take away that bauble,” meaning the Speaker’s mace.

P—PHILIPPA, Queen of Edward III., begging her husband to forgive the brave Frenchman who had defended Calais against him. The King granted her prayer.

The Royal Alphabet.

Q—**QUEEN ELIZABETH** riding to St. Paul's, to thank God for preserving England from the Spanish Armada, or great ships which Philip, King of Spain, sent to conquer England.

R—**RICHARD I.**, who lived four hundred years before, fighting with the Saracens in the Crusades; wars to deliver the Holy Land and Jerusalem from the unbelievers.

S—**SCOTS** who did homage to Edward I., with Baliol. Edward had no right to the Crown of Scotland, which Bruce, after a time, regained.

T—**TRIAL** of **KING CHARLES I.** by the Rebels. They condemned him to be beheaded.





The Royal Alphabet.

U—UNION of Queen Victoria with Prince Albert. This was a very happy marriage, for both bride and bridegroom were very good. The Prince died some years ago.

V—VICTORIA, crowned in her early youth. She was then only nineteen. Everyone loves this good Queen, and hopes she will live long to rule over us.

W—WILLIAM RUFUS, a King who lived seven hundred years before Queen Victoria. He was shot with an arrow, in the New Forest, Hampshire, by an accident.

X stands for XMAS (Christmas), and this is a picture of Henry VIII. and his Queen keeping Xmas.

The Royal Alphabet.

Y—YORK claiming the Crown of England. In King Henry VI.'s reign, the Duke of York claimed the Crown of England, as his right, in Parliament, as Henry IV., the king's grandfather, had usurped the crown. York was made Regent, and afterwards fought for the Crown, but was killed in battle. His son became Edward IV.

Z—ZUTPHEN was a battle in which the brave and good Sir Philip Sidney was mortally wounded. He asked for water and they brought him some; but he noticed a wounded soldier looking longingly at it, and said, "Give it to that poor man; he wants it more than I do." This generous action will never be forgotten.







THE ROYAL ALPHABET.

QUEEN VICTORIA is not only the best of all our kings and queens (except, perhaps, King Alfred), but she is also a very good woman. She was a tender and faithful wife, and has been a wise and affectionate mother. Her eldest son, the Prince of Wales, was once very dangerously ill; the doctors thought he must die; but everywhere the Queen's people prayed to God to make him well, and God heard their prayers, and he recovered. Then the Queen and her people went to the great Church of St. Paul, to thank God for having heard the prayers of herself and her people.

Alexandra Alphabet.

A stands for ALEXANDRA, the name of the Princess of Wales, whom we all love because she is good and kind to everybody.

B stands for Banner—a Banner means a flag; this Banner belongs to Denmark, the Princess's country, a brave and noble nation in the north of Europe.

C stands for Camp, a place where soldiers live, many together in tents; here are some tents and soldiers of the Princess's Country.

D stands for Danes—the people of Denmark are called Danes; they are kind, honest, good people, and very brave.

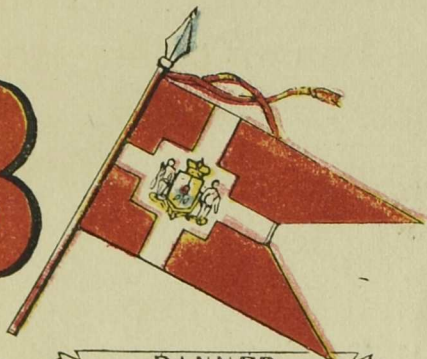
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ALEXANDRA.

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CAMP.

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DANES.

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EGGS.

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FISHERMAN

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GULLS.

Alexandra Alphabet.

E stands for Eggs, which all people like and eat. Hens sit on eggs, and chickens come from them. All birds lay eggs. Some eggs are very large, some very small.

F stands for Fisherman. Denmark has the sea nearly all round it, and its people Fish a great deal. Some Fish are very large, as the whale; some small, as the minnow.

G stands for Gulls, birds which live close to the sea, and fly over it and catch fish. There are plenty of Gulls on the sea-shores of Denmark.

H stands for Haymakers. The Danes have good farms, very pretty, and nice, and make Hay as we do.

Alexandra Alphabet.

I stands for Icelanders; they live in an Island belonging to Denmark, called Iceland. It is very cold there; but there is a burning mountain in the island, and hot water springs, which come up so warm out of the ground that one can boil a leg of mutton in the water.

J stands for Jay, a pretty bird found both in England and Denmark.

K stands for Keep. A Keep was the great tower in an old castle where the family lived. There are many old castles in Denmark.

L stands for a Lamp, which is used everywhere.

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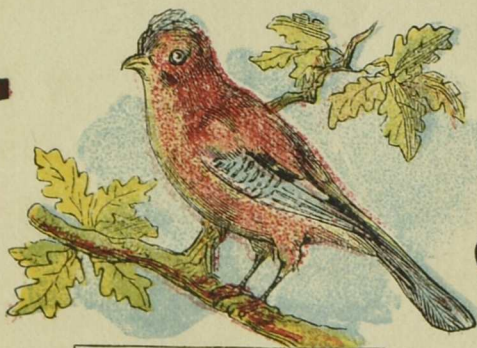
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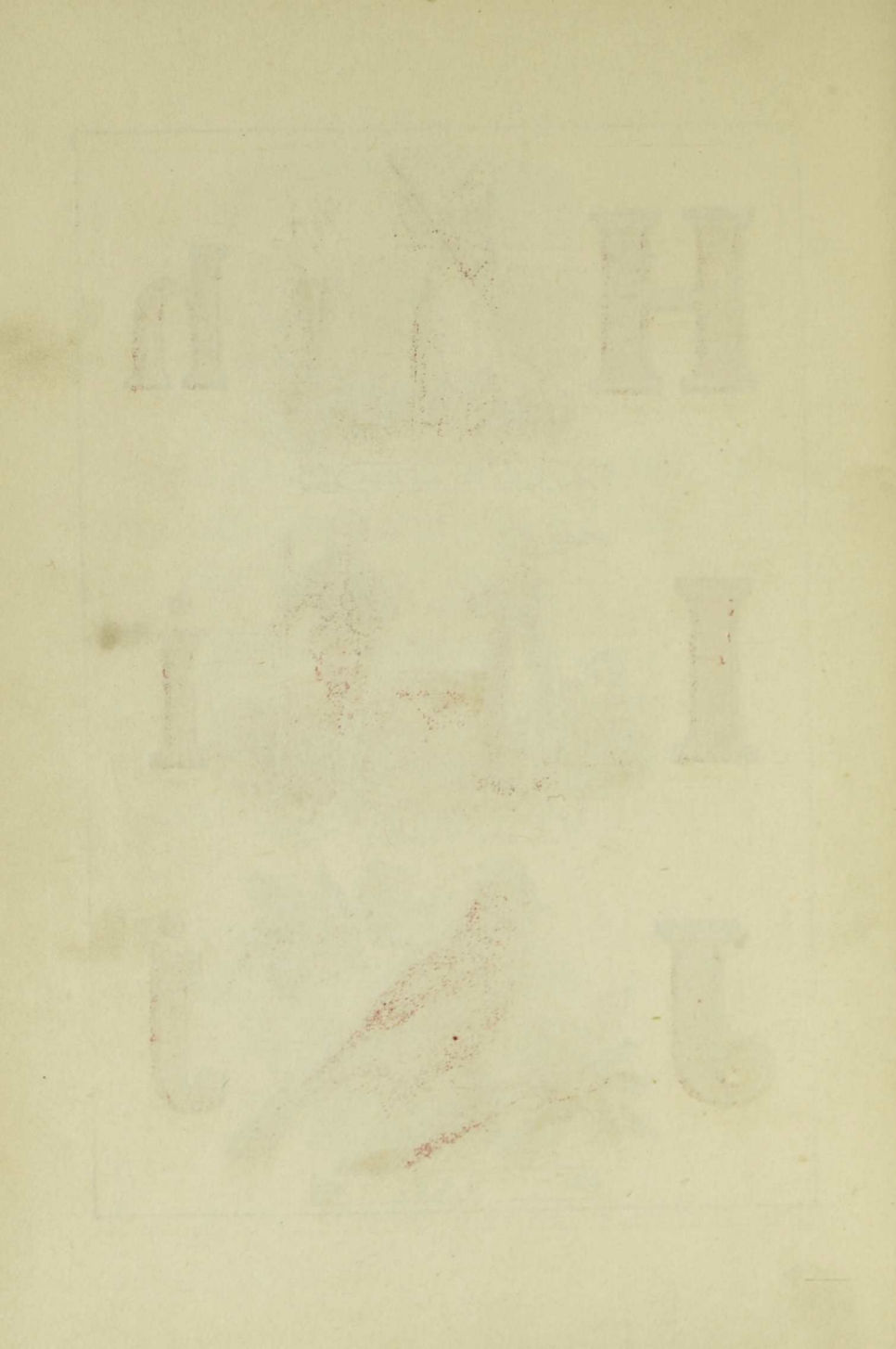
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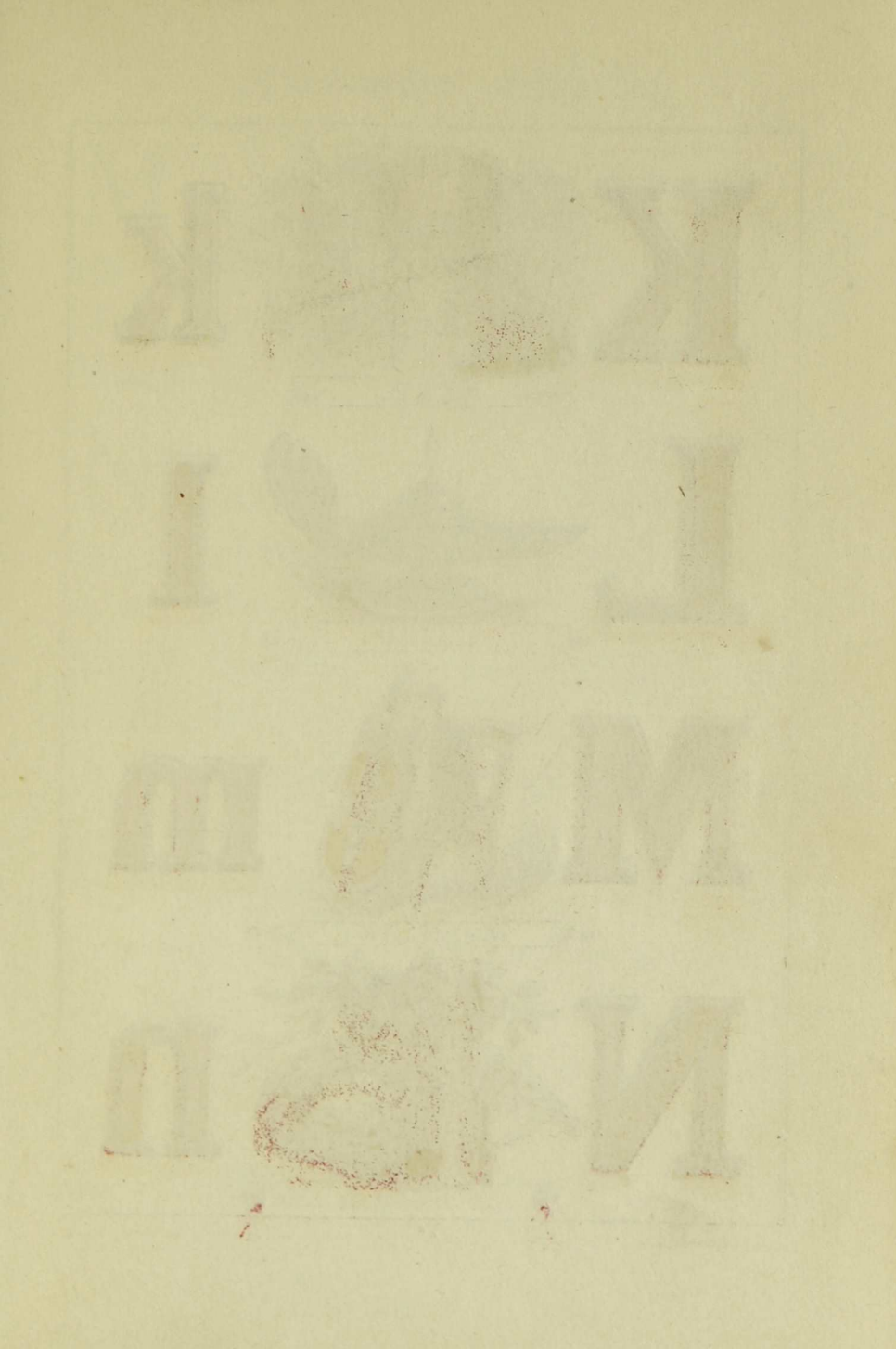
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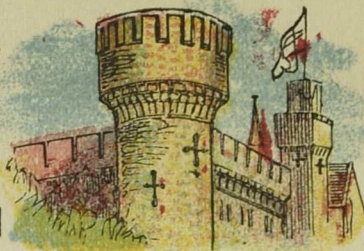
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MUSICIAN.

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NEST.

Alexandra Alphabet.

M stands for Musician—that is, a person who plays on an instrument of Music, or who sings. The Danes love Music.

N stands for Nest, where birds lay eggs, and bring up their little birds. It is very clever of the birds to build such pretty homes; no boy or girl could build a bird's nest. Who teaches them to make one so wonderfully? God does.

O stands for Omnibus, which is a long carriage for all people who wish to travel cheaply. Have you ever been inside one? I daresay you have.

P stands for Prince. I think this must be the Princess's husband.

Alexandra Alphabet.

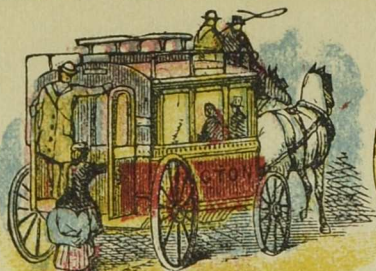
Q is for the Queen of Denmark, a beautiful lady, the mother of our Princess Alexandra of Wales ; therefore she ought to be the Queen of the Alexandra Alphabet.

R stands for Roses, which bloom in Denmark as well as in England. There are very many different kinds of Roses—a very sweet scent is made from them, called Attar of Rose. The Rose is the flower which England has chosen for her emblem.

S stands for Skaters. Denmark is a cold country ; there is much ice there, and the people Skate beautifully.

T is a Target, a thing at which people shoot arrows.

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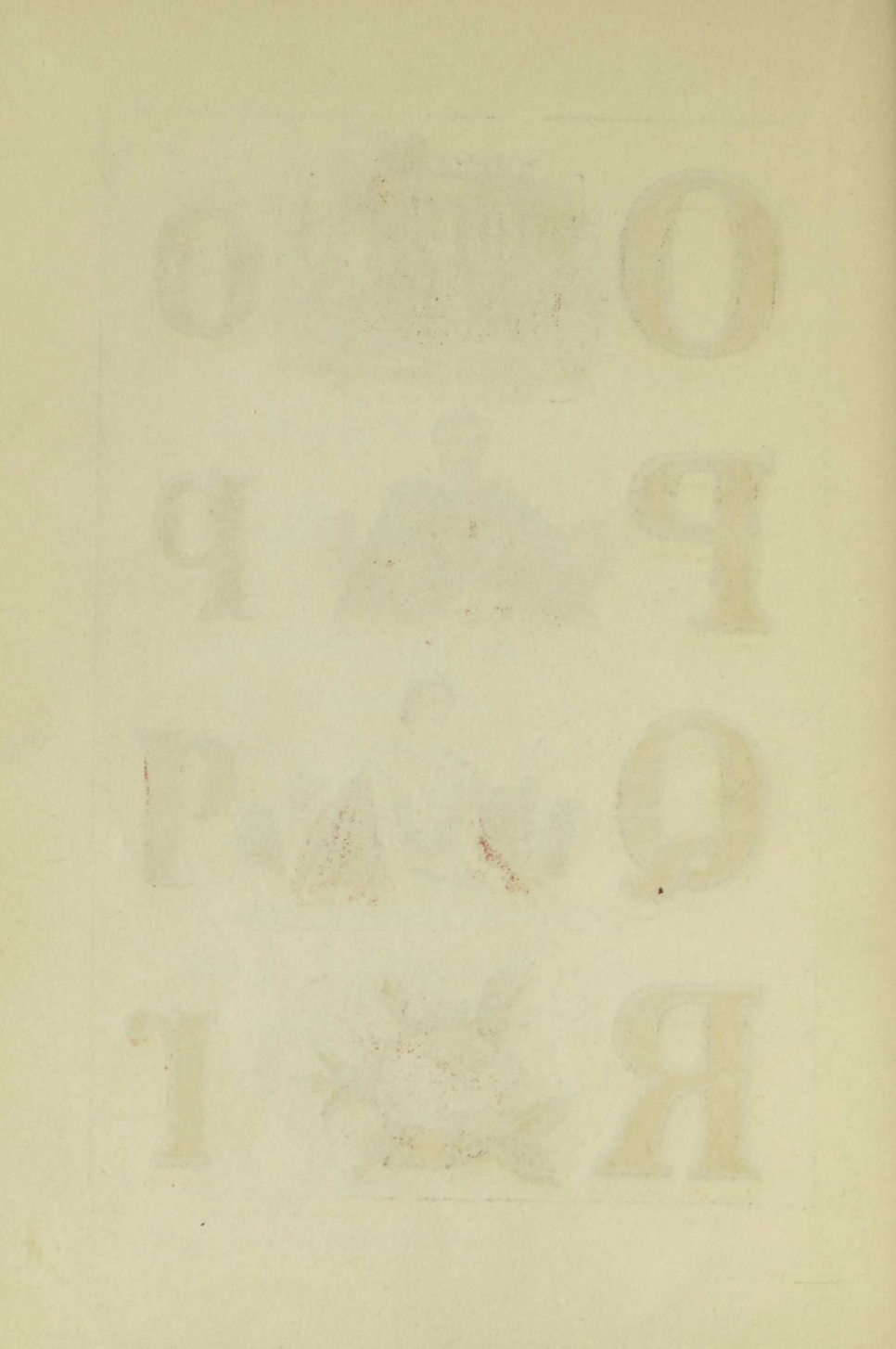
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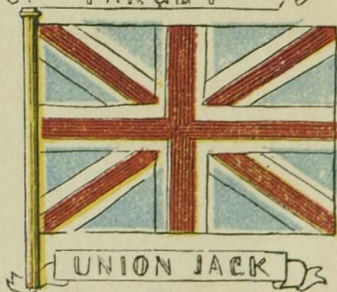
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Alexandra Alphabet.

U is our Union Jack. It belongs to the Princess now she is an English Princess as well as a Dane; it is made of the flags of England, Scotland, and Ireland put together; that is why it is called *Union Jack*.

V stands for VICTORIA, our beloved Queen. She has reigned many years now, wisely and well, and has a great many dear little grand-children.

W stands for Waggon, in which we carry Wheat from the harvest-field, and hay from the hay-field.

X stands for Xmas, short for Christmas. In Denmark they put out a sheaf of wheat for the birds on Xmas eve.

Y stands for Yacht, a pretty little vessel used by gentlemen for pleasure voyages.

Z stands for Zodiac, that means the sun's path in the heavens, or rather it is a picture of the stars the earth passes on its way round the sun. These stars are called the Ram, because young lambs come in spring; the Bull; the Twins; the Crab, because then the crab moves back southwards, and the crab walks sideways, you know; the Virgin, and the Scales; the Scorpion; the Archer; the Goat; the Water-bearer; and the Fishes. When you are bigger you must find them out in the sky.

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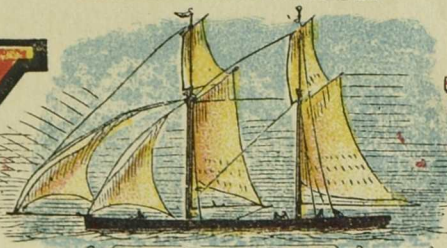
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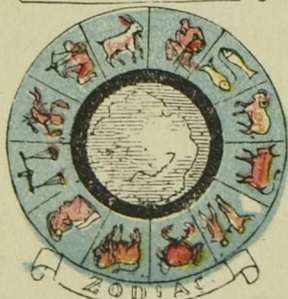
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ALEXANDRA ALPHABET.

ALEXANDRA, Princess of Wales, is the daughter of Christian IX., King of Denmark. The Danes are very different now, you know, from those who lived in King Alfred's days.

The Princess is very beautiful, and very good and kind, which is a great deal better. She has five children, the two eldest are Princes, the three others, Princesses. The Princes, Victor and George, are both on board the training ship *Britannia*, being educated. We do not think both will go to sea; but their father, the Prince of Wales, thought that the discipline of the Navy was better than any other school for them; so they are learning to be obedient little seamen, to be by-and-by wise rulers of men. Here is a picture of the Princess and her children.

The Sunday Alphabet.

A stands for Abraham. God ordered him to offer up his only son Isaac to Him, as a sacrifice. Abraham was going to obey God, when an Angel told him not to kill his son, for God saw that he was obedient.

B stands for Bible; the holy Book God has given us to teach us His will. In it we read how God made the world, and how Jesus Christ saved men by dying on the cross for them.

C stands for Church, to which we all ought to go every Sunday, when we are big enough to know how to sit still.

D stands for David, playing on his harp and singing psalms.

Aa



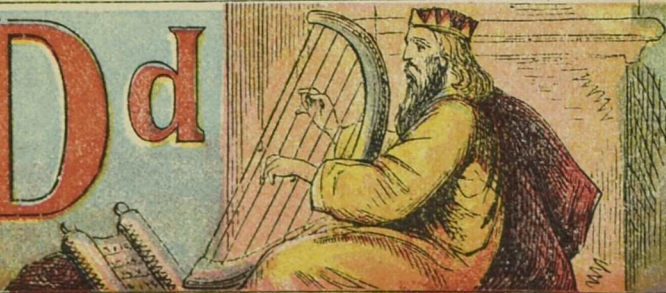
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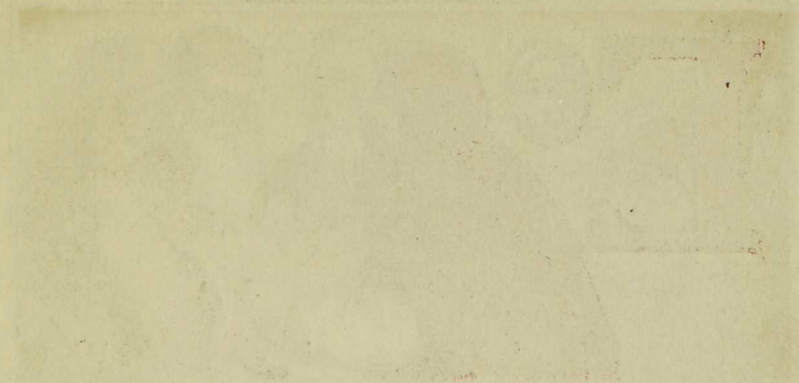


Cc



Dd







The Sunday Alphabet.

E stands for **Evangelists**. Evangelists are men who write a Gospel—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote Gospels, so they were Evangelists.

F stands for Faith—that is, Belief in God and His Son. This picture is Faith, drawn like a woman, holding a cross, and calling on all people to believe.

G stands for Gate. Here is Christiana with her children, knocking at the Gate; do you remember hearing about her in the Pilgrim's Progress?

H stands for Hymns, which are songs of praise to God; these children are singing them.

The Sunday Alphabet.

I stands for Innocent ; a baby is an *Innocent* little darling ; it never means to do wrong, therefore God loves it. Our Saviour said, " Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not ; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

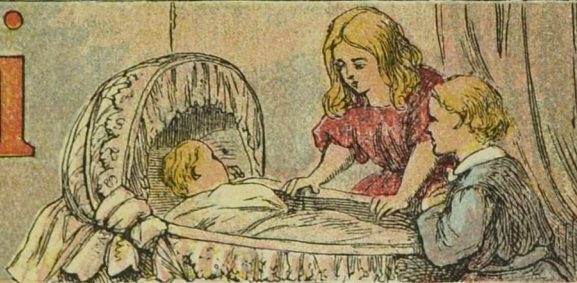
J stands for Jailer. Here is the Jailer asking St. Paul and Silas what he shall do to be saved. St. Paul answered, " Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ."

K stands for Kindness : which is a Christian duty. We must love each other, and be kind to the poor animals also, and never tease or hurt them. God loves kind children.

H h



I i



J j



K k



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O o



The Sunday Alphabet.

L stands for Lark, which sings high up in the sky. We should try to rise above earthly things as the Lark does ; that is, we should not think of play when we are saying our prayers.

M stands for Missionary ; that is, a good Man who goes to other lands to teach the heathen about Jesus.

N stands for Noah's ark, a favourite plaything. Good Noah was saved in an ark, from the waters, when the world was drowned.

O stands for Ocean, a great body of water ; whenever we look on the sea, which the great God made, it should make us think of Him.

The Sunday Alphabet.

P stands for Prayer. God has told us to pray to Him, and He hears every word we say ; therefore we should take care that we think of what we are doing, and be very reverent when we thus speak to our Father in Heaven.

Q stands for Questions. This good mother is asking her children some questions on what they have read in the Bible.

R stands for Rainbow. God has said that when we see the Rainbow, we must remember that He has promised never again to drown the world.

S stands for Sunday School, where children go to learn to serve God.





The Sunday Alphabet.

T stands for Time. We count Time by years, and days, and hours; we should try to do some good thing, or say some kind word every hour, for God will require us to account to Him for the use of our time; we must not waste it or do wicked things in it.

U stands for Usefulness. These children have it in them, I think. One teaches her little sister to read, the other is sewing.

V stands for Vanity; a very bad fault. People are often made wicked by it; they do naughty things to make people admire them. Try not to be Vain.

W stands for Worship. We mean
by Worship, praying to God, and
thanking Him for all His goodness.

X is the Roman sign for Ten—God
gave the Ten Commandments to Moses,
and he declared them to the children of
Israel. We hear them read every Sunday
in church, and must try to keep them.

Y stands for Youth. This is a
picture of the holy Youth Timothy
being taught by his mother Eunice to
read the Scriptures.

Z stands for Zoot, the little city to
which Lot and his daughters fled from
Sodom, when God for its wickedness
burnt up that city with fire from
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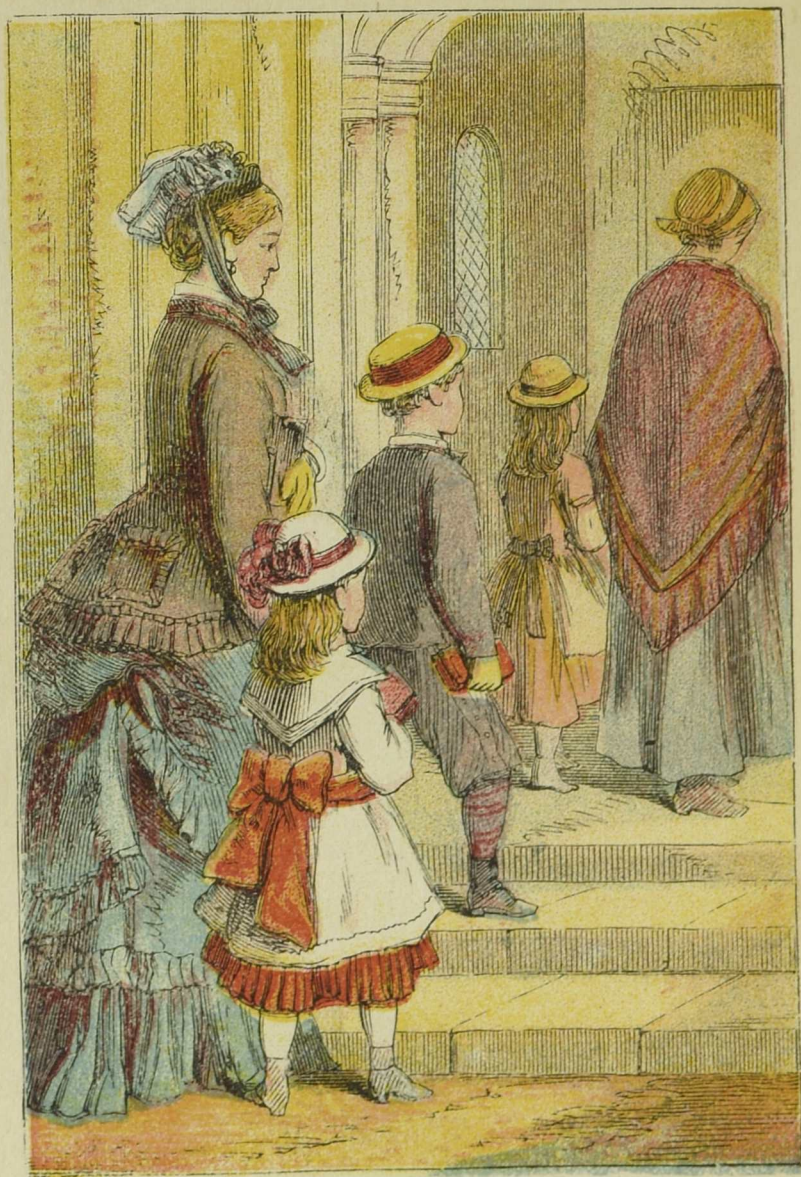
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Z stands for Zoar, the little city to which Lot and his daughters fled from Sodom, when God for its wickedness burnt up that city with fire from Heaven.







THE SUNDAY ALPHABET.

SUNDAY is the Christian day of rest, set apart for the worship of God ; one day in seven being ordered by God to be kept holy. We keep the first day because our Lord rose from the grave on that day.

On Sunday morning the bells call us all to church ; and there we pray to God. We ask Him first to forgive us all our naughty acts, and then we pray for help to be good, and we thank Him for His good gifts.

When you are in church remember God sees you, and try to pray just as if you could see Him.

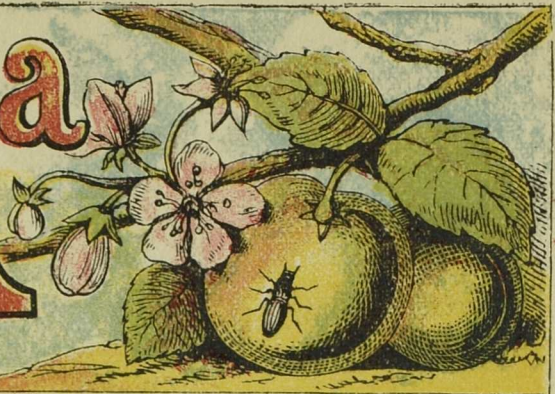
Edith's Alphabet.

A is for Apple, and pretty Apple blossoms. From Apples we make a nice drink called cider, and also good puddings and tarts. An Ant crawls on the Apple ; Ants are very singular insects. They build nice under-ground houses, and lay in food for the winter.

B is for Bird and Bird's nest on a Branch of a tree. Look at the pretty eggs ; soon the mother Bird will sit on them, and then by-and-by, little Baby Birds will come out of them, and when their feathers have grown, their mother will teach them to fly.

C is for Crab. A Crab is a fish that lives in a shell ; a Cockle is another fish that lives in a different kind of shell. Both these fish are good to eat. A Cutter is a small vessel that sails on the seas.

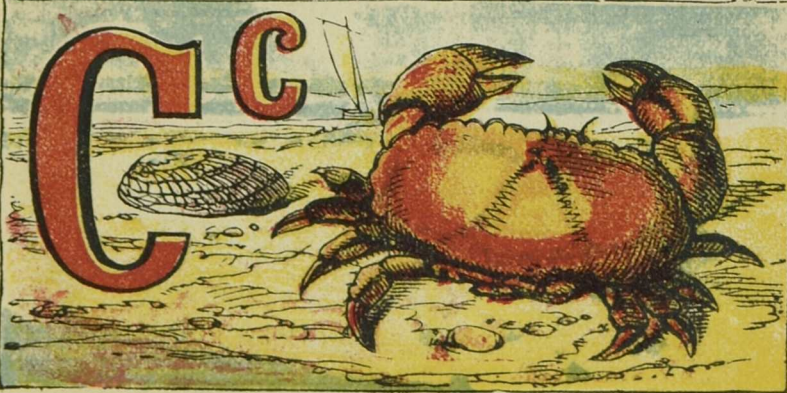
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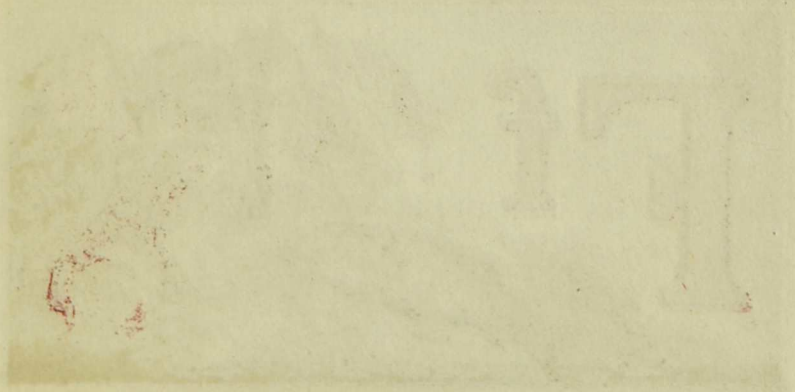
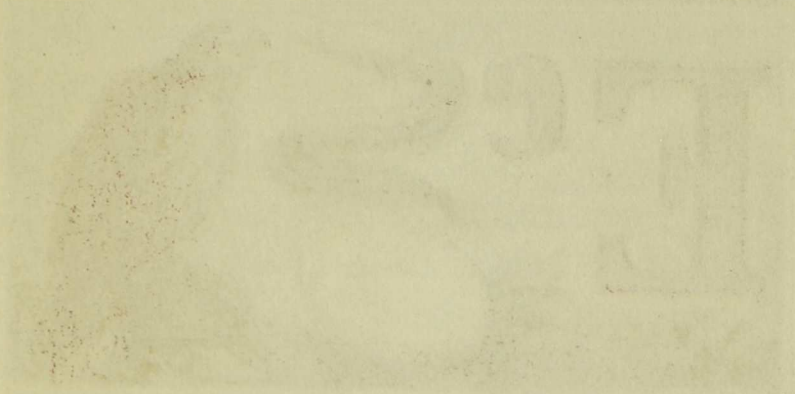
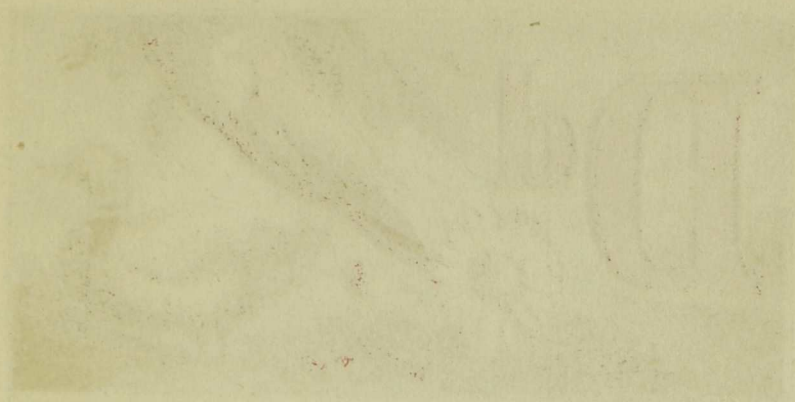


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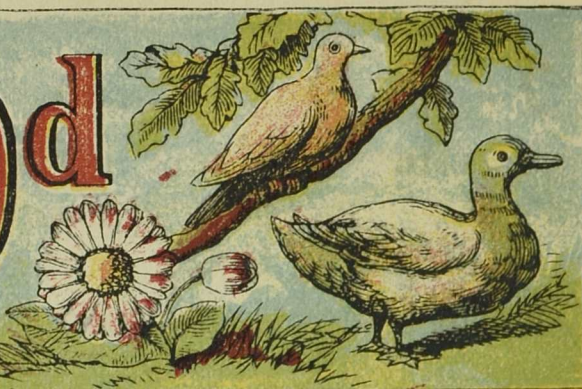


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Ff



Edith's Alphabet.

D is for Dove, a gentle bird that lives in the woods. A Duck swims on the water. A Daisy is a pretty flower that all children know ; its name means Day's eye, because it opens and peeps at the sun as soon as he rises. Do you ever make chains of Daisies? If you do, recollect their names begin with a D.

E is for Eels, fish very like snakes ; and for Eggs ; and an Eagle, the largest and fiercest of all birds, so strong that it can carry away a baby in its beak, or even a sheep. It builds its nest on the top of high rocks.

F is for Fish, that swim in the sea and rivers ; they cannot live long out of water. A Frog lives in ponds and ditches. A Fuchsia is a pretty drooping Flower.

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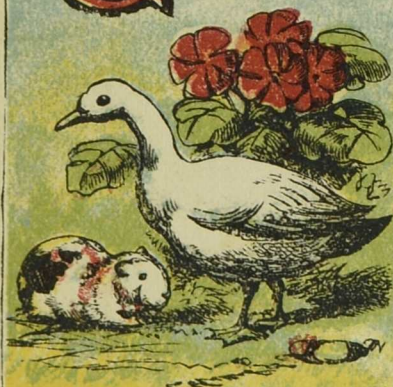
G stands for Goose, a bird we all know ; and for Guinea-pig, which we like to pet ; also for Geranium, a pretty flower which we often keep in a pot.

H stands for Horse, a very useful and clever animal ; for Hen, that lays us eggs for breakfast ; and for Hedgehog, a little animal whose skin is all covered with prickles. It can roll itself into a ball when it wishes to defend itself.

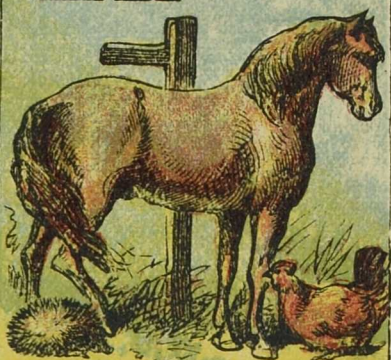
I stands for Ivy, the leaves of which are green in winter ; for Ibis, a bird found in Egypt ; and for Ibex, a kind of goat which lives on the mountains.

J is for Judge, who sends naughty people to prison ; for Jew ; and for Jockey, a lad who rides horses at races.

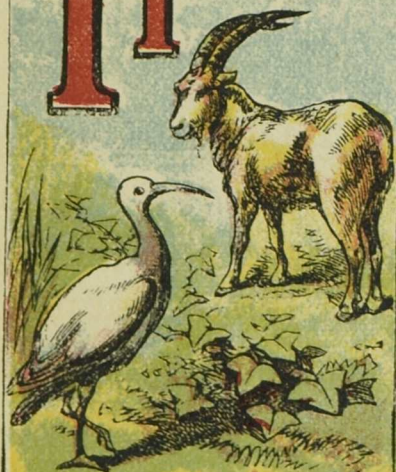
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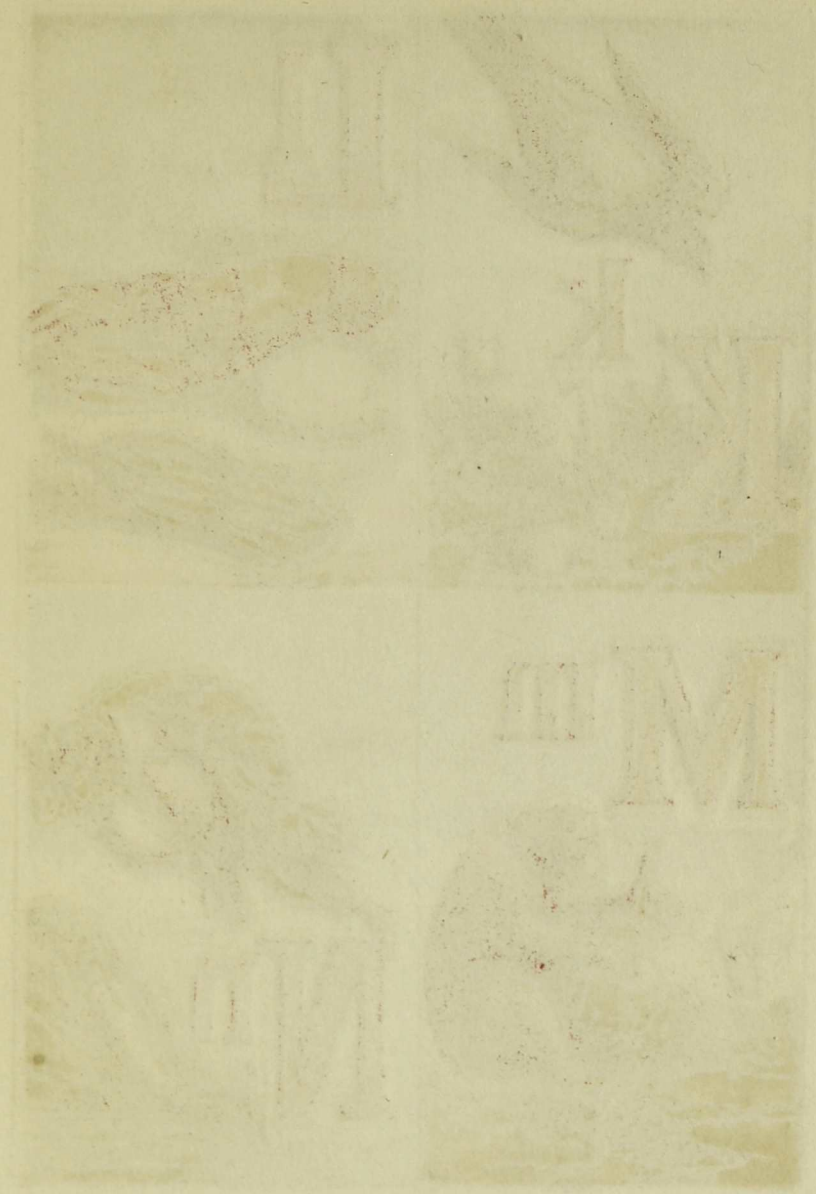
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Edith's Alphabet.

K stands for the cruel Kite, which darts down upon little chickens and carries them off; for the pretty little Kid, which is a young goat; and for the merry little Kitten which you love so much, and which is so playful.

L stands for the Lemon, a very fine fruit, but too sour to eat; and for the Lobster, a funny shell-fish, which sometimes changes its old head for a new one; and for Lettuce, a pleasant plant, of which we make salads in summer.

M stands for a Monkey, which is, you see, eating a Melon; and for Moth, flying near it; a Moth is a kind of butterfly.

N stands for Nuts; for Nuthatch, which is going to eat one; and for Newt, a funny little creature that lives in ponds.

Edith's Alphabet.

O is for Owl, a bird which flies by night and eats mice ; for Oats, which horses eat ; and for Onions, which grow in gardens, and have an unpleasant smell.

P is for Parrot, a bird that talks when taught ; and for Pine-apple, which it likes to eat ; also for Poppy, which grows among the wheat ; its juice makes people go to sleep.

Q is for Quail, a pretty little bird ; for Quince, a fruit like a pear, but not very nice to eat ; and for Quagga, an animal like a zebra.

R is for Robin, who eats crumbs at the window in winter ; for Rabbit, who hides in an under-ground house, called a warren ; and for Rushes, which grow in the water.

Oo



Pp



Qq



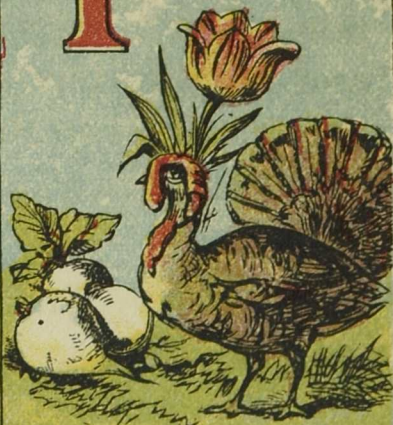
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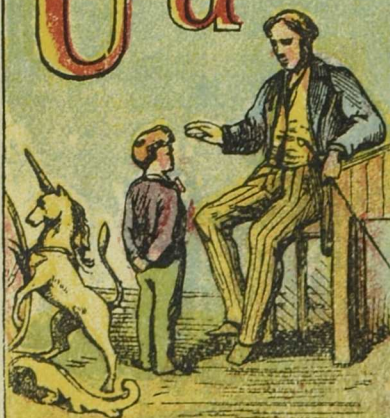
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Edith's Alphabet.

S is for Swan, which sails over the pond ; for Sheep, which give us wool ; and for Swallow, a bird that comes over the sea to us in Summer, and flies away again to Africa in winter.

T is for Turnips, which are nice vegetables ; for Tulip, a pretty flower ; and for Turkey, which gobbles at us when we go into the farm-yard, but which will not hurt us.

U is for the Usher, who is teaching the Urchin (that is, a small child) his lessons ; and for Unicorn, a fancy animal, not a real creature.

V stands for Villager, that is, a girl or boy who lives in a Village. V stands also for Village, and Vale, which is low land between hills.

Edith's Alphabet.

W stands for a Wasp, which stings us ; for a Wren, the smallest of birds ; and for a Walnut, which I daresay you like, as it is a nice nut.

X is for Xiphias, a fish with a bone sword on his mouth ; and for Xerxes, who was a proud king of Persia ; and for Xenophon, a man who was very wise, and brave, and who wrote a history.

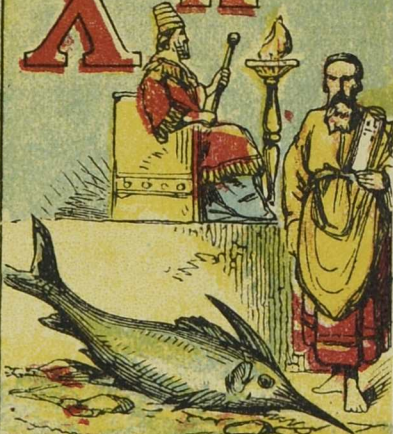
Y is for Yak, a kind of bull with long hair ; for a Yew-tree, the berries of which are poison ; and for a Youth, who is going to play cricket.

Z is for Zebu, a kind of cow, with a hump ; for Zebra, a kind of donkey, all over stripes ; and for Zibet, a little animal found (as they all three are) in countries far away.

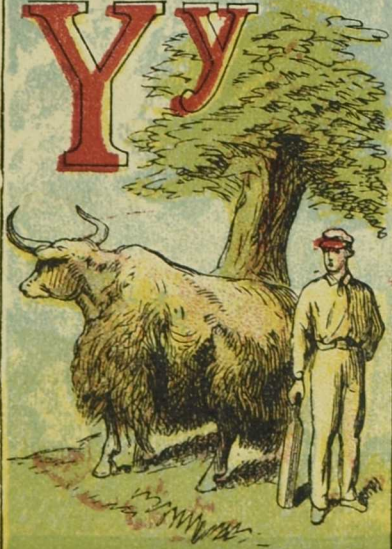
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EDITH'S ALPHABET.

EDITH is the kindest little girl I ever saw. She knows how hard it is for little children to learn to read, so she takes Norman, who is only four, and Milly, who is five, and teaches them their letters herself. She shows them the letter A, and tells them it stands for Apple, and she lets them build an A with three pieces of stick or paper; she lets them do the same for all the other letters, and in this way they soon know their alphabet. If all little girls would help their little brothers and sisters as Edith does, a great many tears would be saved in after days, and I am sure they love her very dearly.

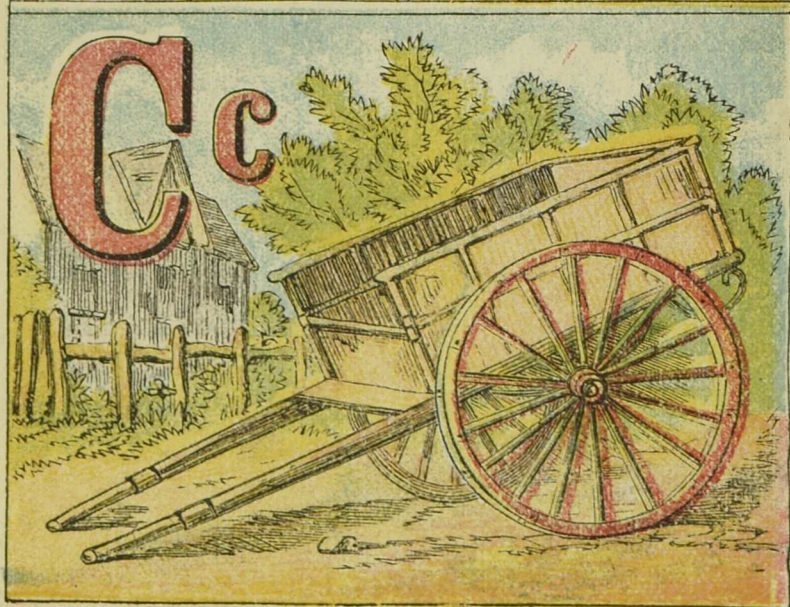
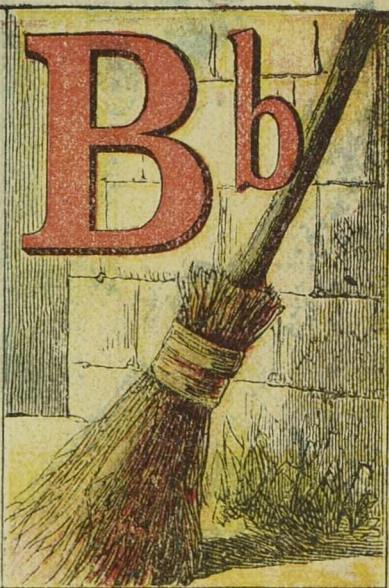
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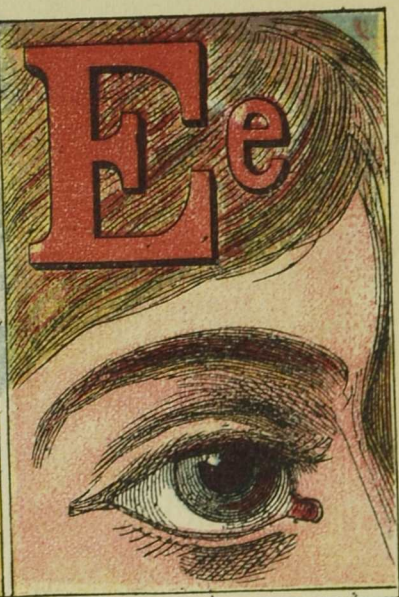
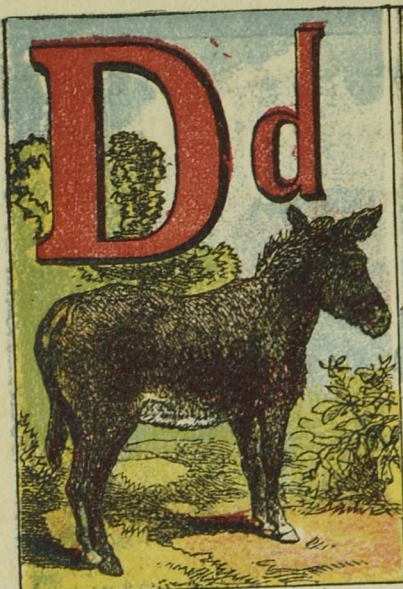
A stands for an Apple, a most useful fruit; cider is made from it, and puddings and pies, and it is good roasted, or eaten ripe from the tree.

B stands for Broom; it is made of hard twigs, and is used in the garden for brushing the paths, and cut grass from the lawn. The old proverb says, New Brooms sweep clean.

C stands for Cart, which no farmer can do without; it carries eggs, and butter, and fowls to market.

D stands for Donkey, a quiet and most useful animal. It feeds on the plainest things; thistles are quite a treat to it.





Aunt Easy's Alphabet.

E stands for Eye, by which we see. The Eye is a very wonderful thing ; to be blind, that is not able to see, is a great misfortune.

F stands for Fox, a very cunning animal and a great thief. He steals our geese, ducks, and fowls when he can, and makes his house in the earth, near a farm-yard, that he may watch for a chance to do so.

G stands for Game and Garden. These young ladies are playing a Game of croquet in a Garden.

H stands for Hand, the most wonderful gift God has bestowed on us ; for we do everything with it.

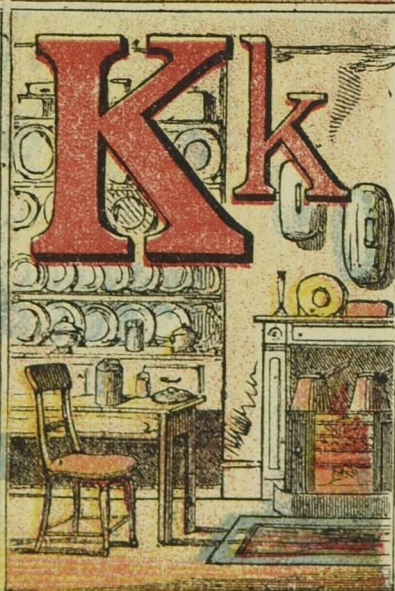
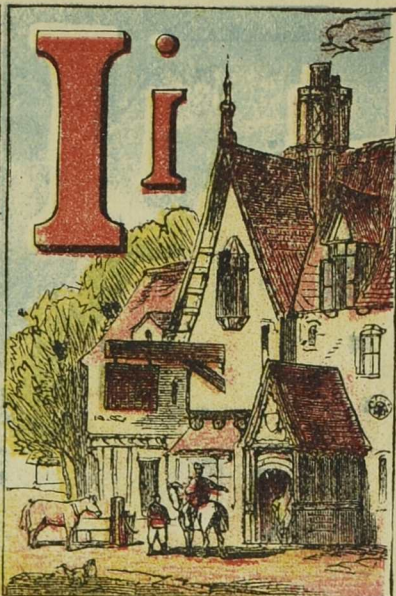
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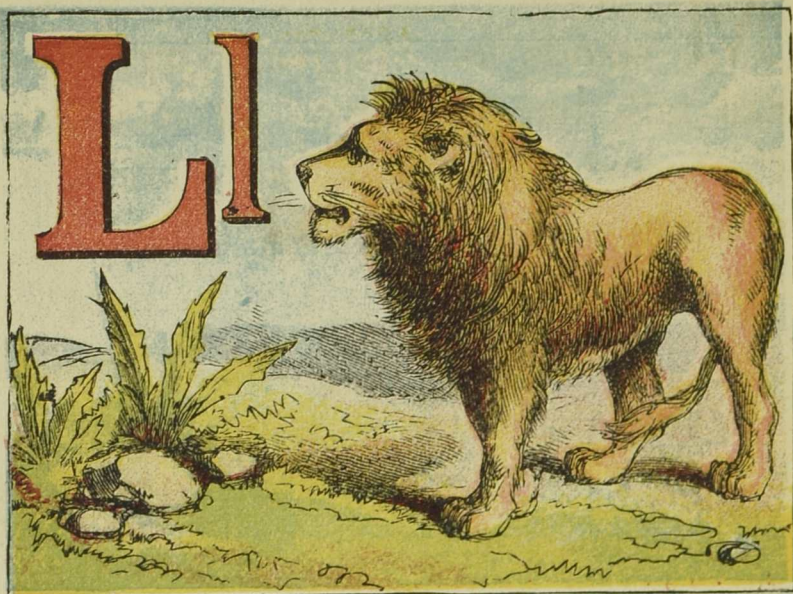
I stands for Inn ; an Inn is a house where travellers can get food and shelter, and a bed ; it is a very useful place ; but sometimes men misuse it by going to drink in it.

J stands for Jar, in which we keep our Jam ; Jars are made in all shapes, and of all sizes.

K stands for Kitchen, where our dinner is cooked. This looks a very comfortable one, I think.

L stands for Lion, the king of all the beasts. The Lion lives chiefly in Africa. It is a very strong and fierce animal, but can be tamed, and is then very affectionate.





Aunt Easy's Alphabet.

M stands for Magpie, a bird which can talk like a parrot. It is a great thief, and fond of hiding things, especially if they shine very much.

N stands for Nest ; this, I think, is a Nightingale's, as it is on the ground amongst the branches of the hedge. Is it not very pretty ?

O stands for Oyster, a fish which lives shut up in a shell, which it opens when it wishes to eat. Pearls are found in Oysters.

P stands for Policemen, who keep the streets in order, and defend us from thieves ; if a child is lost, it should go to a Policeman for help.

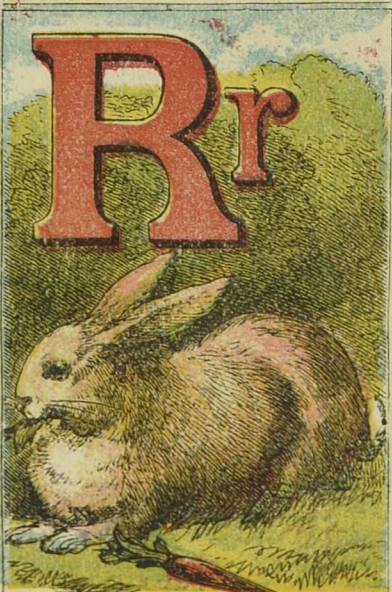
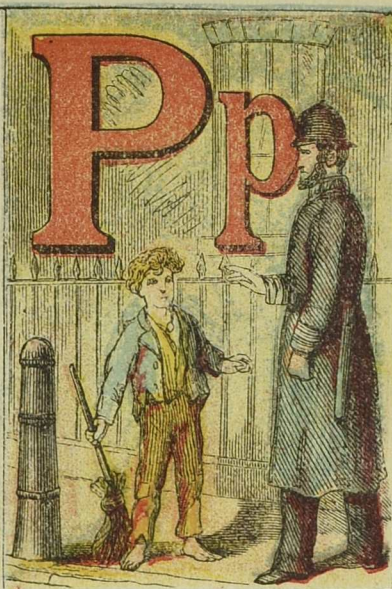
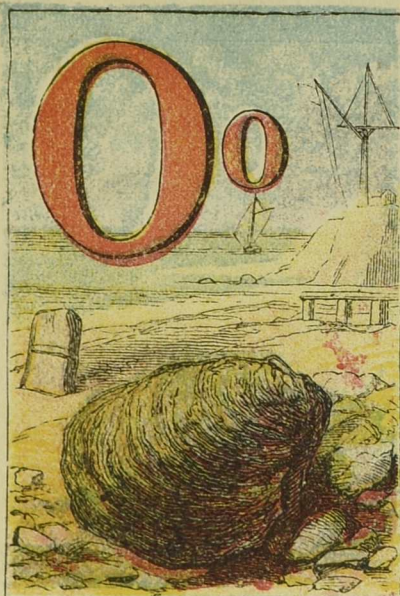
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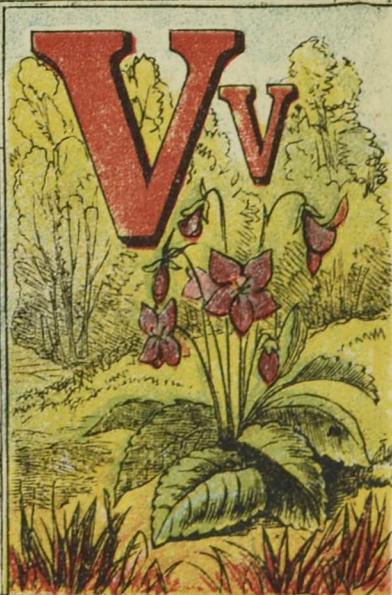
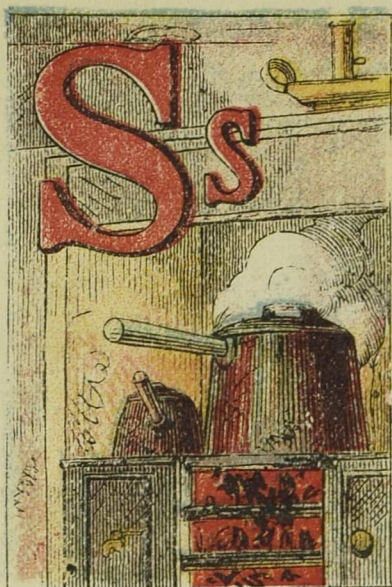
Q stands for Quail, a little bird which is found in wheat fields. It is good to eat. It comest o us from over the sea, and goes back to Africa when winter is coming.

R stands for Rabbit, of which boys often make a great pet. But Rabbits are happier running wild, than they are in a hutch.

S stands for Saucepan, in which cook boils the Christmas plum-pudding, and many other things.

T stands for Tree ; Trees are beautiful and useful. Of their wood we build ships and houses, and their leaves keep the air we breathe sweet and pure.





Aunt Easy's Alphabet.

U stands for Uncle; very often a kind friend to little children. This child seems very fond of her Uncle.

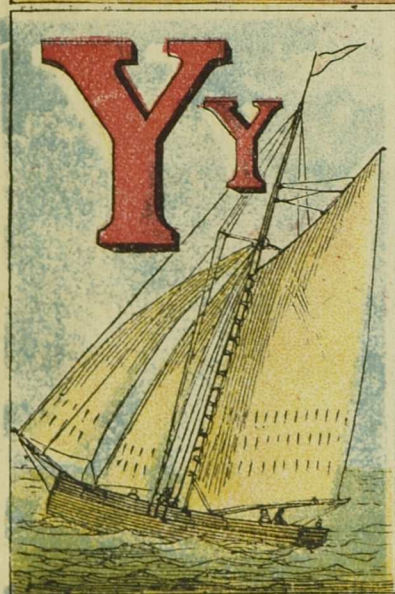
V stands for Violet; the sweetest scented flower we know. It is a modest wee thing, hiding generally amongst leaves. It grows wild, as well as in the garden.

W stands for Work, and I am sure no creatures Work harder than bees do. They live in a hive under a queen, whom they all obey. They suck honey out of the flowers, and make also wax from the flower dust, with which they line their cells. Here is a picture of a hive and a honey-comb; the honey-comb is no doubt Xcellent (excellent).

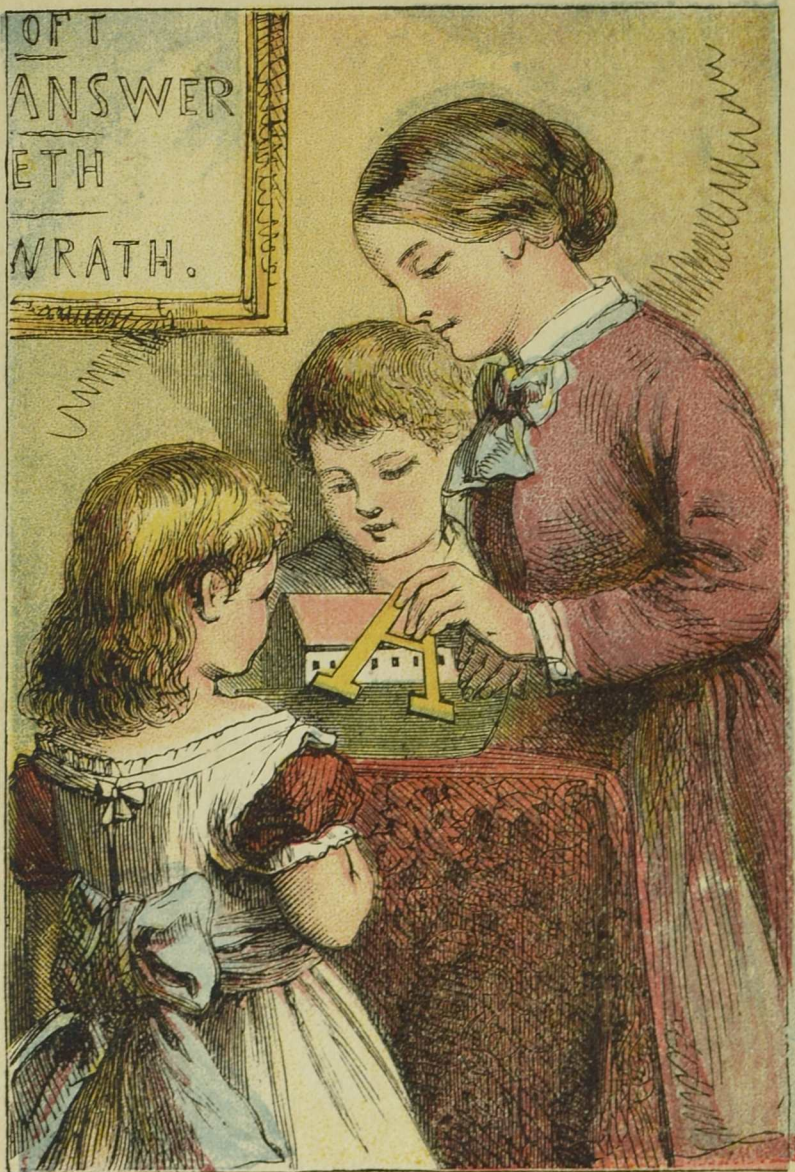
Aunt Easy's Alphabet.

Y stands for Yacht, a pretty little sailing vessel.

Z stands for Zebra, a striped animal, not easily tamed. It is found in South Africa, beyond the Orange River, and is very swift and courageous. Zebras know that they are safer when they keep together, so they gather in a group when they are attacked by savage animals, put their heads together, and kick out with their hind legs against their enemy. They keep together in herds on the great deserts where they live, and are very cautious and watchful.



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AUNT EASY'S ALPHABET.

OUR nurse has a whole pack of paper letters, very large, and with them she teaches us our alphabet. She puts a letter on the object for which it stands—that is, whose name it begins—thus she puts an A on Johnny's Arrow, a B on Tom's Ball, a D on Nelly's Doll, an E on her own Egg, an F on Mary's Fan. Then she takes them off again and makes us try to put them on again, and it is a fine puzzle, I can tell you! and this she calls making an Object Alphabet. But now Auntie has written it all down for us, only with different objects, and it is printed in this book. I hope you will like it as much as we did.

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