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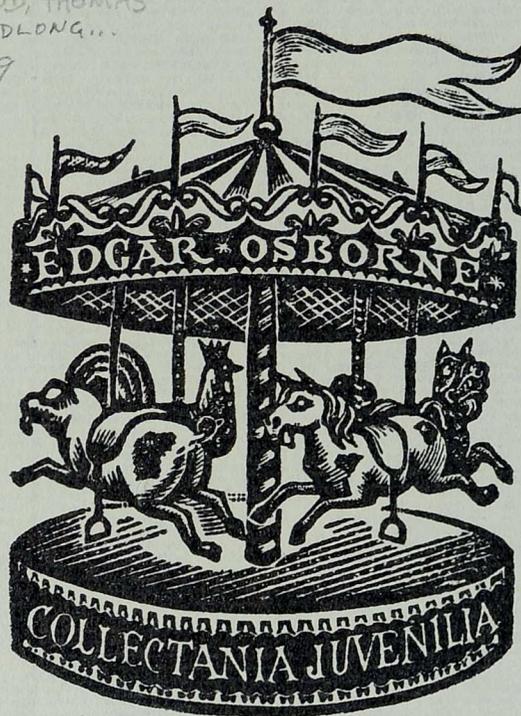
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Preface.

THE following story of the "Precocious Pig" was originally related by our dear father, when the writer of these lines was a little girl, much inclined to cry over poor Piggy's tragical fate; and the artist who illustrates it so appropriately, was a little fat boy, who chuckled over Piggy's misdeeds with intense enjoyment.

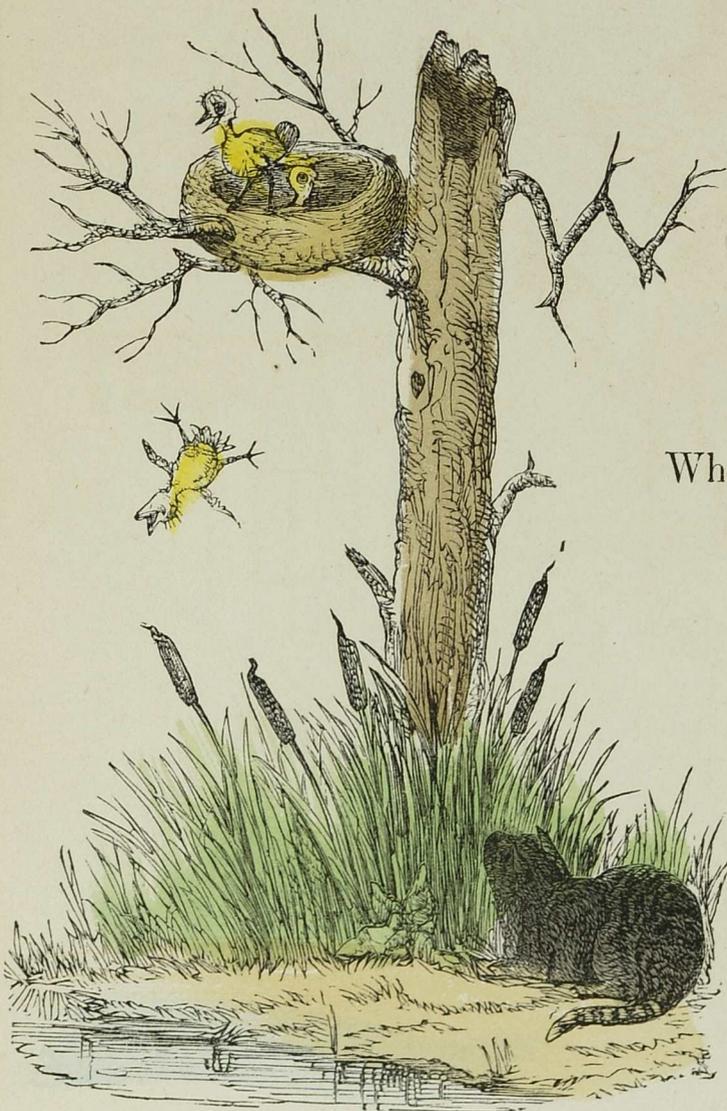
Our smiles are now graver and sadder; for, after many years of chance and change, the old familiar words recall only a beloved memory of one, who once forgot his own cares and sufferings to minister to his children's amusement and pleasure.

We feel, however, we are fulfilling what would have been our father's own wish, in giving to another generation of little girls and boys, the veritable history of Piggy's chequered career. To him children were always welcome; and to us it will be a great pleasure that anything of his can, so many years after his death, bring a merry laugh to the little face of that happy childhood that he loved so well.

FRANCES FREELING BRODERIP.

August, 1858.

Piggy goes out to see the World.



HERE are you going to, you little pig?

“I’m leaving my Mother, I’m growing so big!”

So big, young pig,

So young, so big!

What, leaving your Mother, you foolish young pig!





Piggy leaving his Home.

Piggy takes to Landscape Gardening.



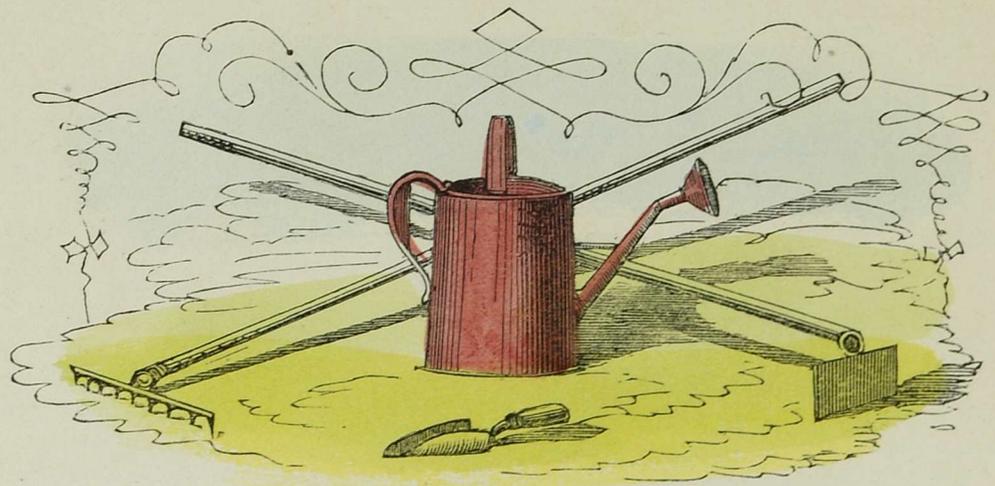
HERE are you going to, you little pig?

"I've got a new spade, and I'm going to dig!"

To dig, little pig!

A little pig dig!

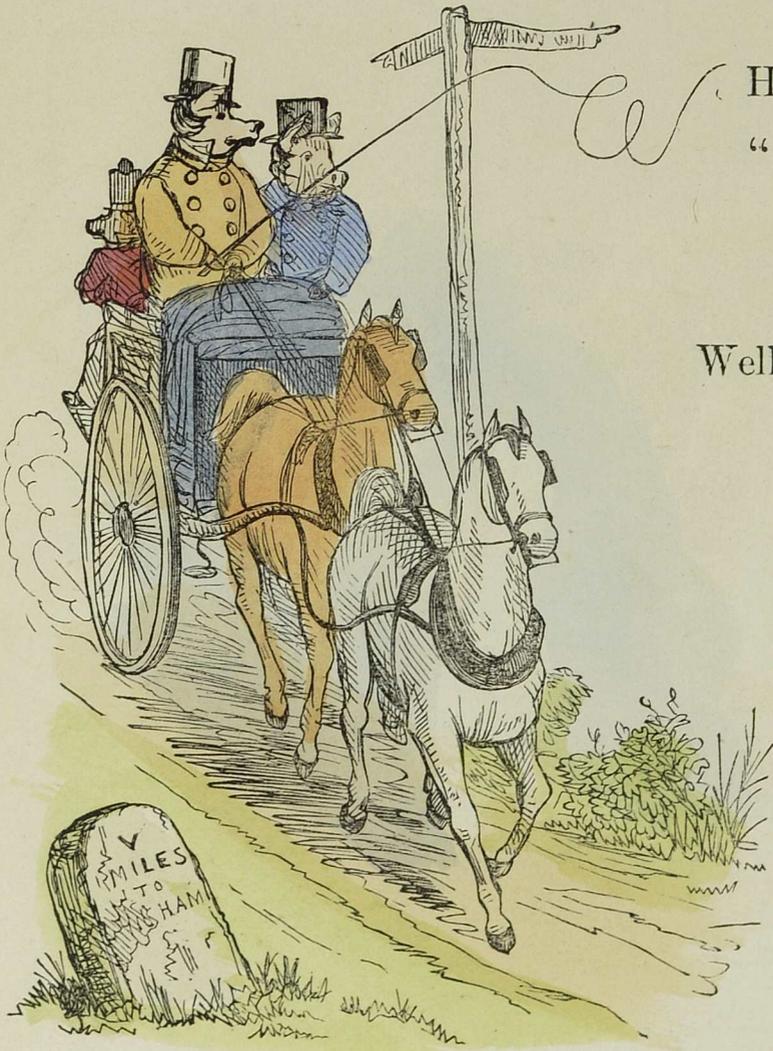
Well, I never saw a pig with a spade that could dig!





Piggy Digging.

Piggy goes out Driving.

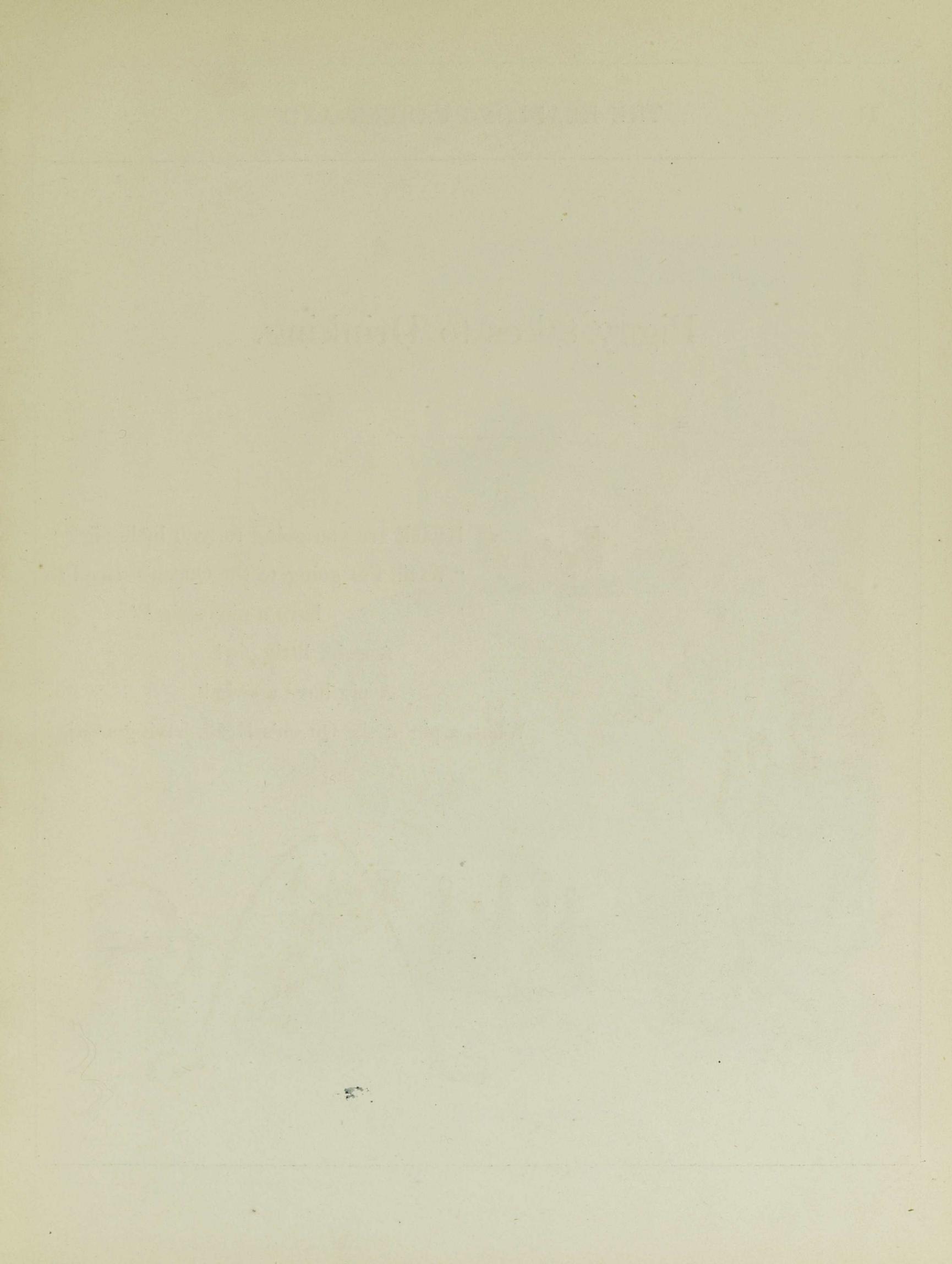


HERE are you going to, you little pig?
 "Why, I'm going to have a nice ride in a gig!"
 In a gig, little pig!
 What, a pig in a gig!
 Well, I never yet saw a pig ride in a gig!





Piggy preparing to start.



Piggy takes to Drinking.



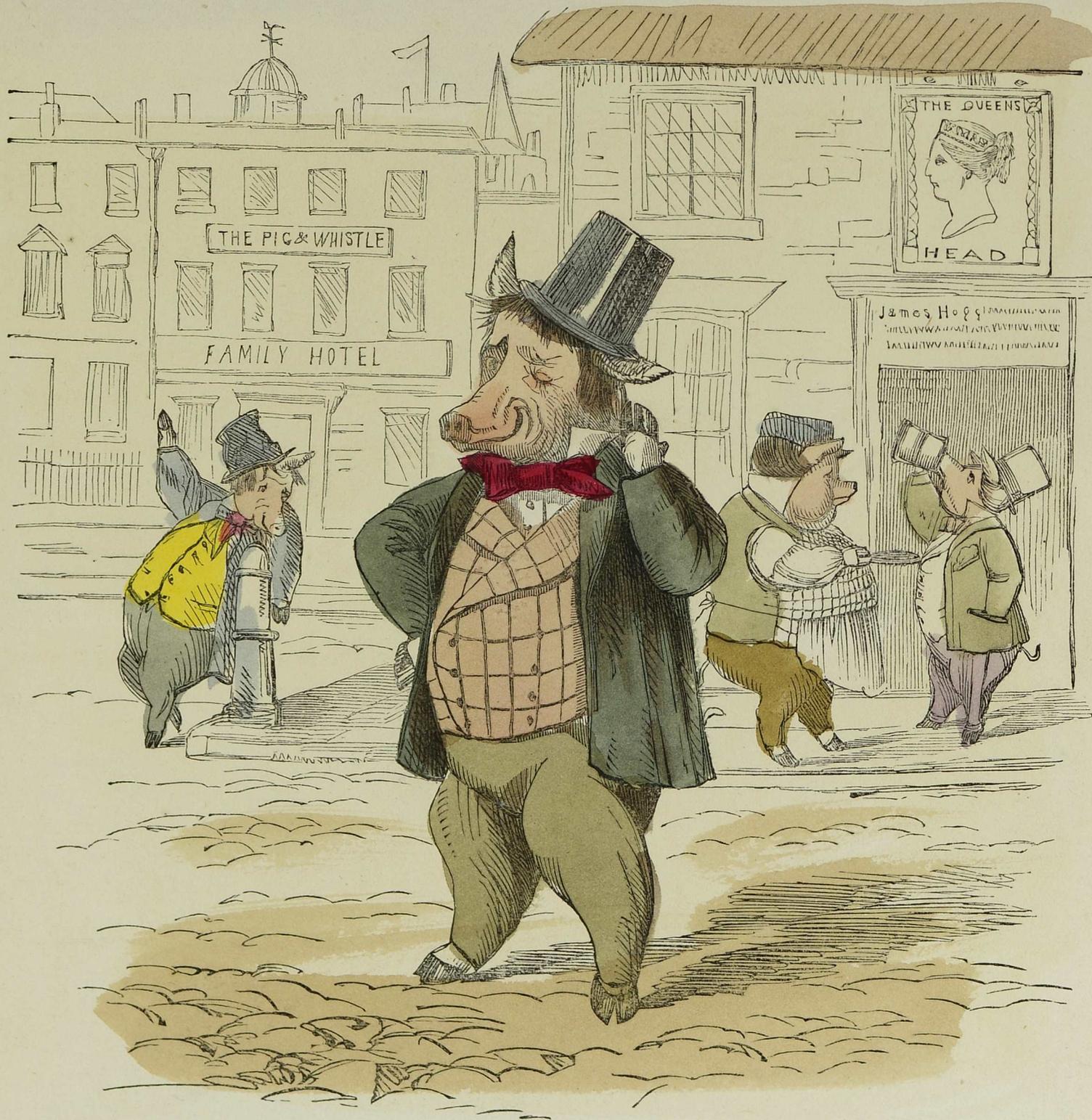
HERE are you going to, you little pig?
 "Well, I'm going to the Queen's Head to
 have a nice swig!"

A swig, little pig!

A pig have a swig!

What, a pig at the Queen's Head, having a swig!





Piggy has taken too much.

Piggy goes to a Grand Ball.



HERE are you going to, you little pig?
 "Why, I'm going to the Ball to dance a
 fine jig!"

A jig, little pig!

A pig dance a jig!

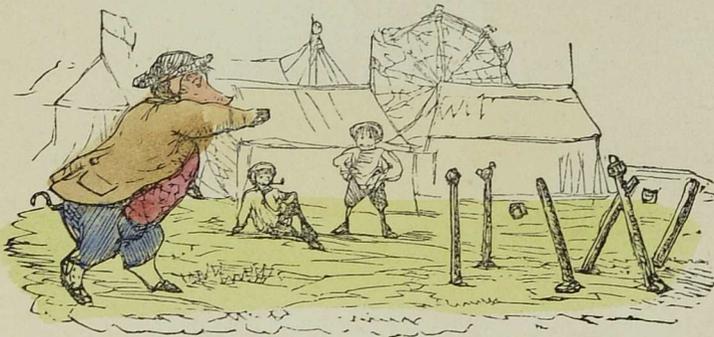
Well, I never before saw a pig dance a jig!





Piggy enters the Ball Room.

Piggy goes to the Fair.

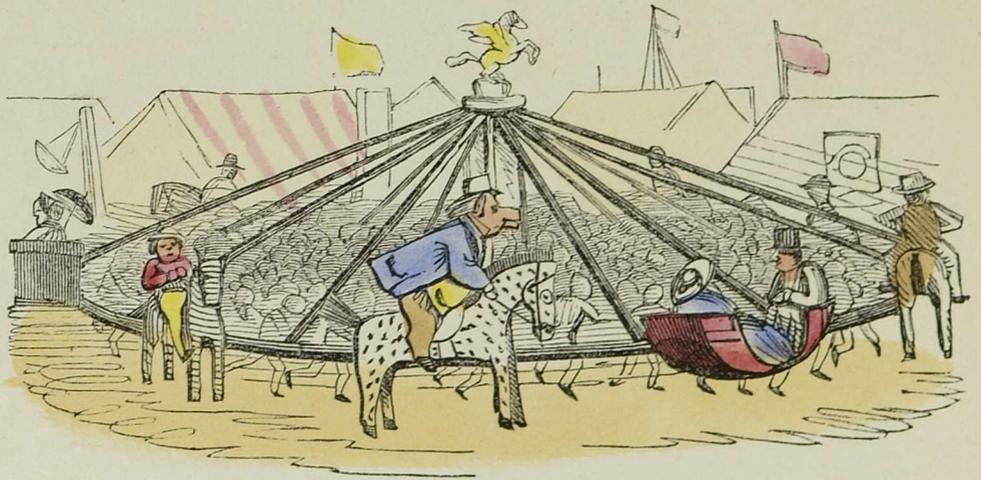


HERE are you going to, you little pig?
 "I'm going to the fair to run a fine rig!"

A rig, little pig!

A pig run a rig!

Well, I never before saw a pig run a rig!





Piggy at the Fair.

Piggy goes for a Wig.

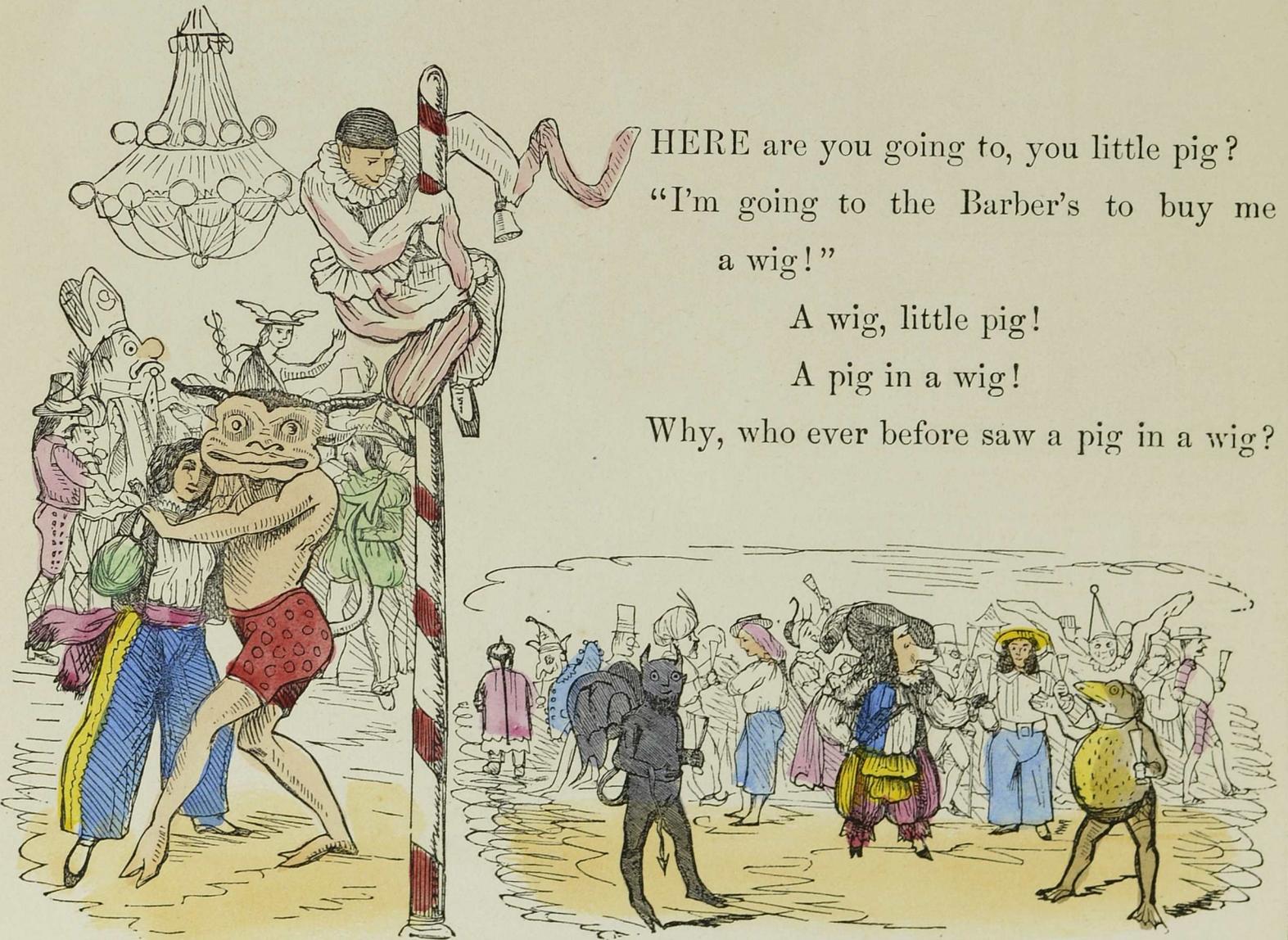


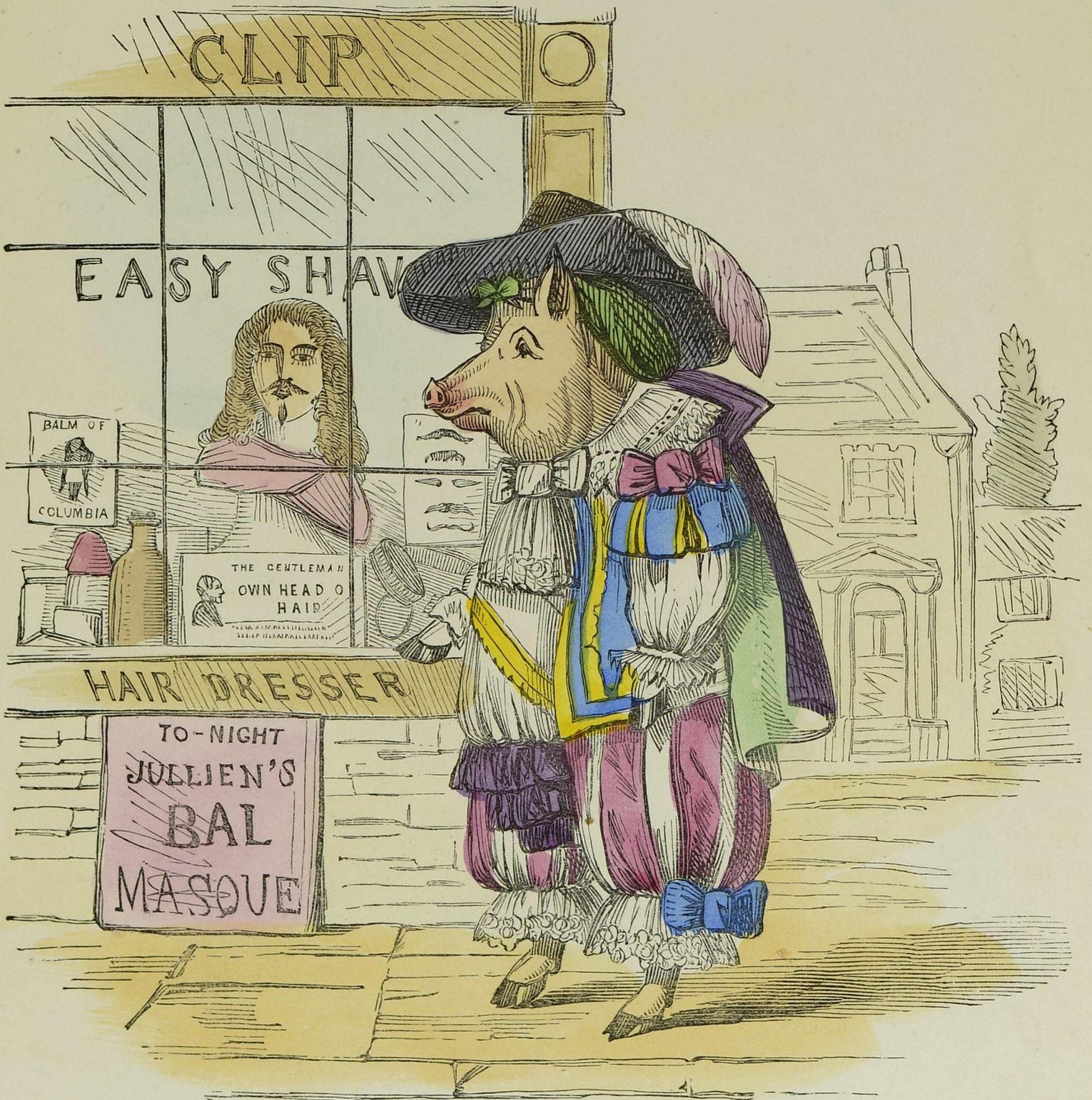
HERE are you going to, you little pig?
"I'm going to the Barber's to buy me
a wig!"

A wig, little pig!

A pig in a wig!

Why, who ever before saw a pig in a wig?





Piggy goes for a Wig.

Piggy bewails his approaching fate.



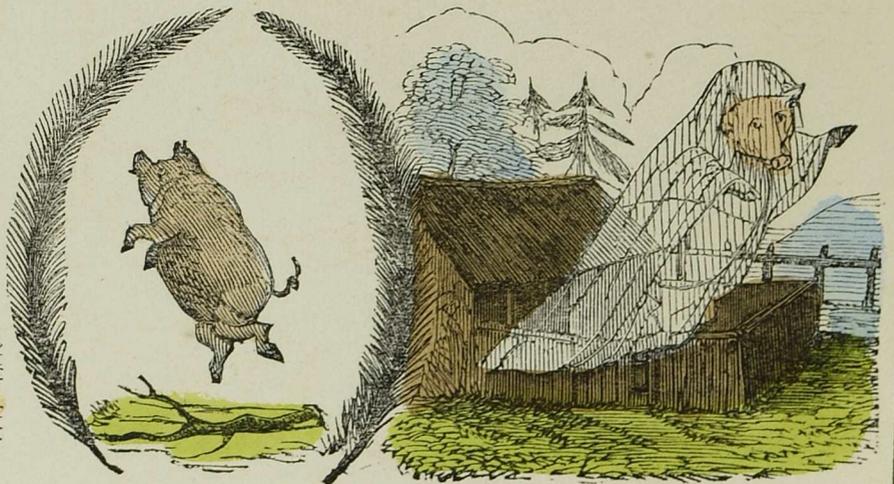
HERE are you going to, you little pig?

“The Butcher is coming, I’ve grown so big!”

The Butcher! Poor pig!

Are you grown so big?

Well, I think it high time then you hop the twig!





Piggy's End.



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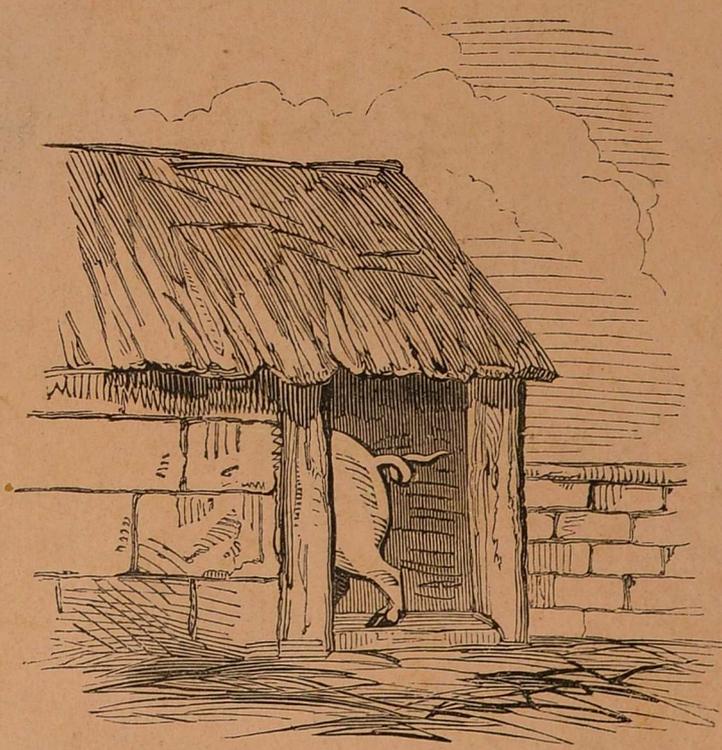
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