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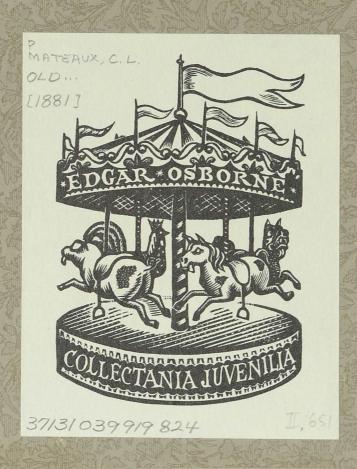
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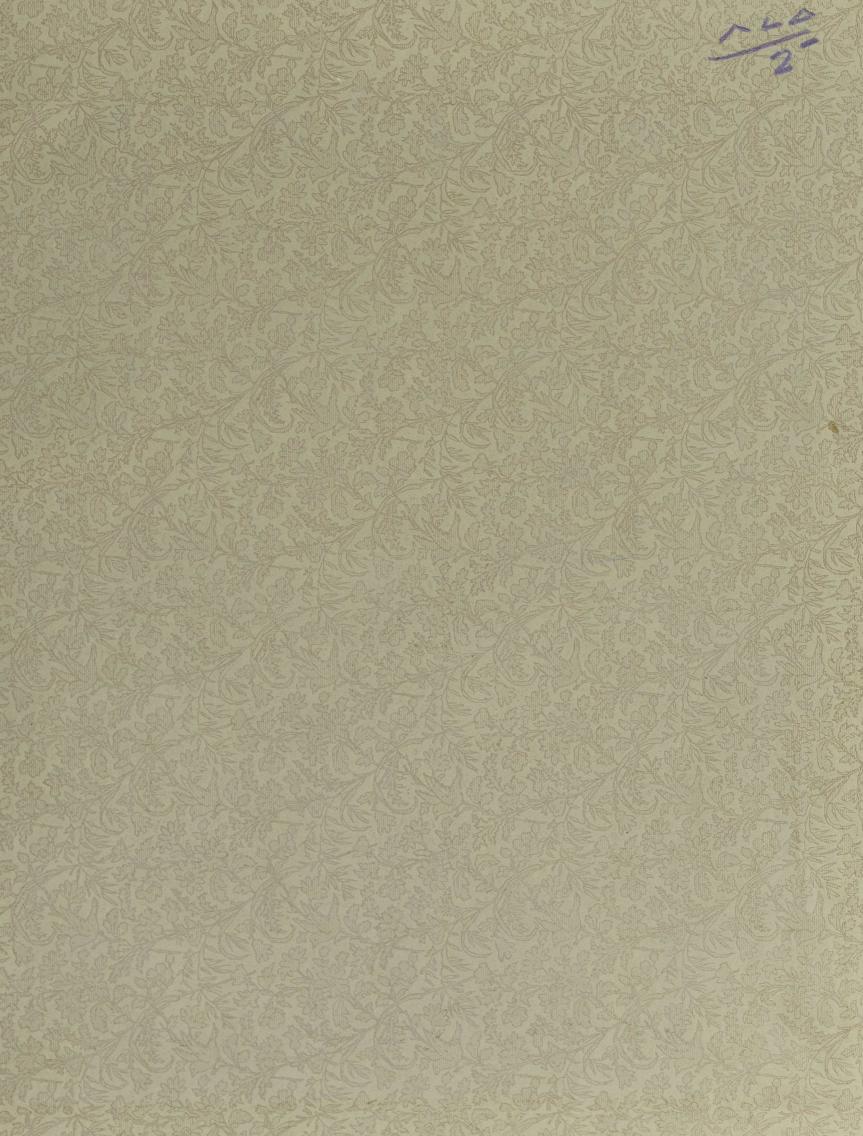
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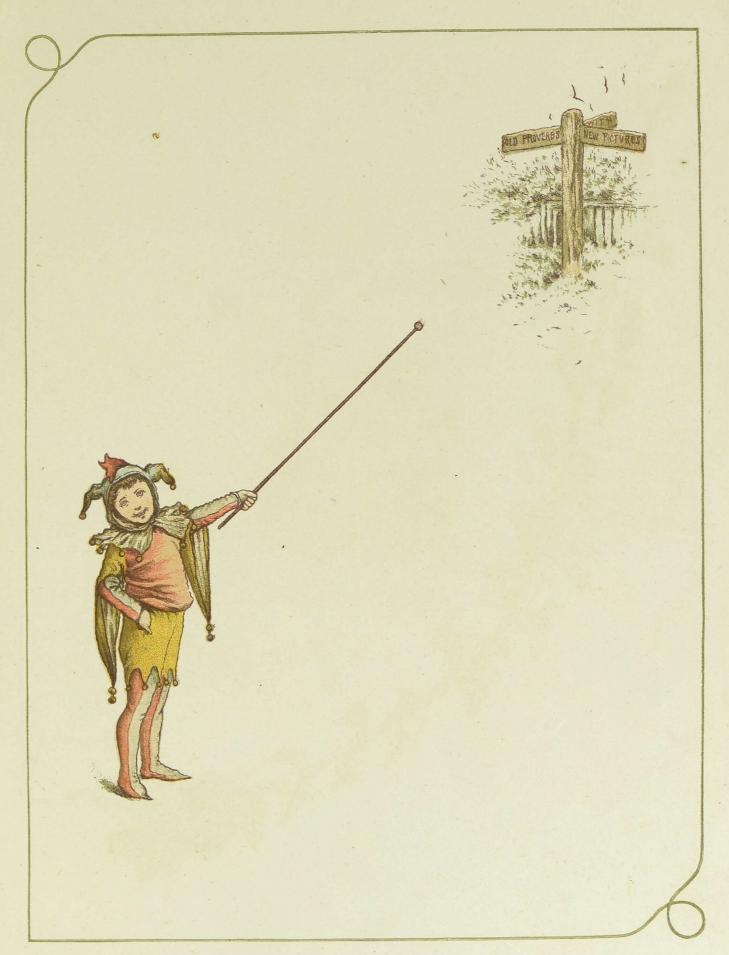


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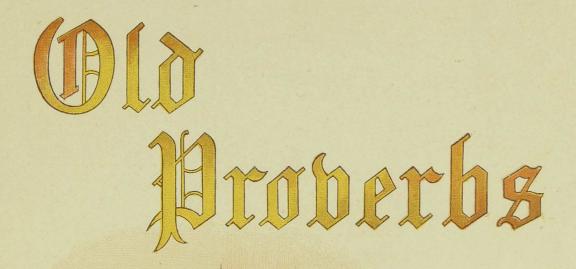
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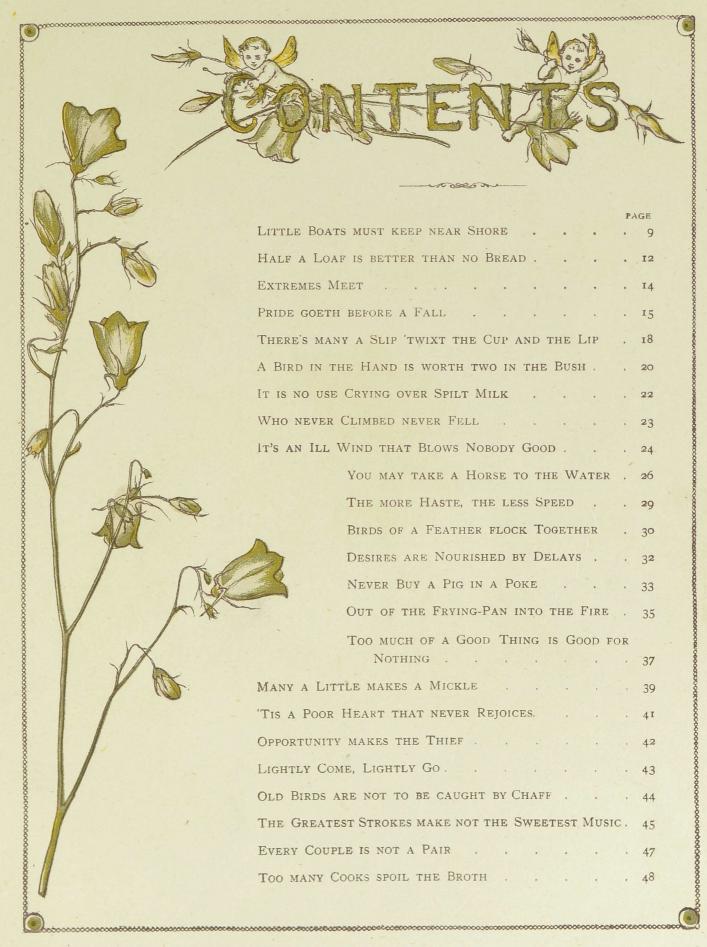
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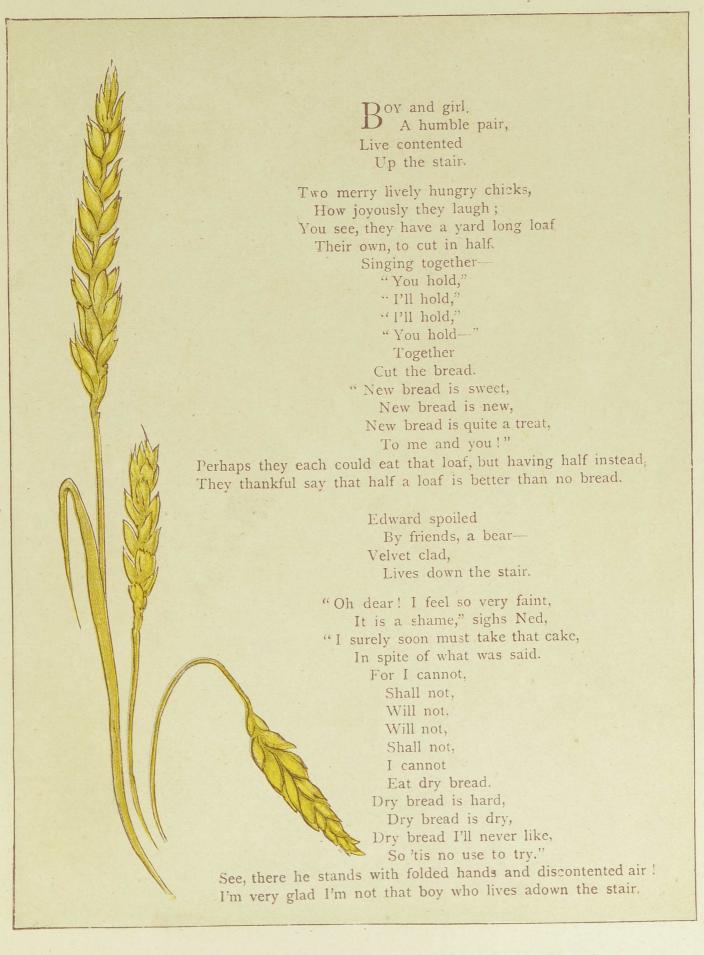


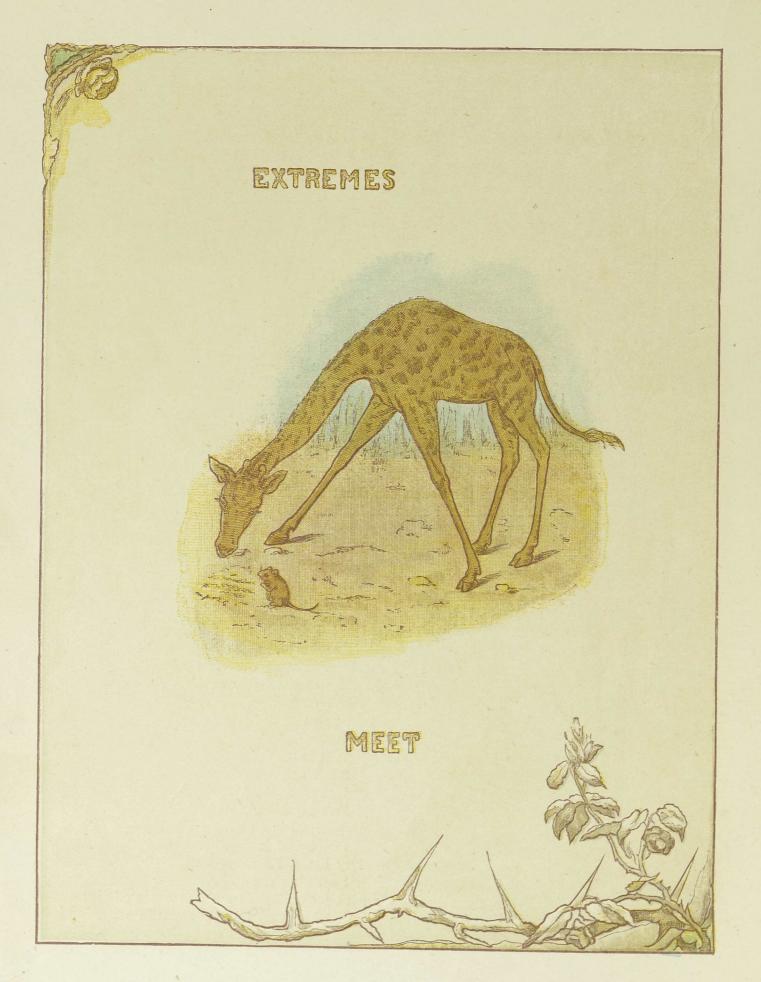
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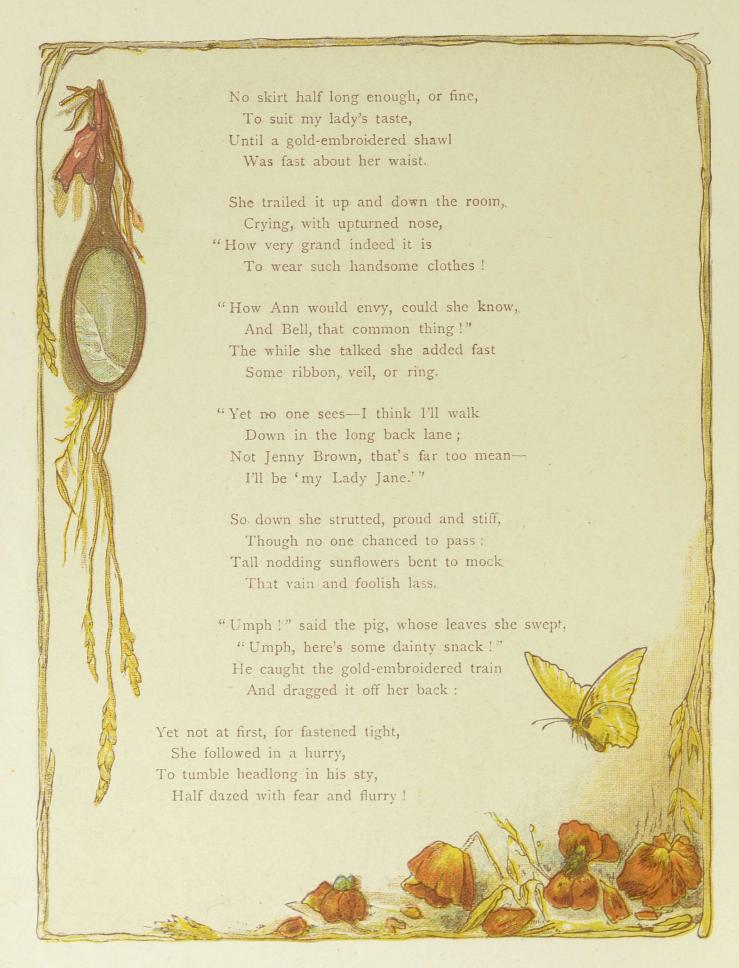












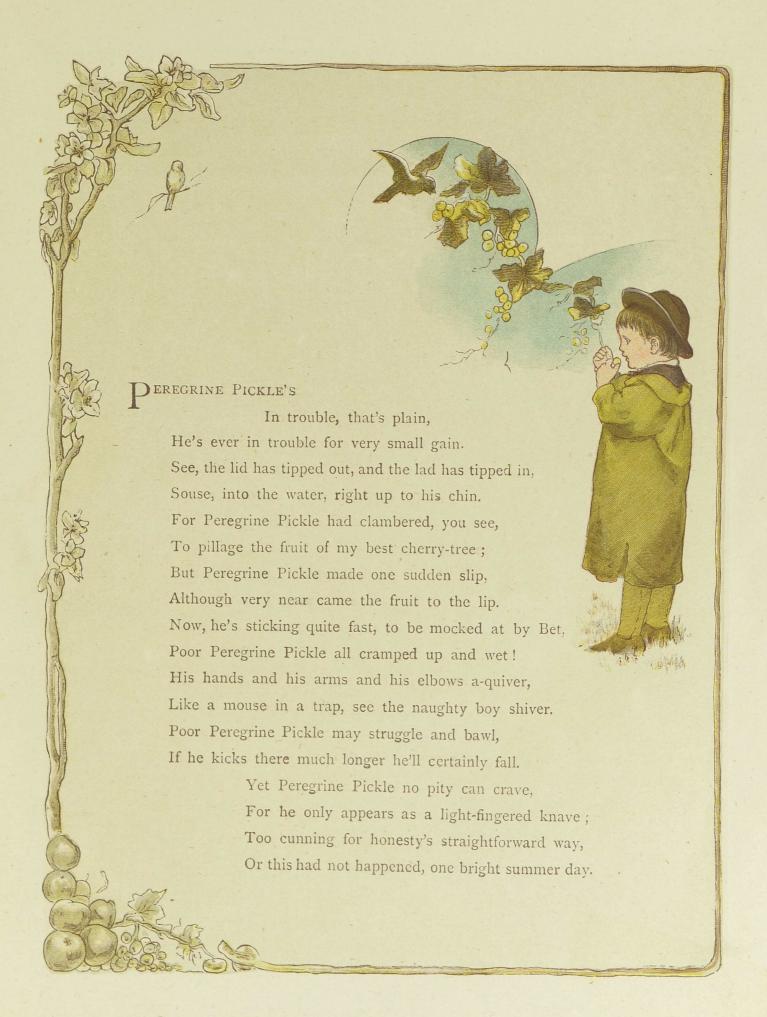
She sobbed,—but what cared he for that?
Piggie, at home and merry.
He rolled upon that shawl so grand,
Now black as black-heart cherry.

He tore the veil, he munched the beads,
He trod upon her toes,
He touzled all her fine array
And swallowed half her bows.

Poor "Lady Jane" at last crept forth,
Nor uttered shout or call;
"Umph!" sneered the pig, as though he knew
How pride had had a fall.











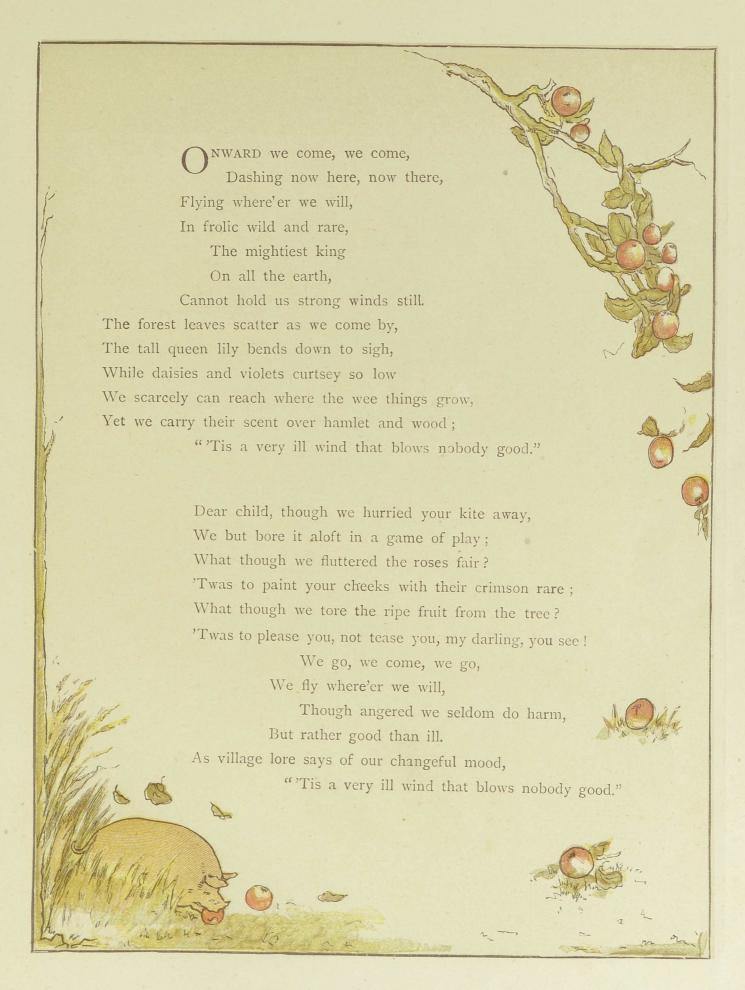


NO USE CRYING OVER SPILT MILK

Do not fret
For fretting ended,
Never bowl
Or platter mended,
Bind that finger,
Wipe that tear,
Next, more careful
Step, my dear.
And remember
What I say,
Milk, once spilt,
Is spilt for aye.









YOU MAY

LEAD

A

HORSE TO THE WATER

BUT

YOU CANNOT

MAKE

HIM DRINK

"What can we do on this bright summer's day,
And what may our frolic be?
Shall we play at wild outlaws by Robin Hood led,
Just baby, and Bertie, and me?
Or stay, here's old Dobbin—why, children, you know
We must gallop him off to the pond below."

Rattle and scamper—hurrah for the fun!—
Three merry youngsters, see how they run!
Fast go their heels, round go the wheels,
Old Dobbin says nothing of all that he feels;
Yet in his one eye lurks a mischievous wink,
And brought to the water, old Dobbin won't drink.



A worshipful toad is he!—
Of what does that solemn Sir Toadie dream?
Hark, he croaks to a passing bee
Watching the scene—the scolding and petting
A very queer steed on the bank is getting,
Now ordered, now asked, now begged, "just one drop
Next pushed all a hurry, it tumbles in—flop!
Nidding and nodding his wise old head,
These are the words that the toad has said:
"Many may lead to the fair river's brink,
But a horse must will, ere they make him drink.





"Such a price we will ask for the turnips,
The parsley, and apples, and beans,
When we bring her a bag full of money,
Gran will wonder what all of it means!"

But time and intentions are wasted,

Because they ne'er stop to take heed,

Forgetting that proverb reminding

It is often "more haste and less speed."





WOODLAND birdie,
Tell me, sweet,
Why do you fly
To Ella's feet?

OF

Why gladly haste,

With fond caress,

Gainst her pure cheek's

Soft bloom to press?

By what strange charm,

Oh radiant dove,

May you divine

And trust my love?

"The magic hers,"

Coos woodland bird

In gentlest notes

One ever heard:

In gentlest notes
One ever heard:
"A tender touch,
A smile as true
As scent of blossoms
Tipped with dew;

A modest grace,

All wiles above—

These are her spells:

Her charm is—Love!

FEATHER

FLOCK TOGETHER



DESTRES

ARE

NOURISHED

PSI-AYS

How first we long for springtide sweet,
And next for rosy June;
How then we wish for harvest ripe,
When all the world's a-tune;

Joyous we greet the winter months,
Though cold the Ice-King blows,
And sternly chills to silent fear
Each brooklet as it flows;

Fair sight to see 'em while we seek
For snowdrop buds with their promise meek.
So well may ancient wisdom say,
"Desires are nourished by delay."





"Buy a pig! a big pig,
A pig a perfect model!
Well worth a prize for size and weight,
In fact can scarcely waddle.
I will sell him cheap, just a silver crown
Buys the pig and the poke, if the money's down.
But he is so heavy, so busy am I,
Really I will not the bag untie,
'Hey-day,' two little folks say,
'Shall we spend our crown in this promising way.'





I can mix the batter,
You may stir the cake,
I can put in milk,
You, give the whole a shake,
Then up, up,
Toss the pancake higher,
Up, up, up,
Oh dear, it's in the fire!

Out tumbles puppy Flo,
Off tears Kitty Clover,
Shrieking as they go,
That the drops run over.
For down, down, down,
The hot cake falls unsteady,
Down, down, down,
A cinder 'tis already.

Oh, why, when things are good
Should they be improving?
Why, when all is well,
Must some folk be moving?
And up, up, up,
Fling their cake still higher,
Till the pan once missed,
It settles in the fire.



One daisy near, a love of fun, One open door, a tempting peep, One stool anigh, a cat asleep.

One tiny girl, a pan of cream,
One sudden fall, a noisy scream.
One bump so hard, a poor bruised head,
One brother near, kind loving Fred.

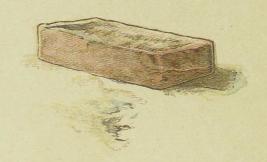
One pan pushed by,
A stream of milk,
One frock all spoiled,
A best blue silk.
One gasping sob,
A tender kiss,
One very sorry—
Naughty miss.

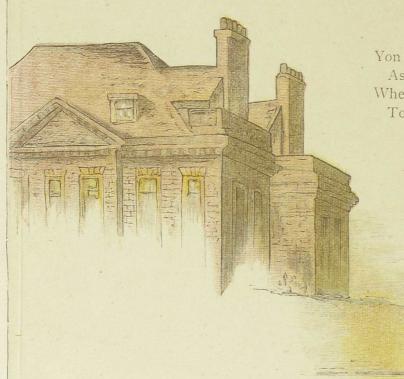
One close big hug,
A laughing scold,
One smile to cheer,
A promise bold,
One proverb true,
A listening ear,
"Too much of aught
Is naught," my dear.





EACH merry lightsome downy flake, So small that few can see, May join to form a rolling mound Bigger than you or me.

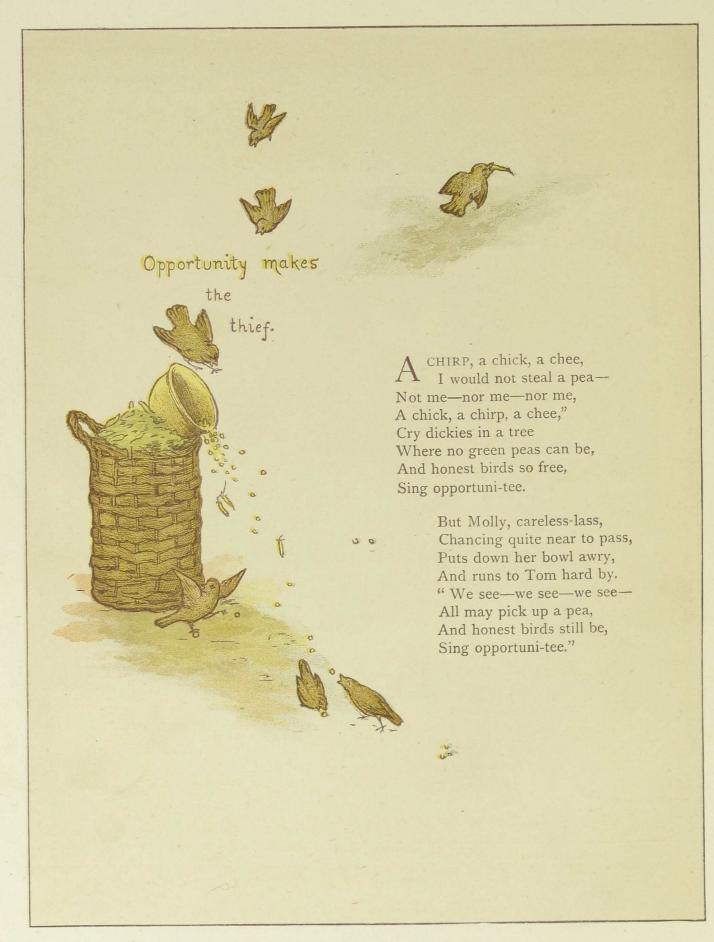




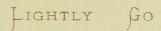
Yon little brick a child may toss
As useless from his way,
When piled with others forms a wall
To keep the foe away.

Old Grandam Fortune may be blind, And spare us but a little, Yet little stored and added to Will surely make a mickle.





LIGHTLY COME



GONE, gone, gone!
See it floating so fair and free;
Light come, light go—oh! my pretty toy,
Will it never return to me?

Gone, gone!

Up in the skies so far;

What will happen to yonder ball,

Should it chance to be caught in a star?

Gone, gone, gone!

Perhaps to the man in the moon;

What will he fancy the earth has sent

Through the clouds of a summer noon?

Gone, gone, gone!
Flown for ever and aye;
Who shall follow its lightsome track,
Or tell of its onward way?



TO BE

CAUGHT

IF I could meet a pretty bird, I have a tale to tell,
A tale I know he'd love to hear, I've conn'd it over well."
"Here is a bird—two simple birds—so linger on your way,
What would you have us listen to on this bright summer's day?"

BY

"I know a house all built of gold, and piled with seed so sweet, It only waits those lucky birds to flutter in and eat."

"We've seen a house—just such a house—t'was called by some 'a cage,'
'Tis not the sort of nesting-place that we would fain engage."

CHAFF

"I'd take those birds, those pretty birds, and show them to the King; And Queen and courtiers would attend to hear those birdies sing."

"We don't believe—she don't believe—my darling mate nor I,
That King or Queen would get a chance—you'd bake us in a pie."

"Come down, and do not chirp such things, but think I mean you well, Small birds have been to court before, as nursery legends tell."
"Not wee brown birds, mere tiny things, unlike the twenty-four That once before his majesty—sang out a merry score."

"Come down, my sweets, come down, my dears,
Your feathers I would see;
I'll treat you both with something nice—
I have it here with me."

"We may be sweets, we may be dears,
But we're too old by half
To listen to your flattering tale,
Or to be caught by chaff."







Rub-a-dub-dub, make music who can.
Our gay little party all sing out of tune:
Tom of puss in the corner, and Ned of sweet June,
While on the pail, drumming, Joe strikes with a will,
Loud chanting the story of Jack and of Jill.

Music you call it! I hear but a noise;
But noise is sweet music to small girls and boys.
Patience, grown people, remember the day
When you were but children, and rattled away
With a rub-a-dub-dub on kettle and pan,
Rub-a-dub-dub, making music who can.

EVERY

COUPLE IS

NOT

A PAIR

Two;—
A sturdy boot, and a wee, wee shoe—
Soft wonder of wool, just as light and sweet
As its baby wearer's pinky feet;
It moves in a world of infant blisses,
Treads light on a path bestrewn with kisses.
Careless and aimless, yet eager to stand,
Dear little foot on this new-found land.

The other;—ah, me! in the by-and-by
Its wearer may glance at that shoe with a sigh,
To think of the time when its faded hue
Bloom'd, fresh from the hands of the tried and true;
To think how a mother's safe finger led
O'er the path that has grown all so hard to tread:
Then, baby unwitting was never afraid;
Now, baby grown man knows how much he needs aid.





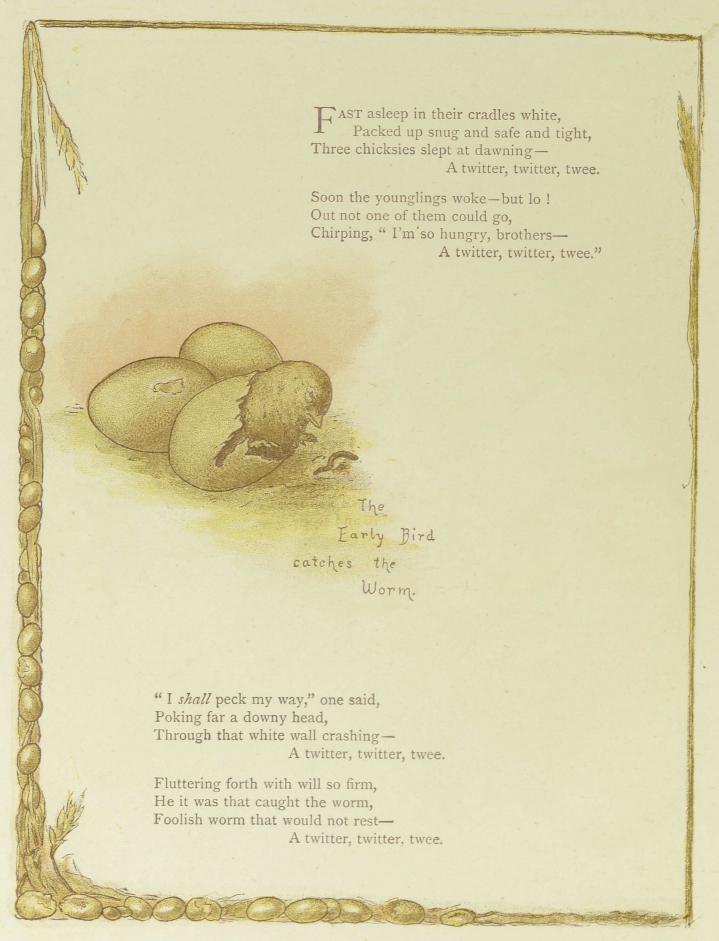
SEE our Harry, Rosie, Lil—
Restless darlings—never still;
In and out all day they run—
Little people, full of fun—
Rosie, Lil, and Harry.

"Here's a lovely pan!" they cry—Mary, maid, has set it by—
"Let us all, while no one looks,
Play at being real cooks—
Lillie, Rosie, Harry.

"Tie on aprons, big and brown; Careful, lift the old pot down; Now we'll nicely fill it up; Stir it girls, and take a sup—Harry, Lil, and Rosie.

Not quite nice—pour pepper hot,
Oil and treacle in the pot;
Salt and coffee; apples too—
Pop this one into the stew"—
Rosie, Lil, and Harry.

In goes all, from peas to paint—Well may Mary all but faint.
Well may she declare, quite wroth,
"Many cooks do spoil the broth"—
Harry, Rosie, Lillie.



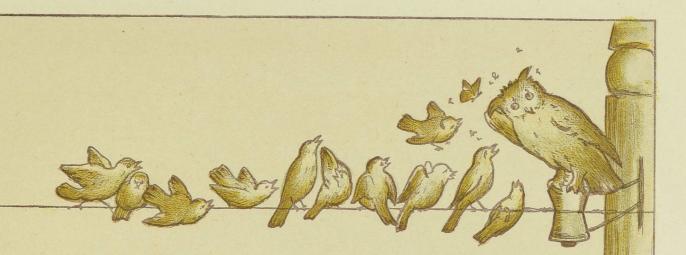


COME here, my boy, with fingers torn
By startled crab this summer's morn.
What need to poke, what need to pry
In every hole as you came by?
A nip like that is no nice jest;
But it may teach, "Bought wit is best."

Old Hermit hides in many a shell; Full strange the wonders he could tell Of wind and wave, of land and sea, Of tangles rare, of sunshine free. He wanders off from east to west, By perils taught, "Bought wit is best."

He finds a house whelk calls her own,
One moment left, that she might roam;
He's on the watch—that traveller bold—
And she, poor thing! out in the cold;
For Hermit quick pops in with zest—
"Your lodging's mine—'Bought wit is best.""



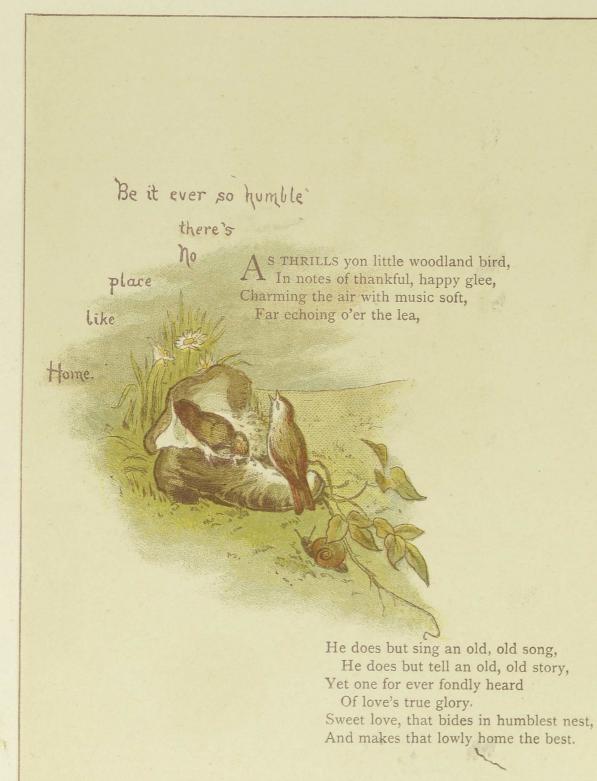


Hear a Parties.

'Wha's the matter?
Wha's the clatter?
Why sic angry host?
Wha's a' the affront, my hearties?
I'll be judge an' hear a' parties,"
Hoots the owl.

In a minute Madam Linnet shrill cries she,
With a tittle, tattle, tee,
"To chirp such things of me, me, me!

I that never, never gossip—no;
Though, of course, things I do know—
See such flying to and fro
In nests near mine, and pluming, oh!
But there, my chitter, chatter, chee!"
Wisely nodded she. All the birdies pressing round,
Shriek, "Titter, tatter, tee!
It is really shameful, horrid!
Such conduct in our tree!
Not that we care one feather
For scandal." "Sae I see," quoth the owl—
Wise old fowl.





FOR THAT THOU

CANST

DO

THYSELF

RELY NOT

UPON ANOTHER.

A PROVERB sad,
And yet too true—
'Tis meant for me,
'Tis meant for you.
It warns us, try
To live our best,
If in the end
We would have rest.
It bids each wisely
Rule his fate,
Nor let repentance
Come too late.





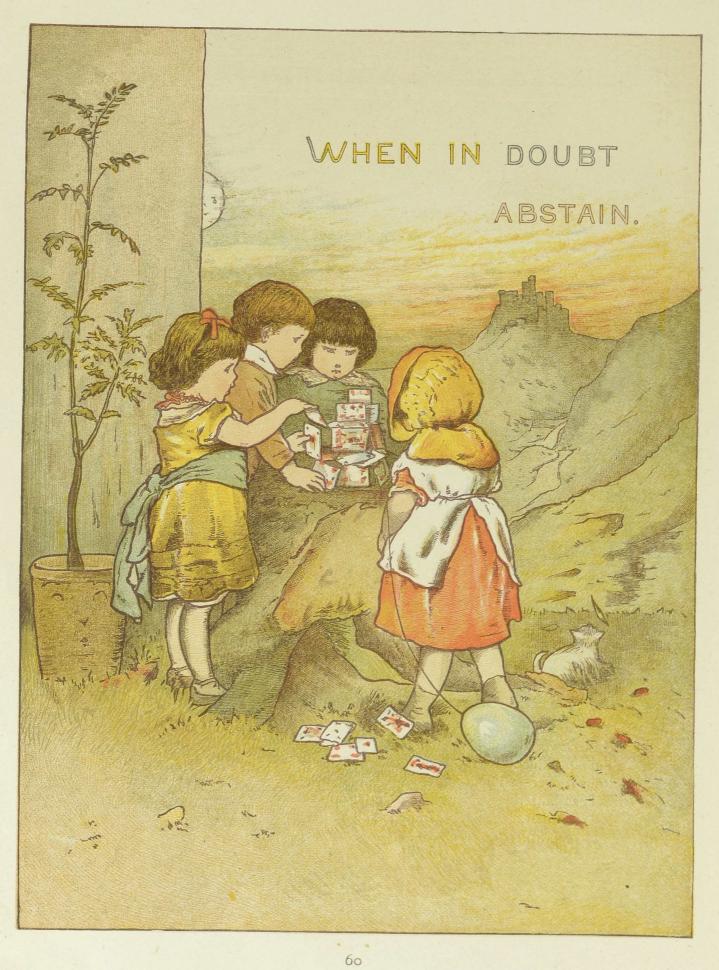
Who Touches Pitch
Will be
defiled.

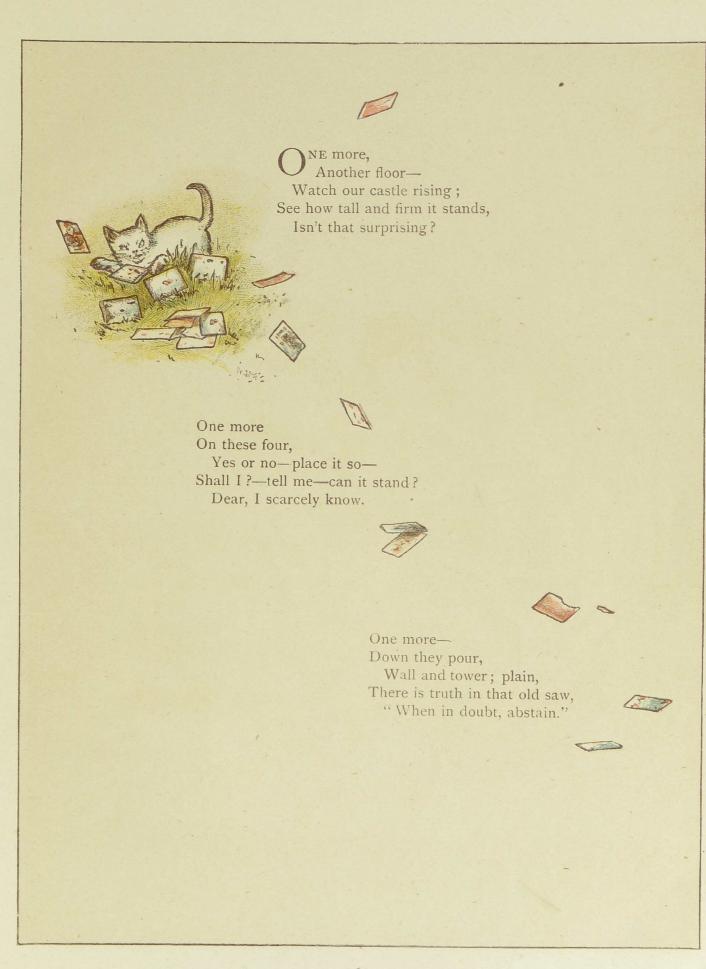


A s fresh as a rose
To school Ned goes,
Dress'd in the best
Of his week-day clothes.
E'en the butterflies say, as he passes by,
"What a trim-wing'd laddie is walking nigh!"



'Tis a tempting post
Hides a very black pot,
Till our unlucky Ned
Rolls it over—all hot.
Then butterflies whisper, 'mid flutter and scare,
"Oh, what a specklety laddie sits there!"





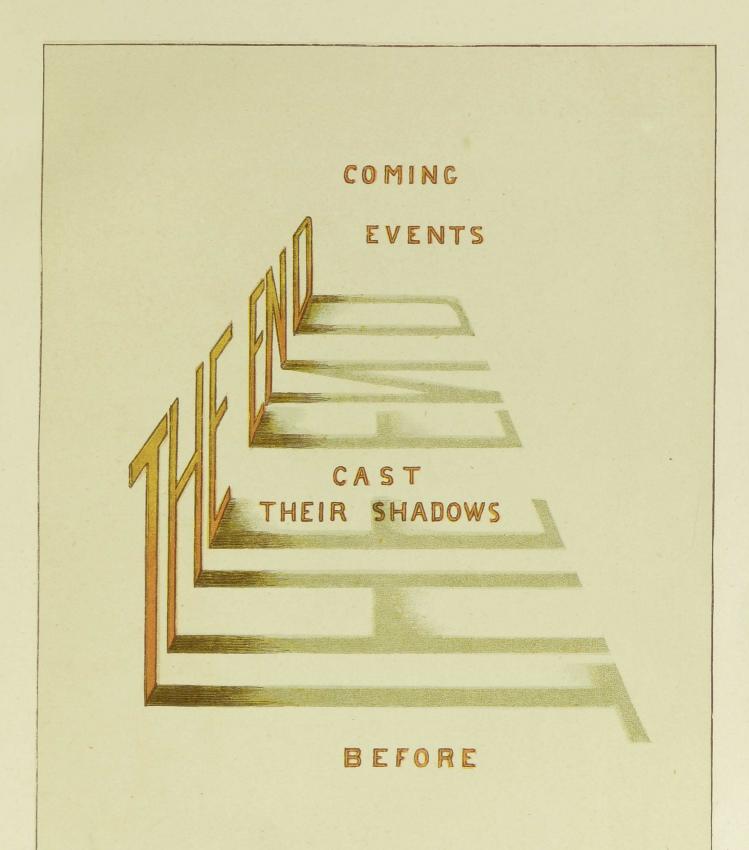
FINCH and Goldie,
Redpole fine,
In the cornfield
Came to dine.

"Oh! what is that?"
They startled cry
All in a flutter
Rushing by.

"Look, silly birds,
And you will know
It cannot hurt,"
Cawed Father Crow.

"'Tis but a thing
'Gainst nature's law,
Only a sham—
'A man of straw.'"







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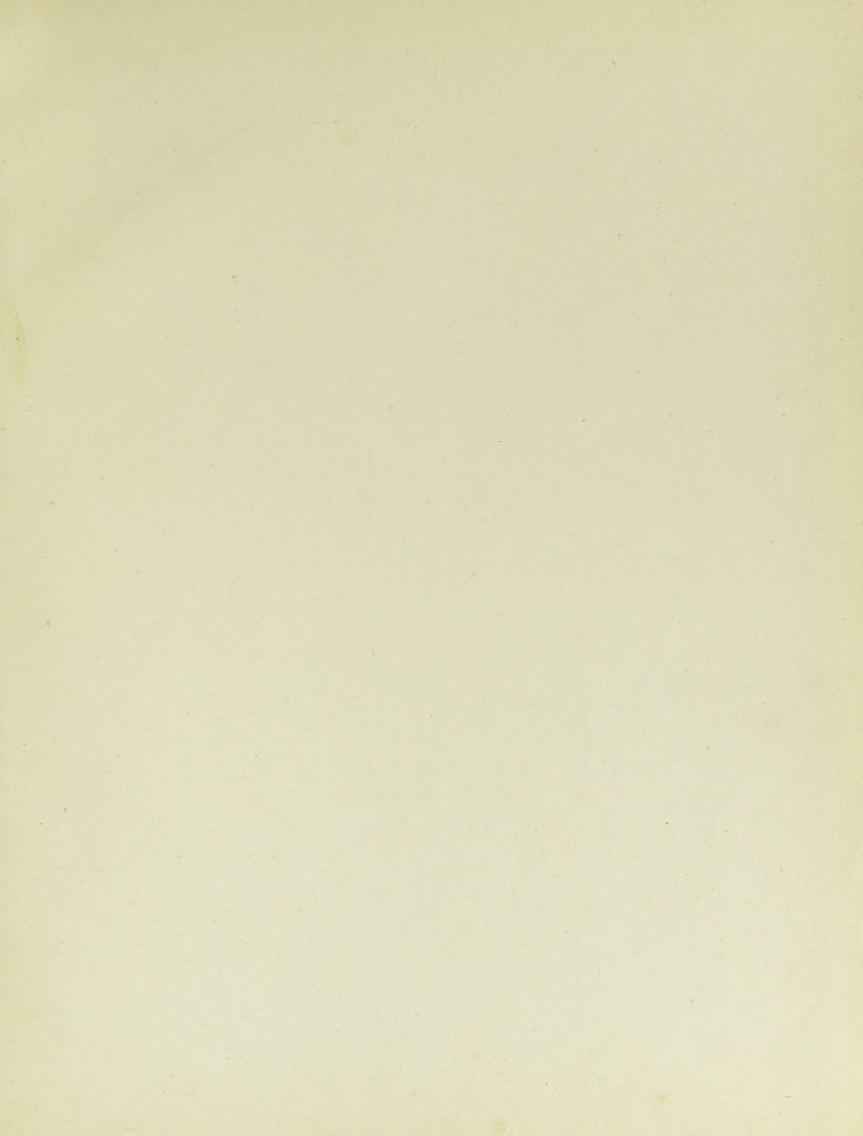
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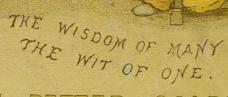
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