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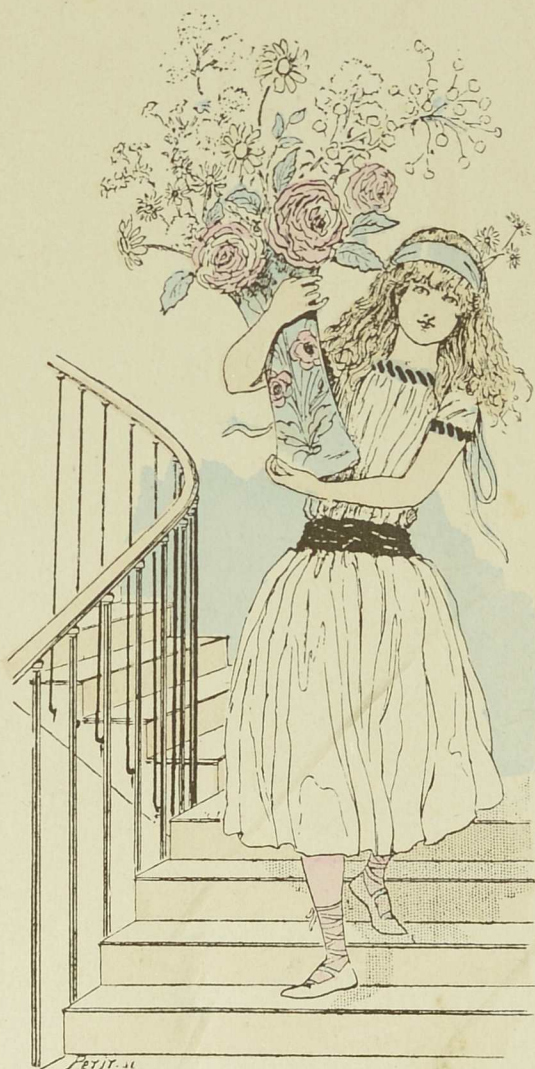
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OUR DARLINGS





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In Town At the Sea-Side

At Home

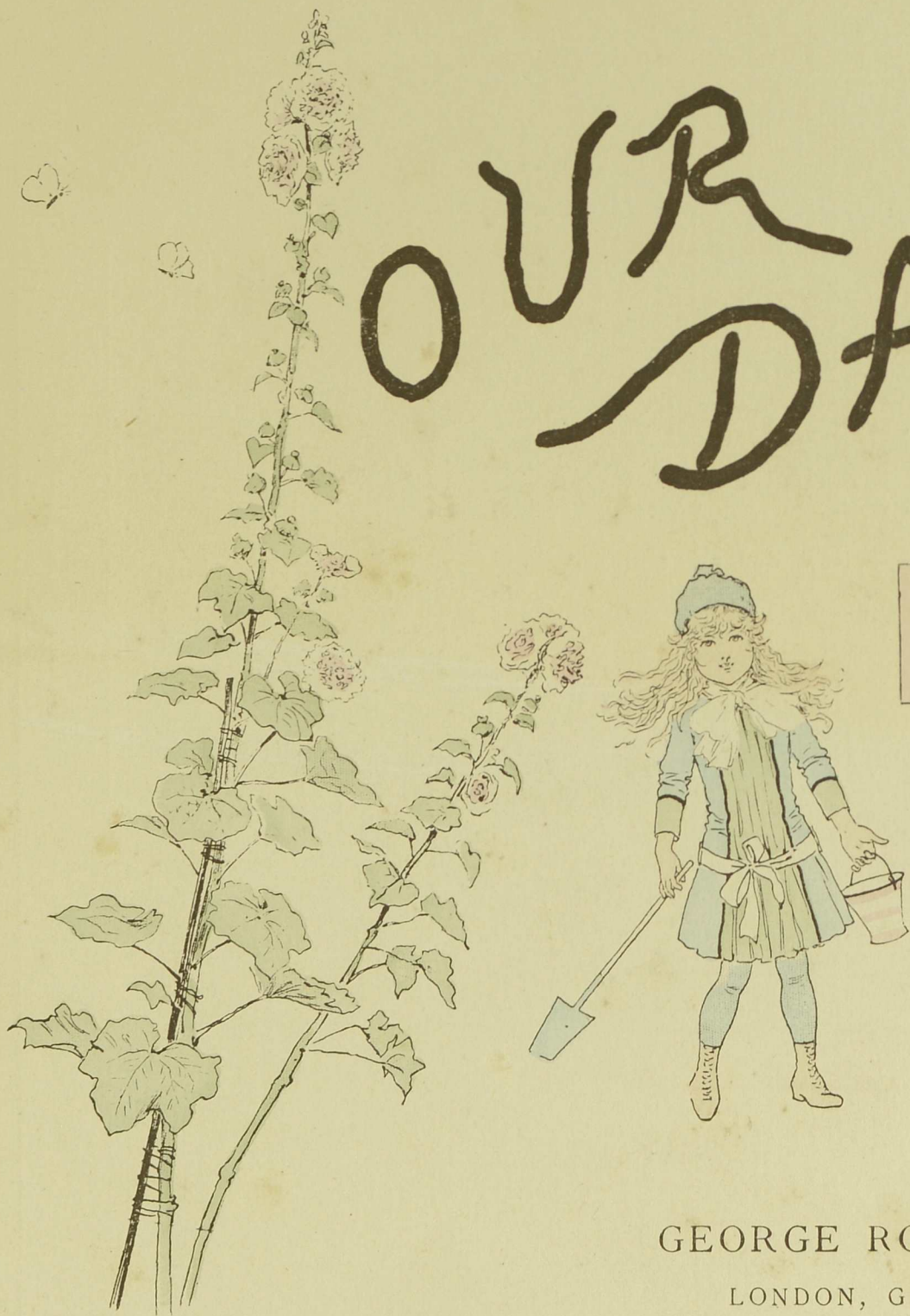
In the Country

At Play

BY MARY

GEORGE ROUTLEDGE AND SONS

LONDON, GLASGOW, AND NEW-YORK.

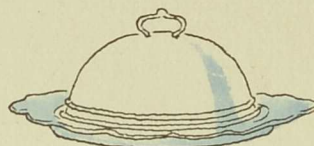




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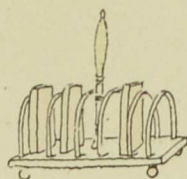




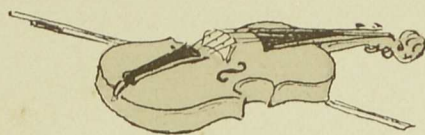
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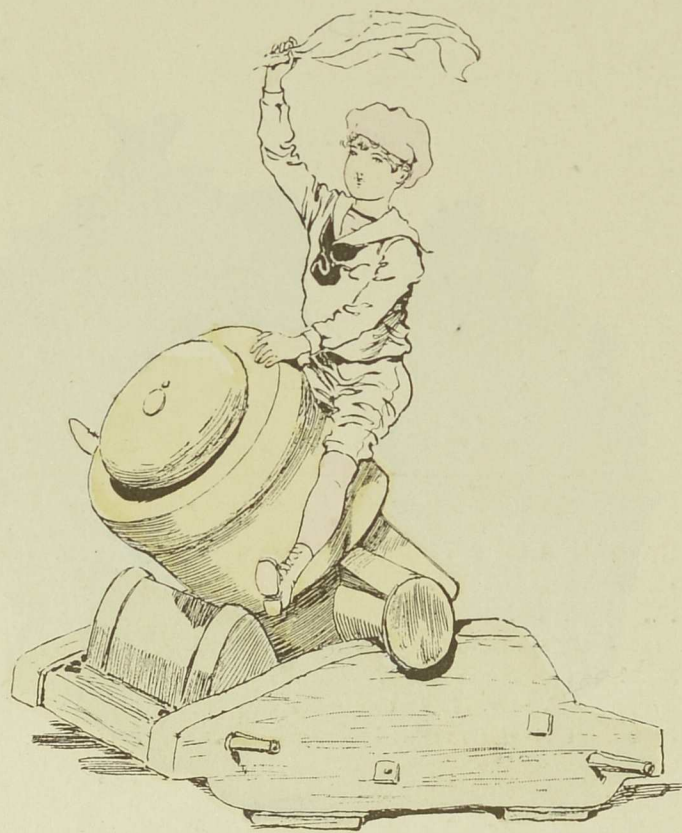
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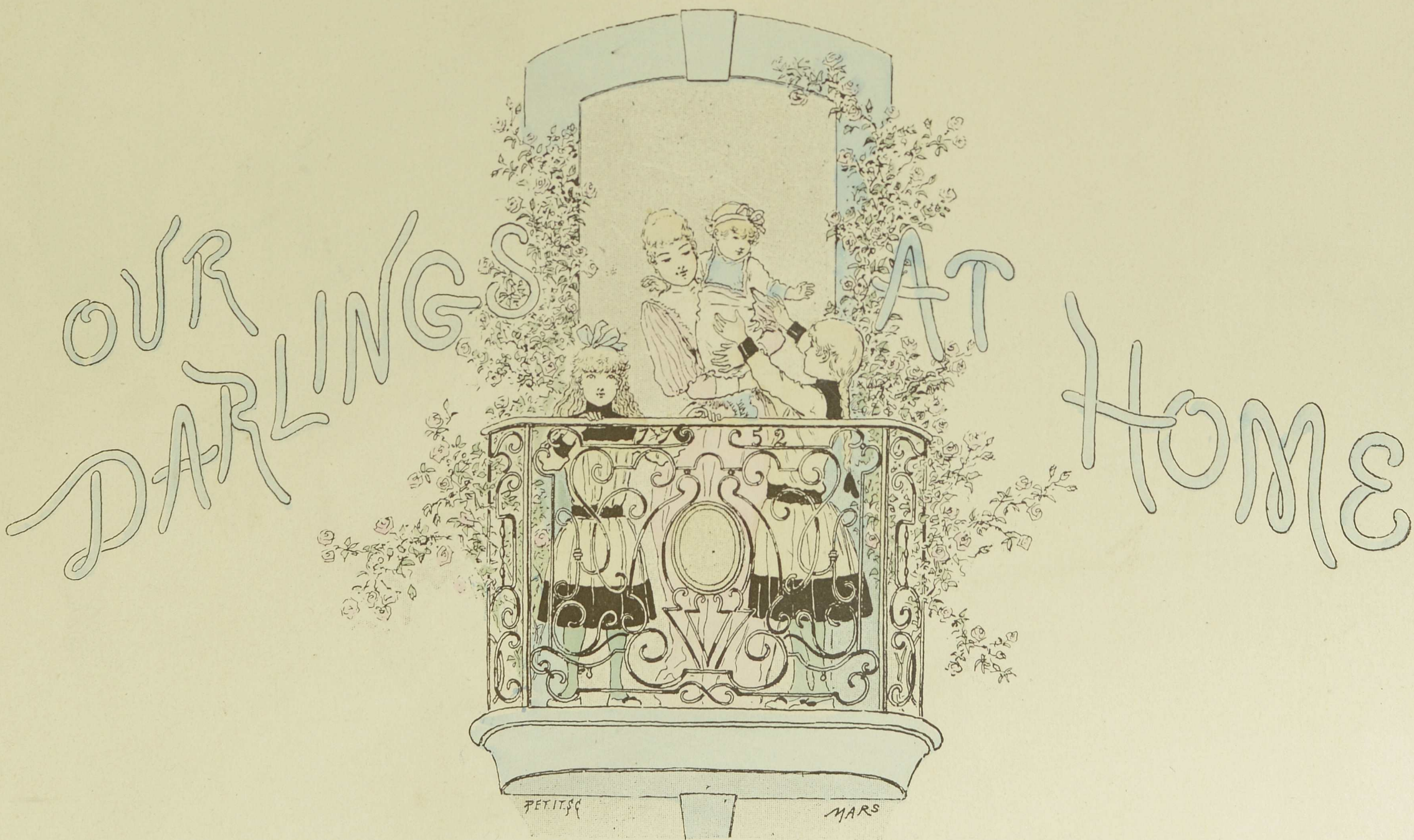


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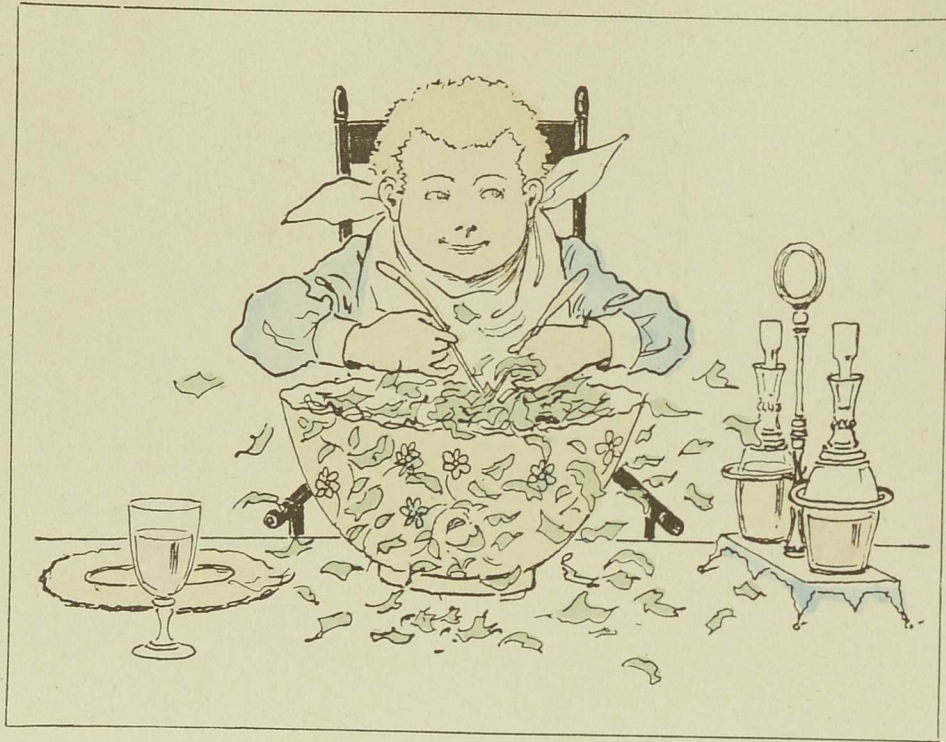




OUR DARLINGS AT HOME





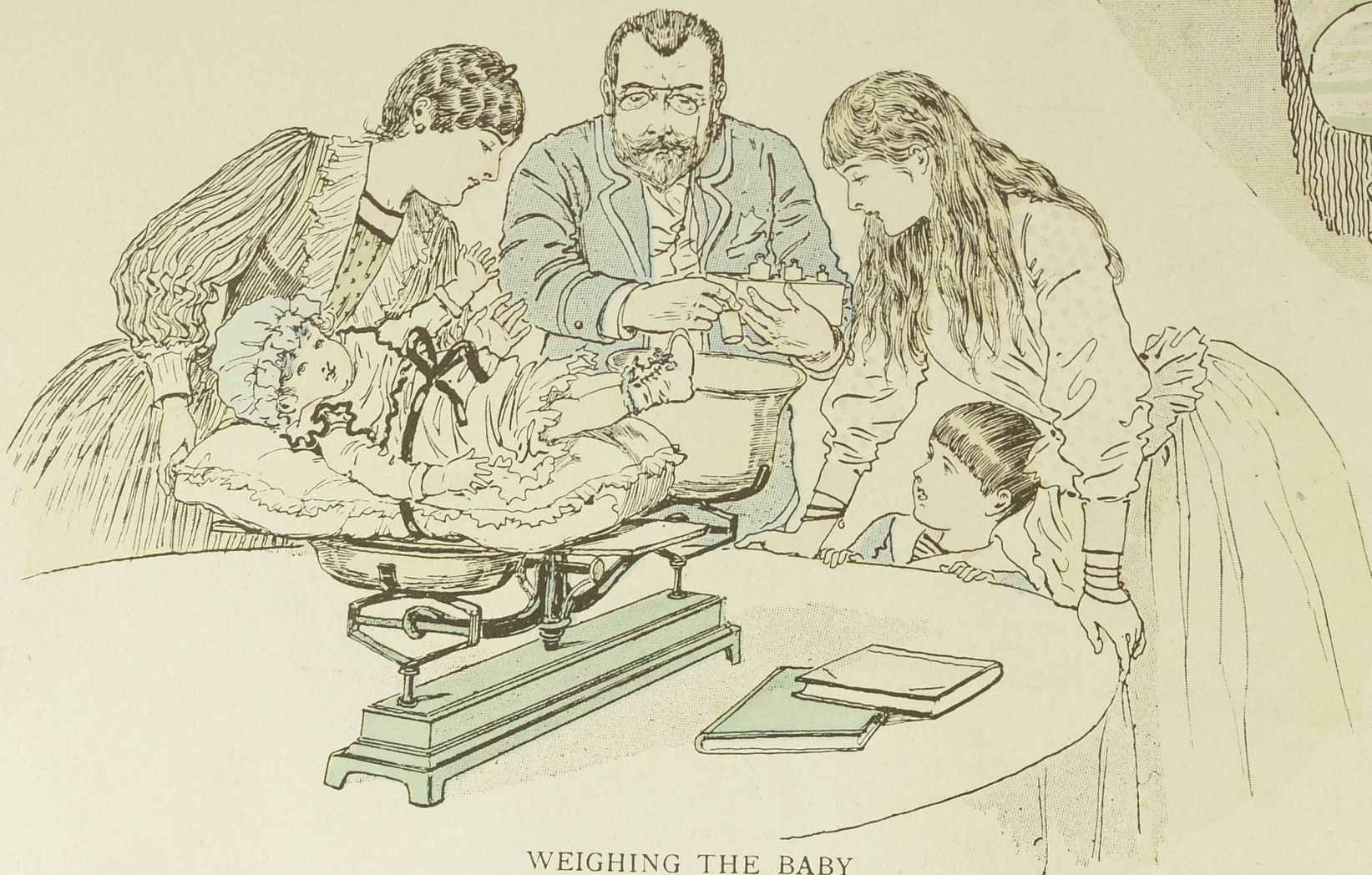


TOTO MIXES THE SALAD



THE CHOCOLATE CIGARS

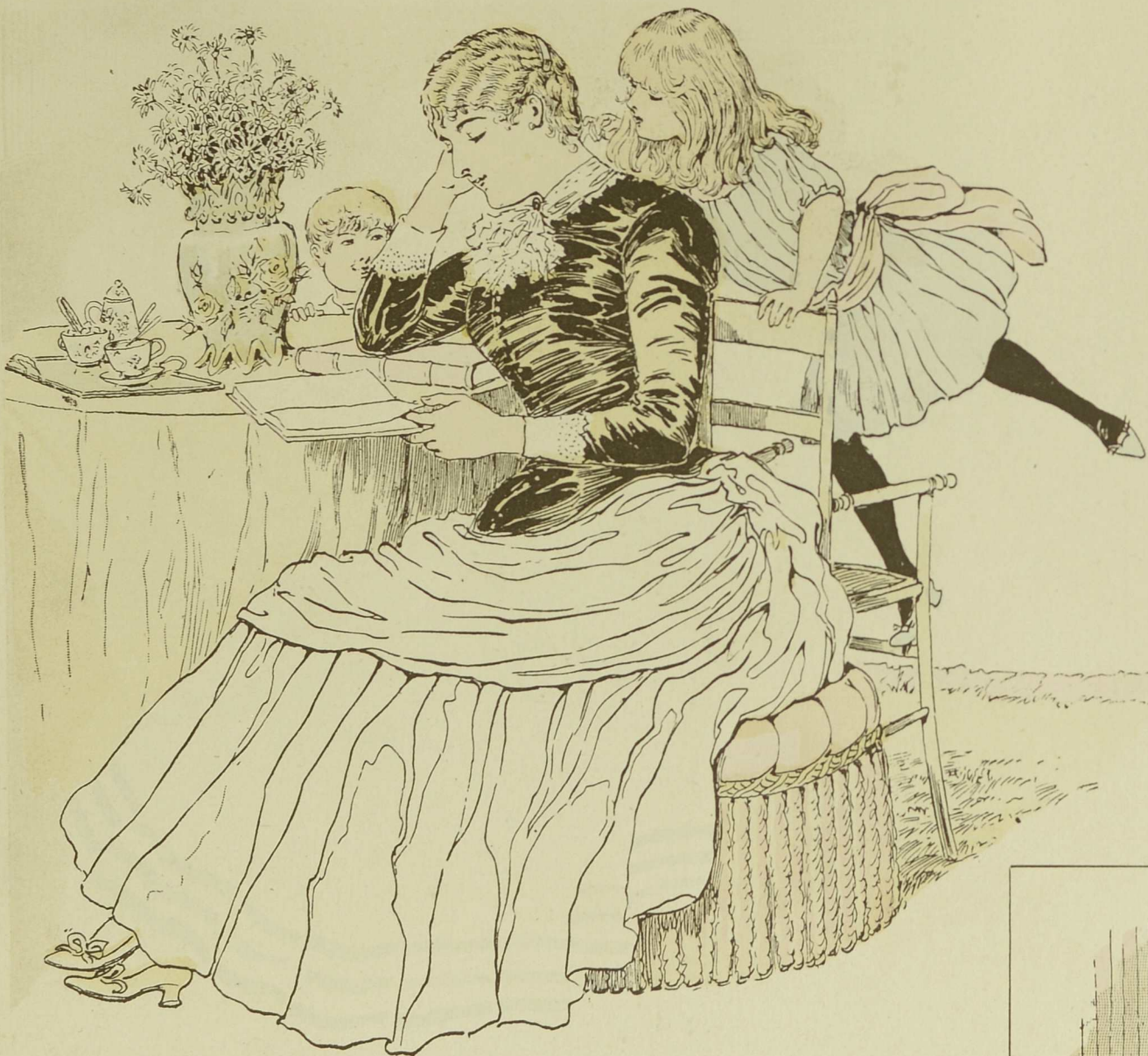
"How do you begin?"
 "At the beginning, of course!"
 "Ah, I begin at the end!"



WEIGHING THE BABY

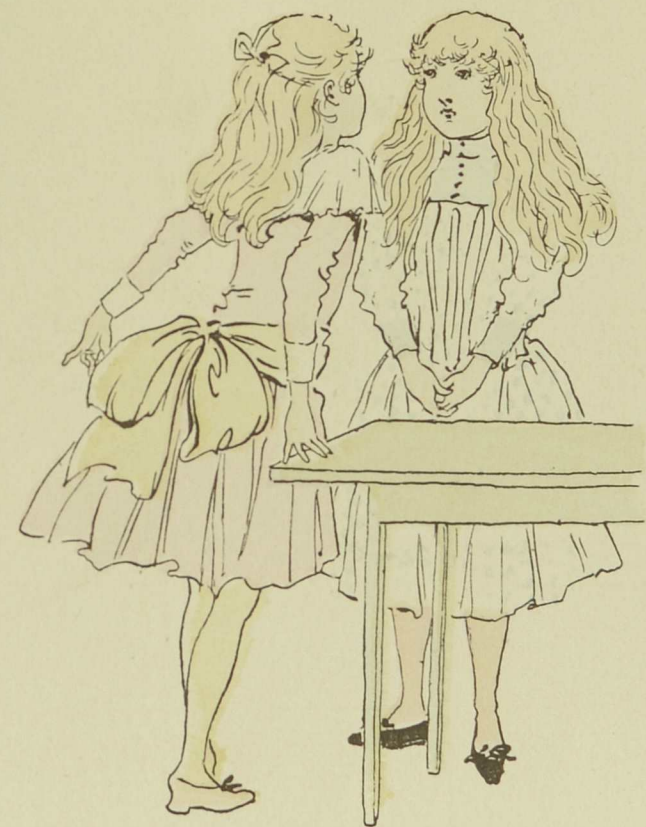
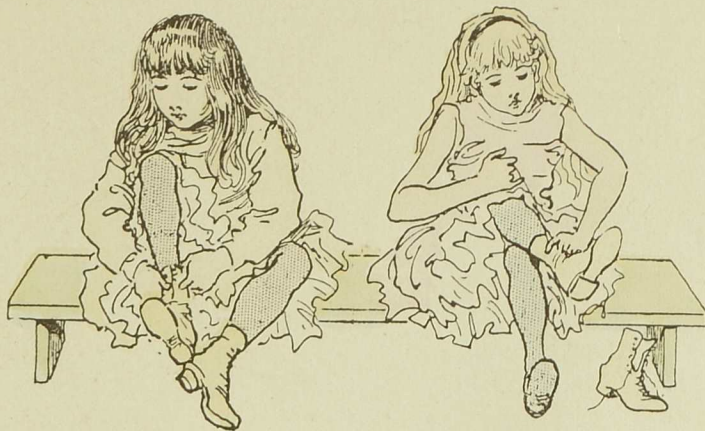
This is quite a business! Fortunately the infant phenomenon has gained a pound during the last month: the whole family is perfectly happy!





A SURPRISE AFTER DINNER

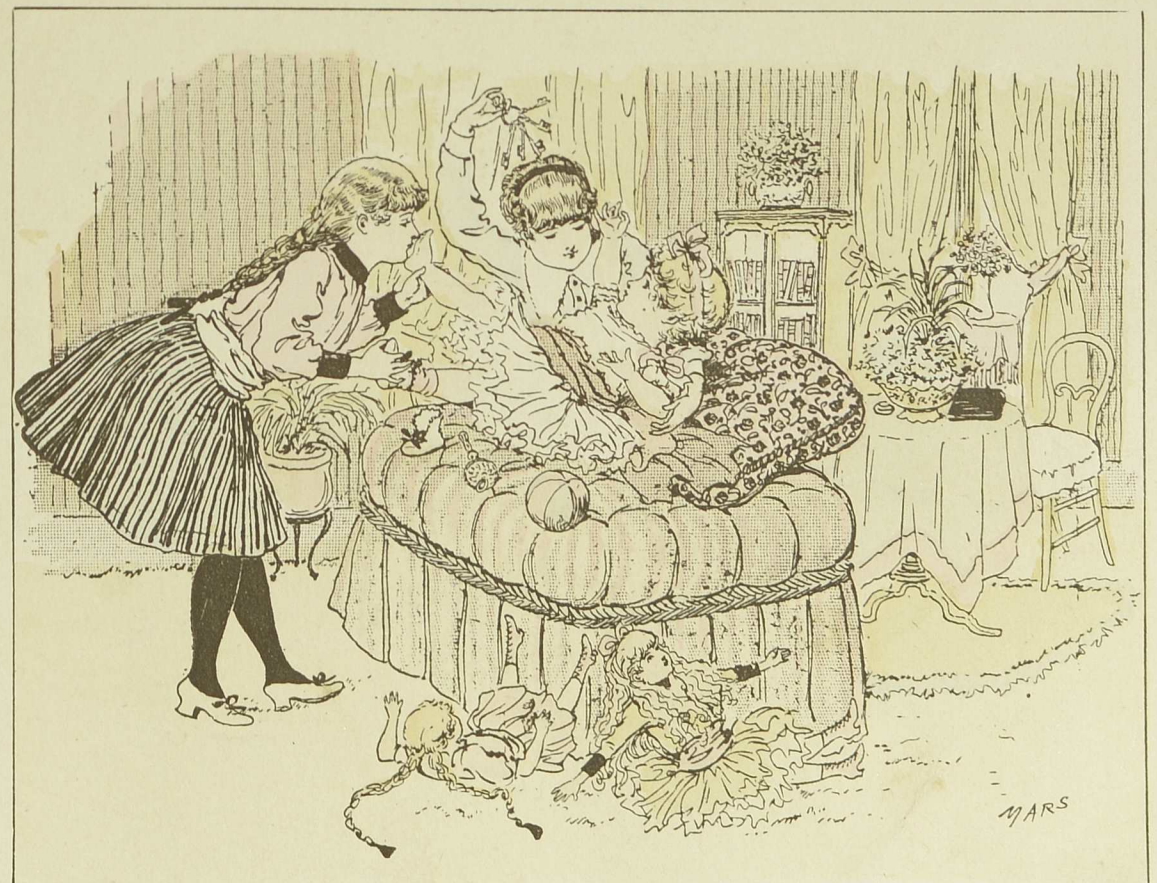
That sweet kiss on her neck is the nicest dessert Mother can have.



"I forbid you to look at my doll in that manner, Miss!"

"And why, Miss?"

"Because you frighten her!"



Doll-days have passed now, for Evelyn and Bertha have a little sister!



MARS

As the children have all behaved themselves very well at dinner, Father gives them each something nice.



PAPA'S STICK
Taller than
master George.



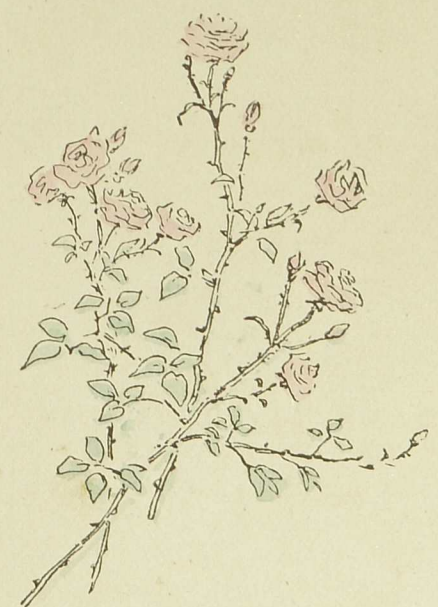
Darling Tiny, mama does not
want the sun to spoil those fine
fat rosy cheeks!



The more playthings Baby has,
the less she is troubled : Baby
wants them all!



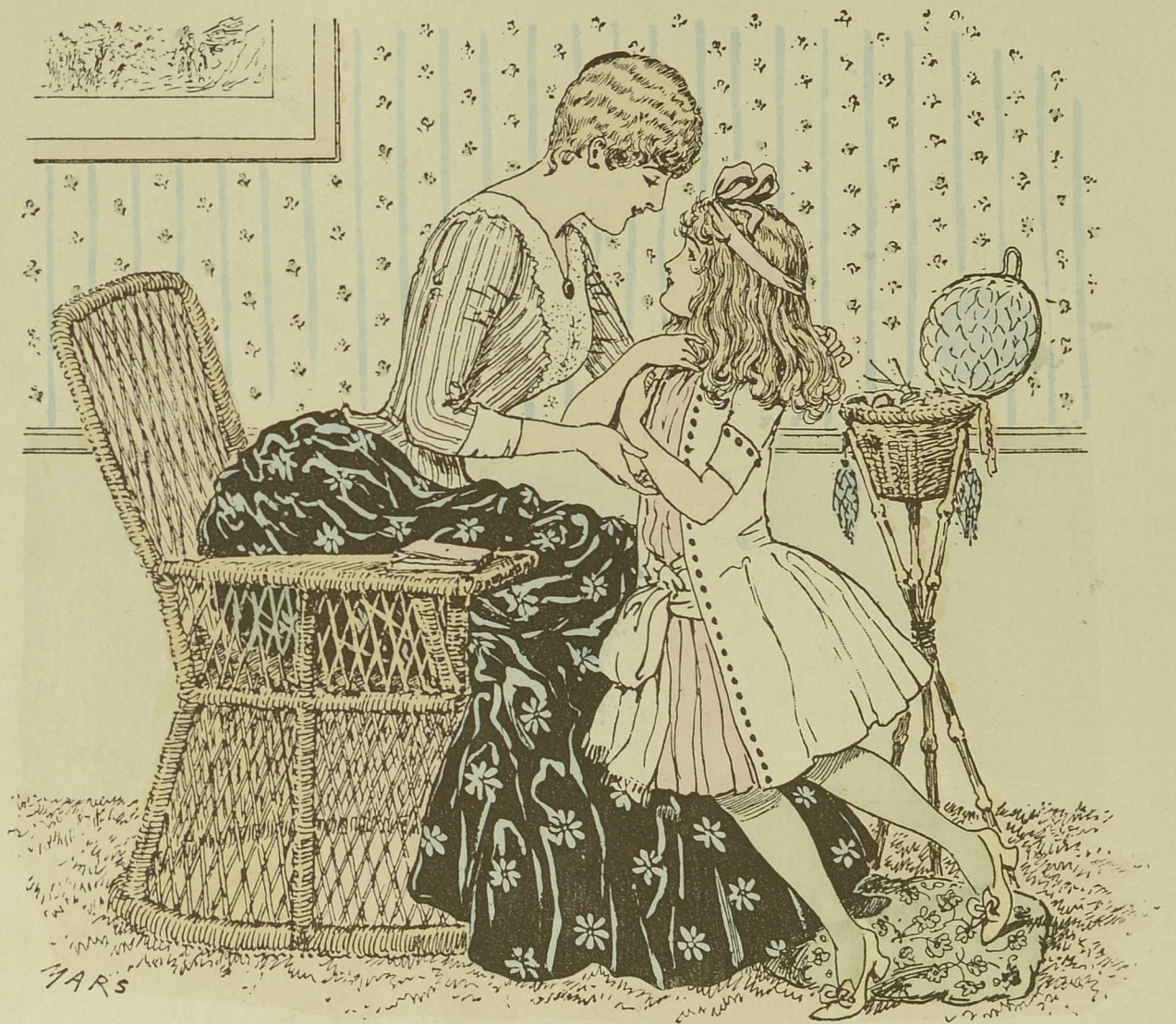
SABINA
the little gardener.



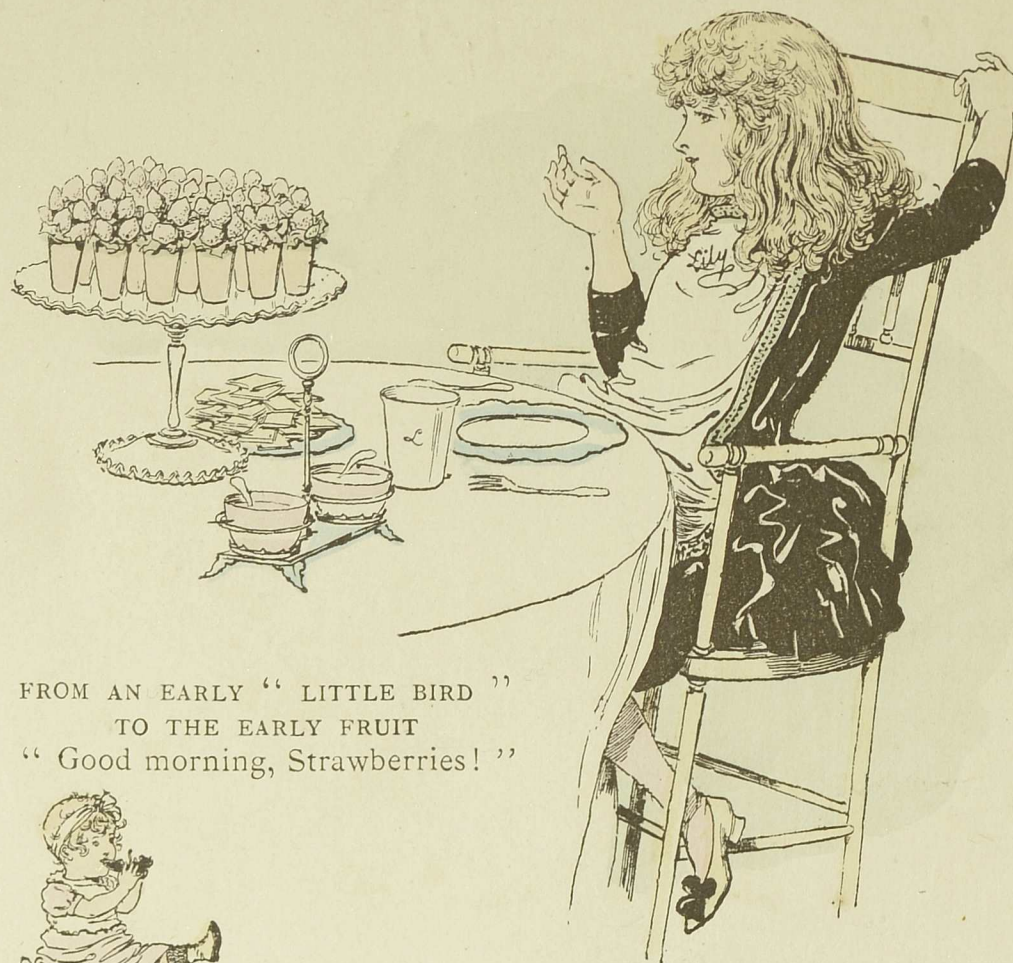
LITTLE QUEENIE AND HER COURT



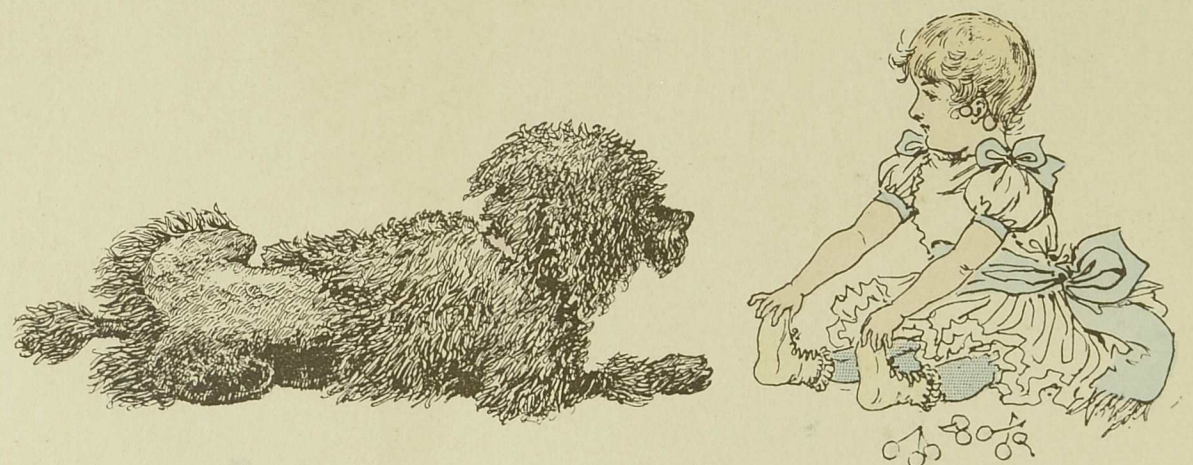
Baby is as happy as a fish, in his little bath; it is very funny to watch him trying to catch the water which Nurse is squeezing from the sponge.



"Mama darling, when will you buy me a little brother?"
 "My dearest, a little brother, that costs a great deal of money!"
 "Oh! I will help, I will break up my money-box!"

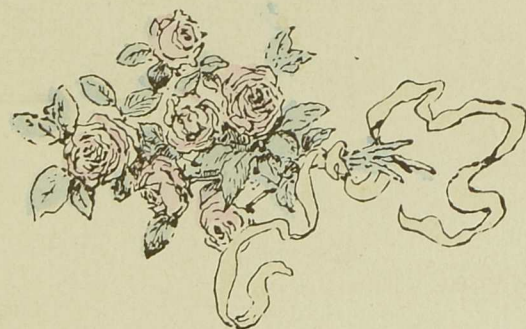
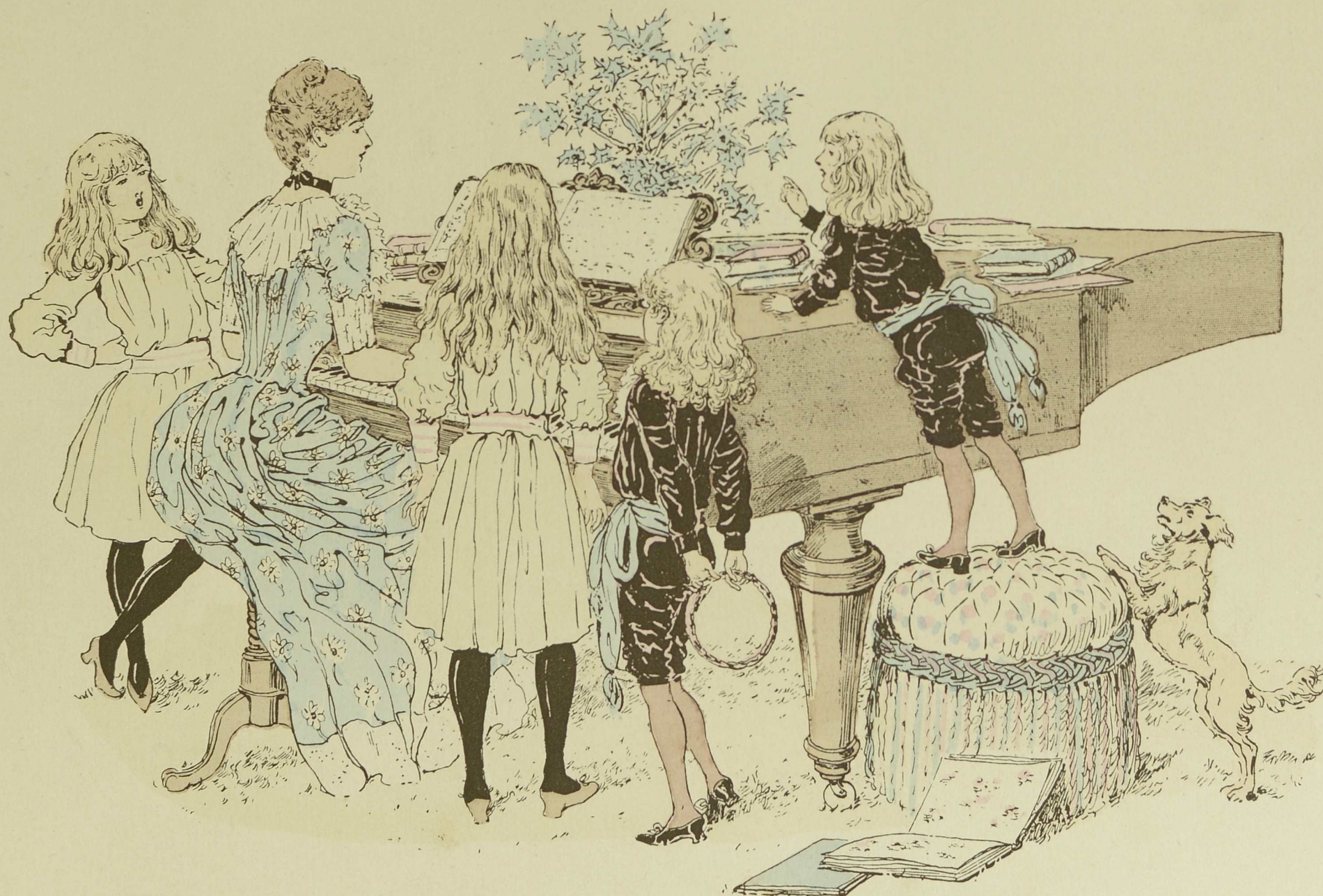


FROM AN EARLY "LITTLE BIRD"
 TO THE EARLY FRUIT
 "Good morning, Strawberries!"



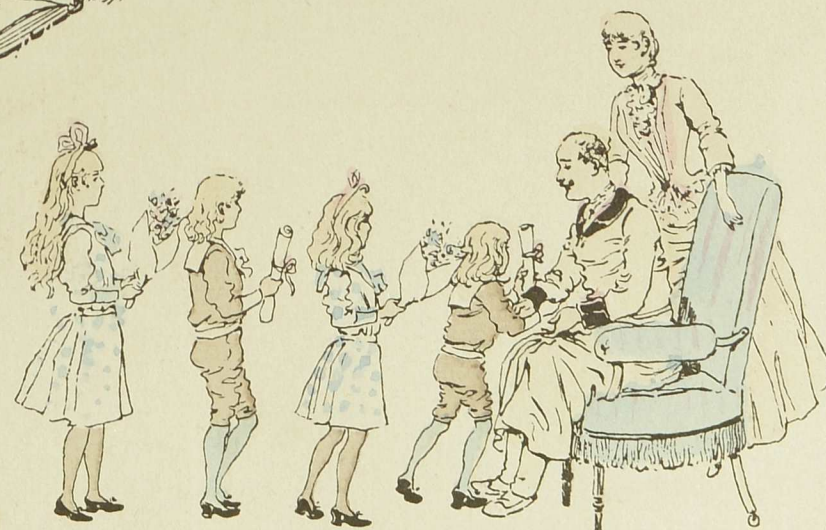
MARQUIS AND TINY

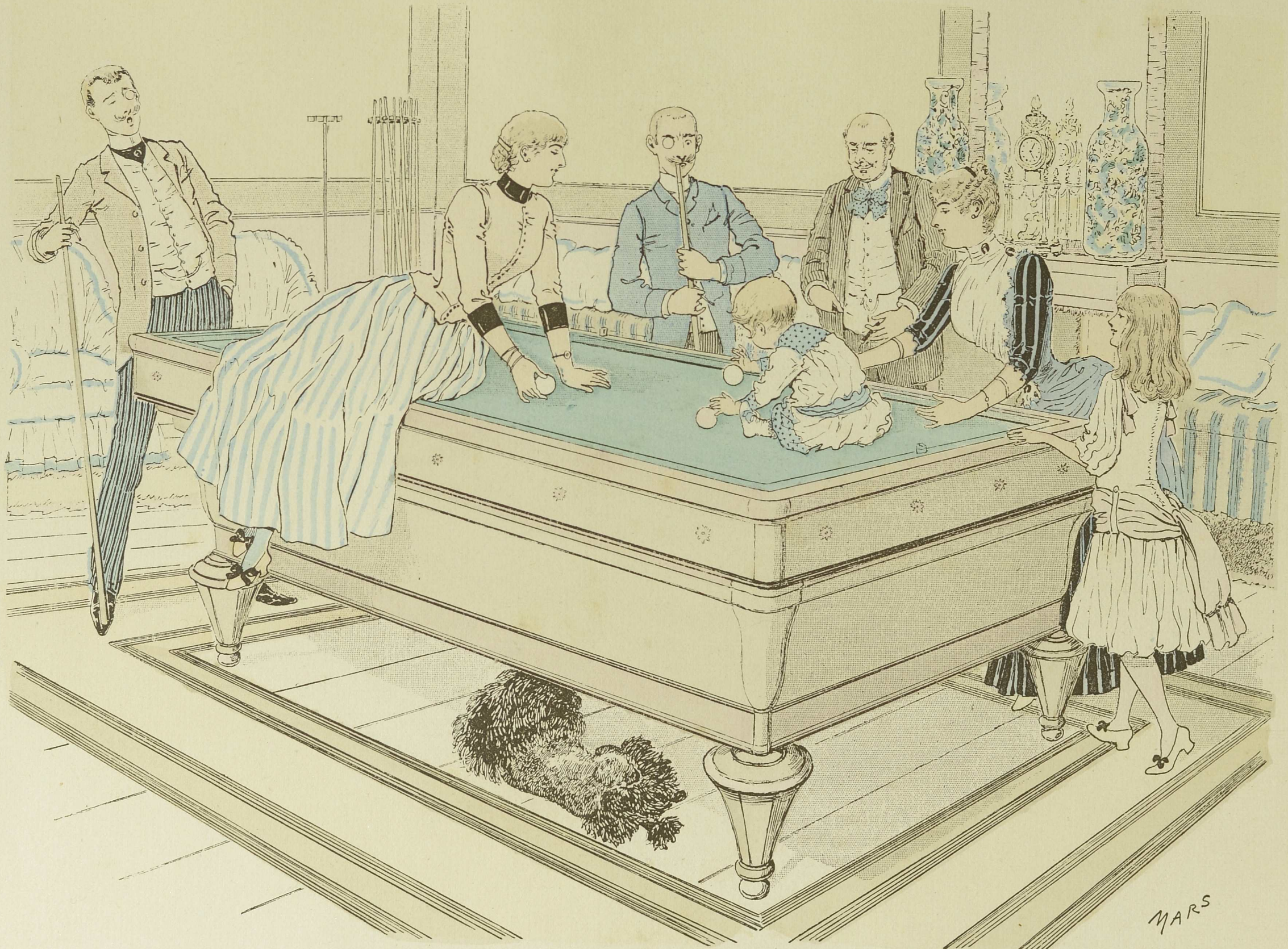
A friendship which will be self-evident.



Blanche, Daisy, Val and Andrew have begged "darling mother" to teach them a little song to sing on Father's birthday.

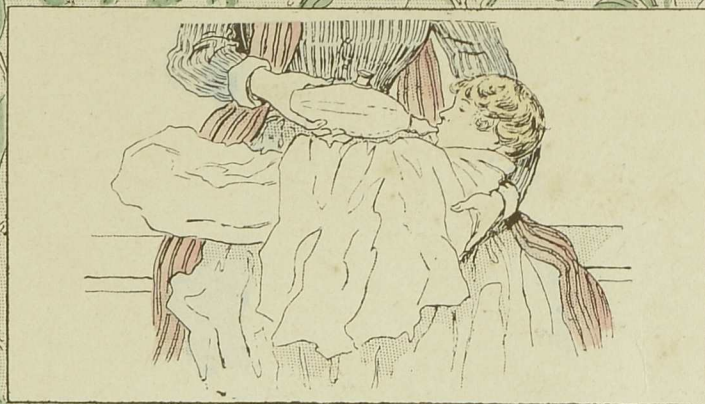
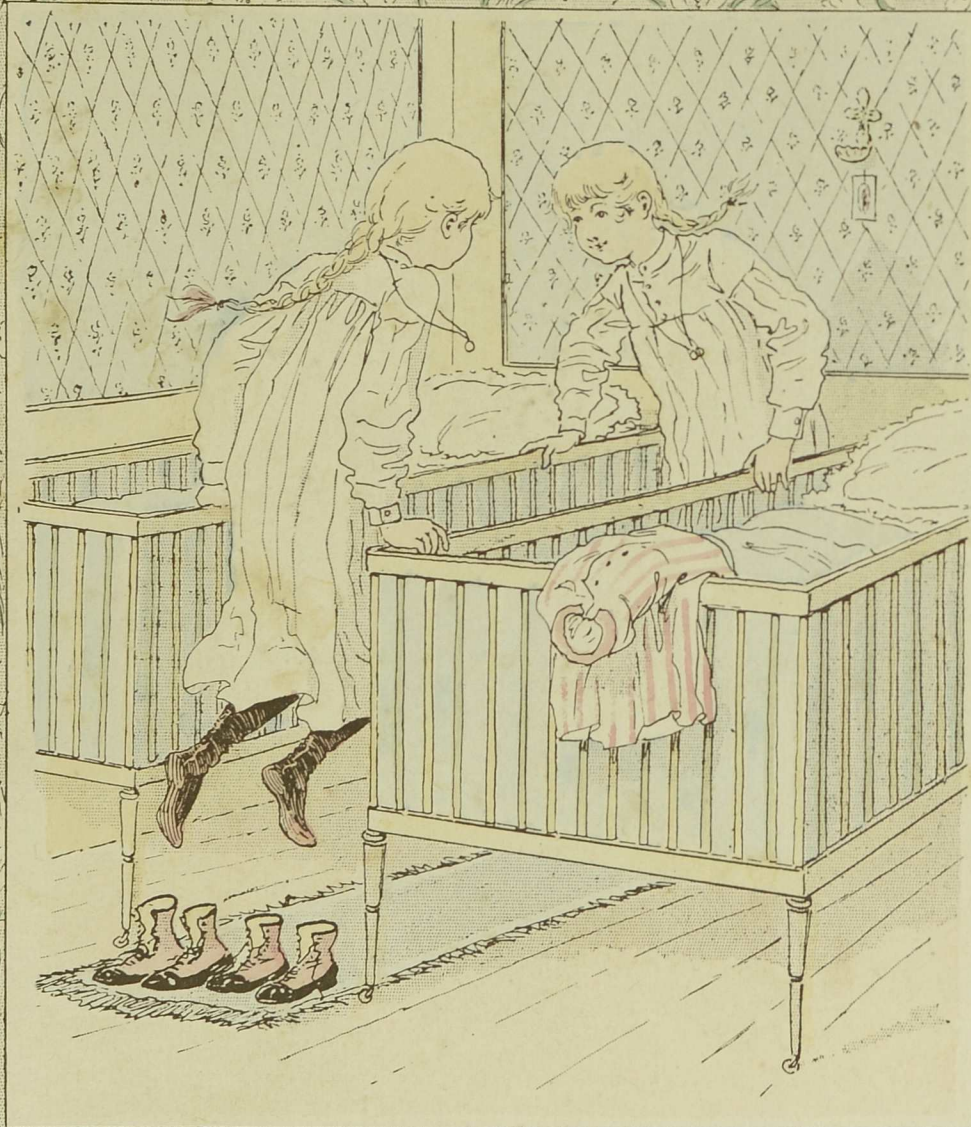
The practice goes on merrily, although little Andrew has scarcely any voice yet; but he makes up for want of it by beating time so funnily! Fido the dog is delighted with it all.





MARS

Look at that little rogue, sitting on the table, stopping the game between uncle George and his friend! Mama is radiant, papa is amused, the elder sisters are so pleased and delighted; but the players don't like it, and they wish Nurse would come and carry the little wretch upstairs again!

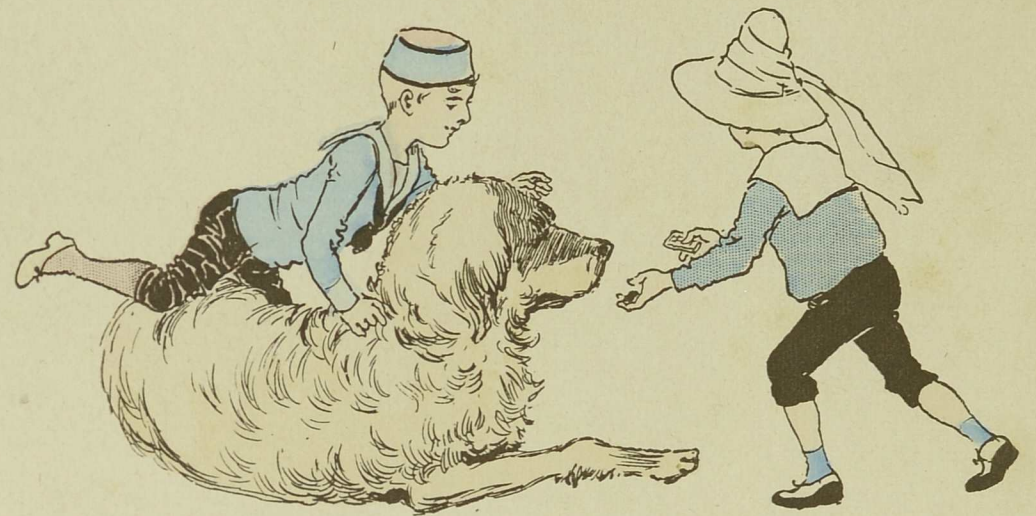


Rita and Lily amuse themselves on the "parallel bars" before going to bed!

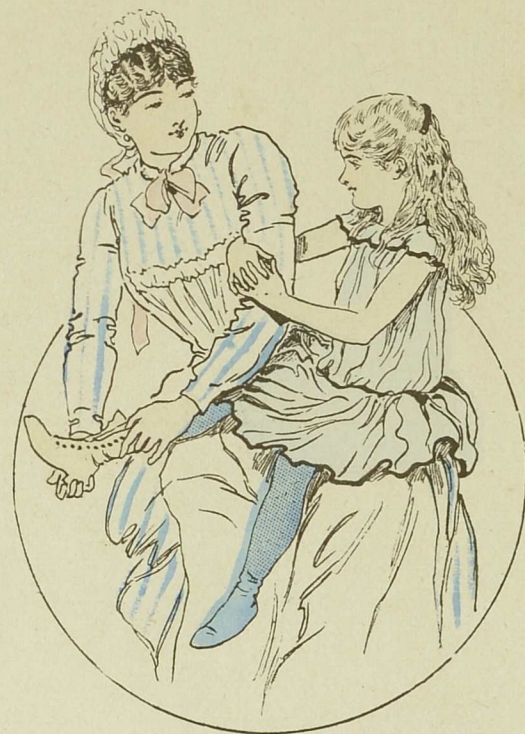
"Do the angels in Heaven go to by-by too, before their mama's dinner-time?"



THE FAVORITE UNCLE
As sweet as sugar!



Oliver wants to ride on Sultan, and Maurice, in order to coax the big dog, is offering him his piece of chocolate.



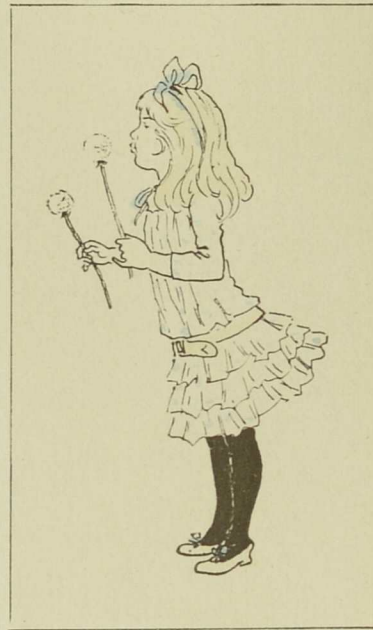
NEW BOOTS!
Quite an event for dear Polly!



OUR
DARLINGS
IN
TOWN



A LITTLE « GREAT LADY! »

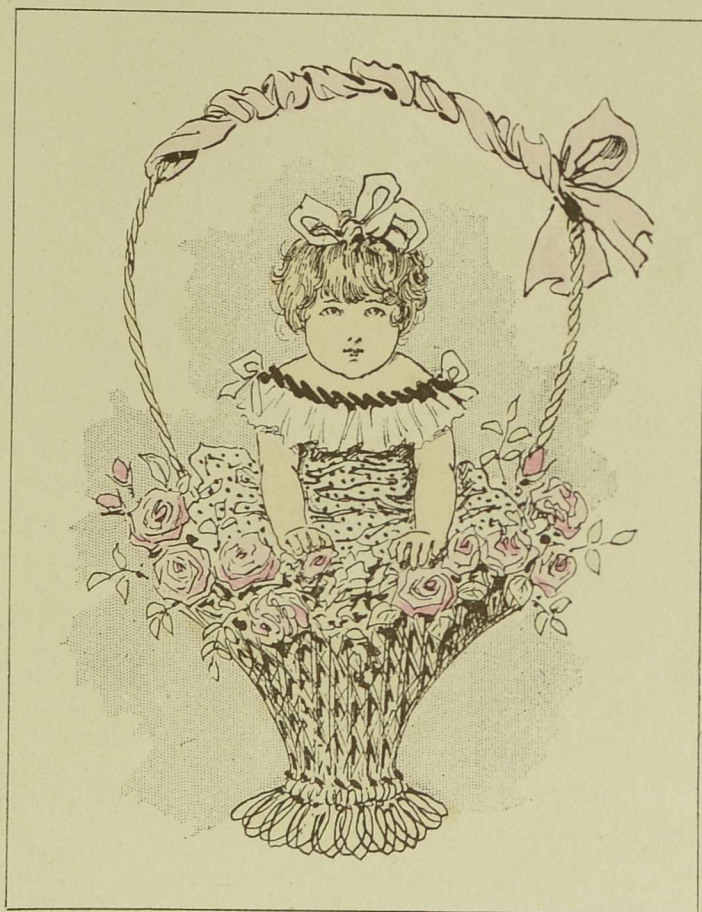


Looking into the shop windows on New Year's Eve.

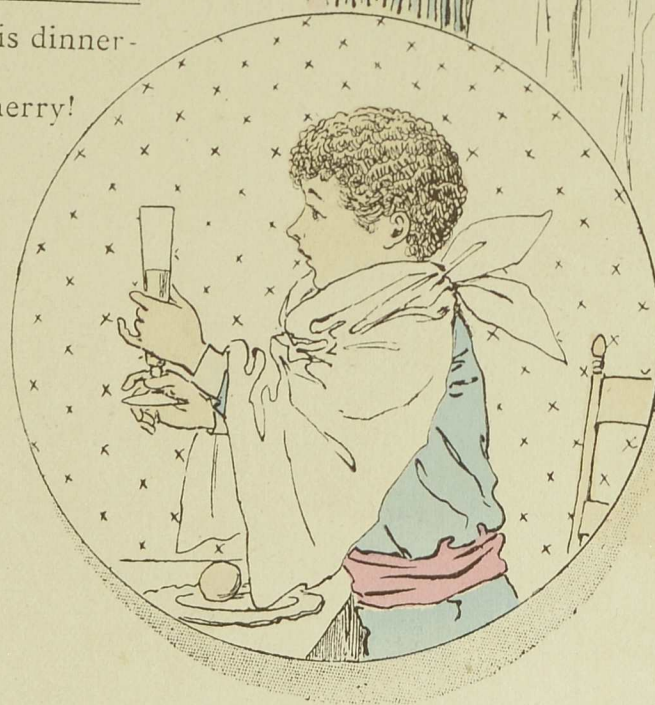


A COVEY OF LITTLE MAGPIES

“ Paul, mind you don't upset her! ”
 “ Well, if I do I can always pick her up! ”
 “ But Paul, you might kill her! ”



This is what Grand-Papa found in his dinner-napkin!
The likeness of his little favorite, Cherry!

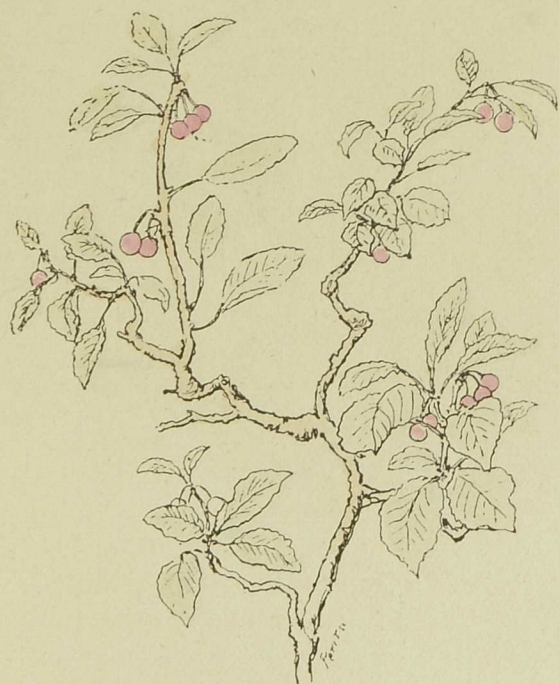


PAUL'S FIRST SPEECH

"Dear Grand-Papa, I hope that you will live for ever!"

CHERRY'S LITTLE TOAST

There is only a little drop in her glass, but there are two tears in Grand-Papa's eyes.



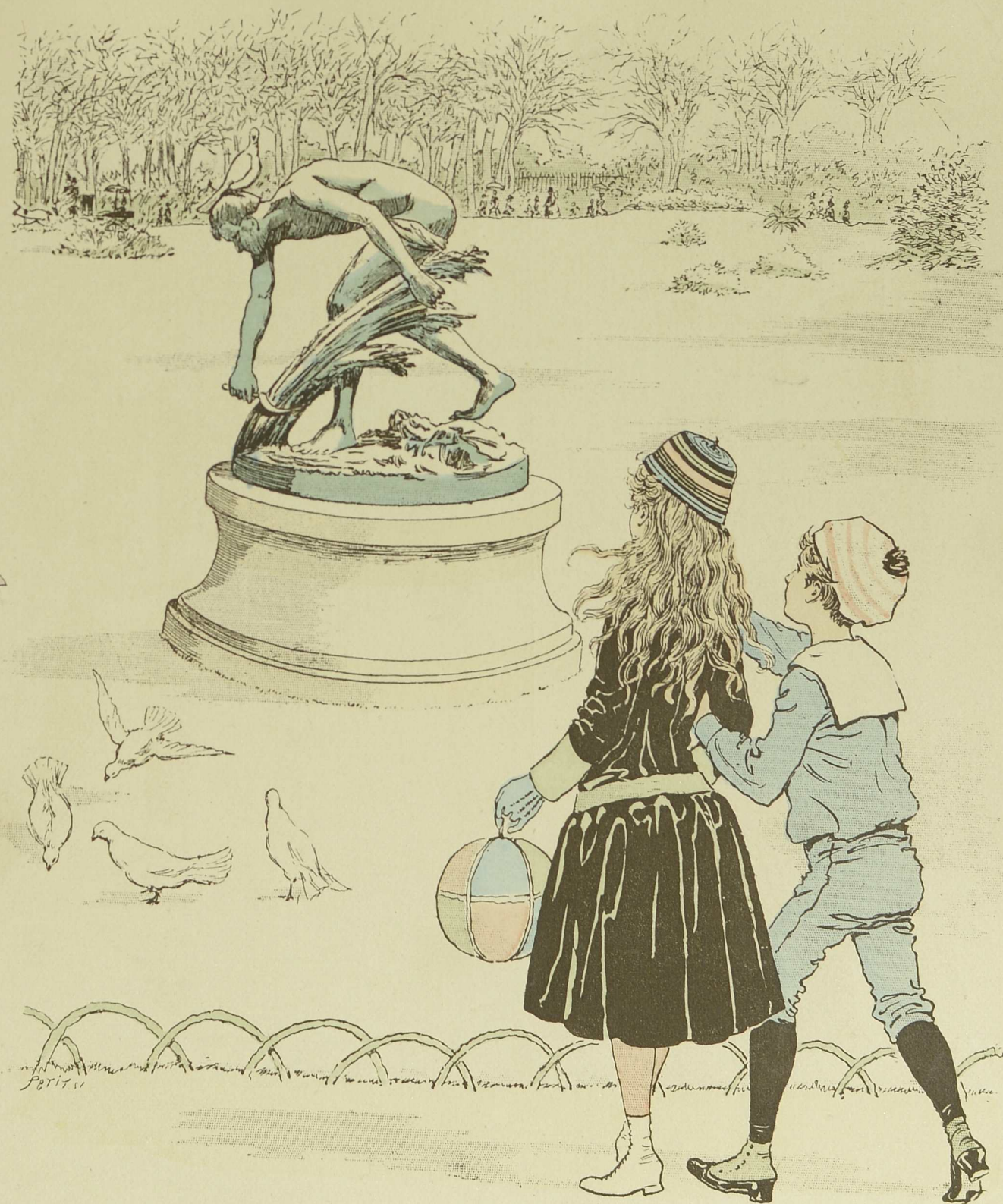


The heat was very great, and Mary was quite knocked up by her walk. — The heat rather damped her enjoyment, I am afraid!

At her cousin Yvonne's wedding, in Paris, Georgie held the collecting bag, escorted by her cousin Raymond. She collected very nicely, and everyone admired her, and her pretty costume.



THE FIRST RIDING LESSON



“ Look there ! that white bird is not afraid of perching on that man’s head ! ”
“ No, perhaps it is a tame pigeon ! ”



Here is master Tommy getting his hair cut.

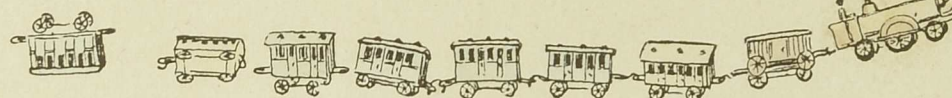


LOOKING AT THE SOLDIERS

What kind fathers!
How pleased the children are!
How satisfied are the mothers, too!

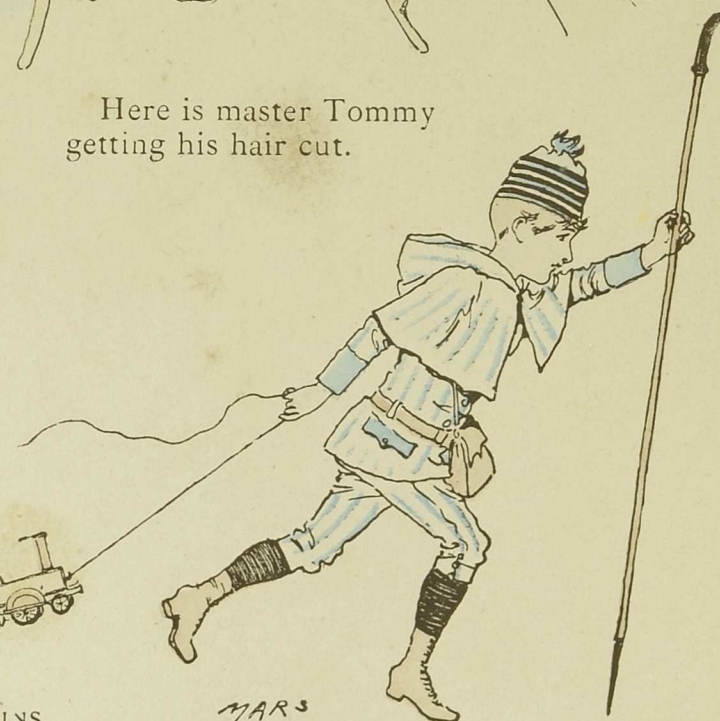
IN THE TRAIN

" But, Mama. when will you take a half-ticket for my doll? You know, she is growing quite a big girl! "



VAL PLAYS AT TRAINS

The holidays are coming, and then perhaps you may take a little trip, Val, if you are a good boy!

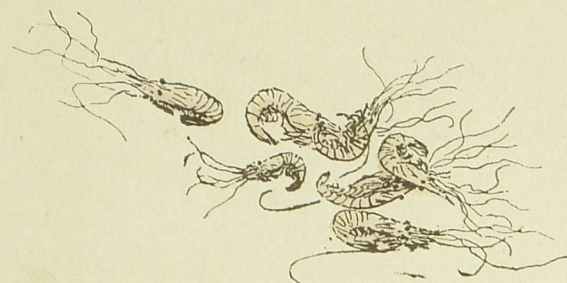


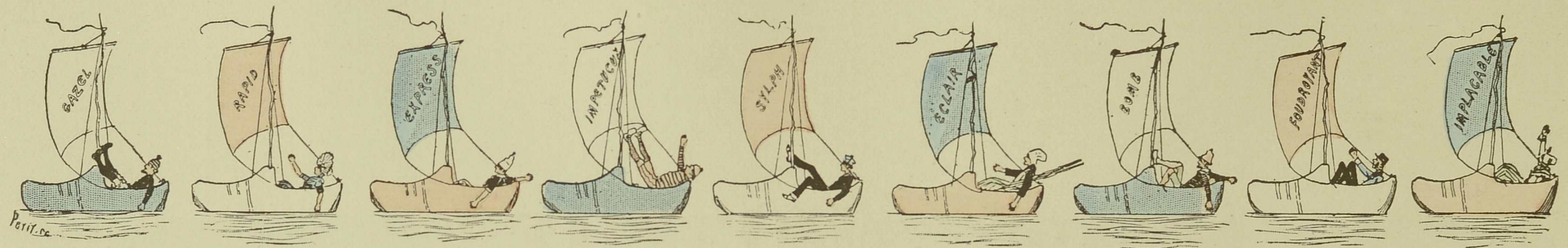
MAR'S

Our Darlings



at the sea-side





No matter what the name of the place is so long as these little darlings have nice sands in which they can build castles and forts while the tide comes in ; and so long as the pure air makes them enjoy themselves with all their hearts !



Here is a polite little gentleman!

Reginald is brave, and will catch plenty of shrimps.



SETTING OUT

COMING HOME



What fun it is! They do it with all their hearts. Of course they will tell Nurse, when they go home again, that the Sailors scarcely pushed at all, and that they pulled up the machine by themselves!



GOING TO BATHE



IN AND OUT AGAIN



IN AND OUT AGAIN

OUR DARLINGS AT THE SEA-SIDE

THE LOBSTER — STEADY! — THE YACHTSMEN



KEEP STEADY!



OUR FUTURE YACHTSMEN



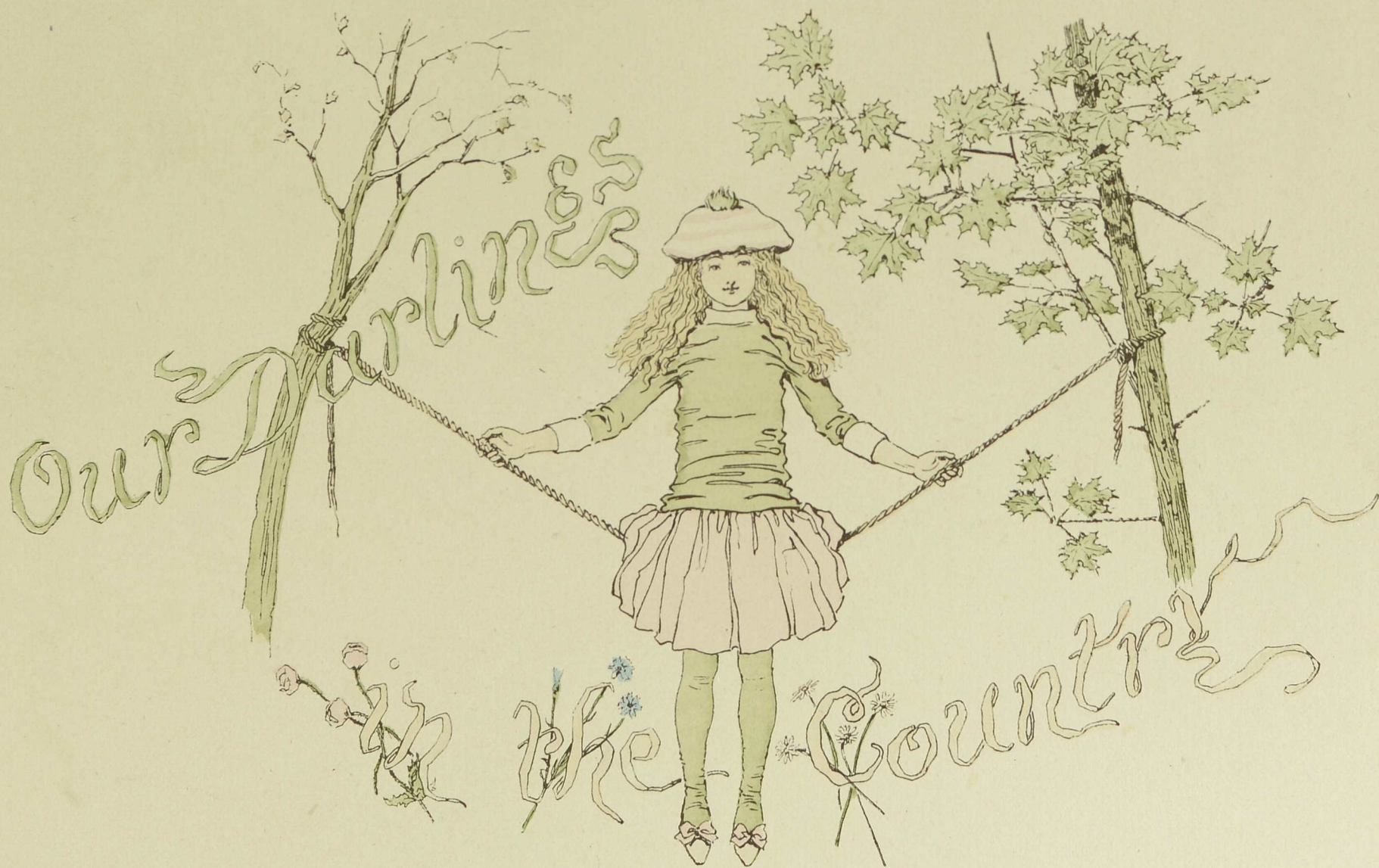
It is very nice for George to have such a kind uncle who can fly the Japanese kite so high,
when there is a strong wind!



*Come along, children, come to your tea,
Supper is waiting for Baby and me!*

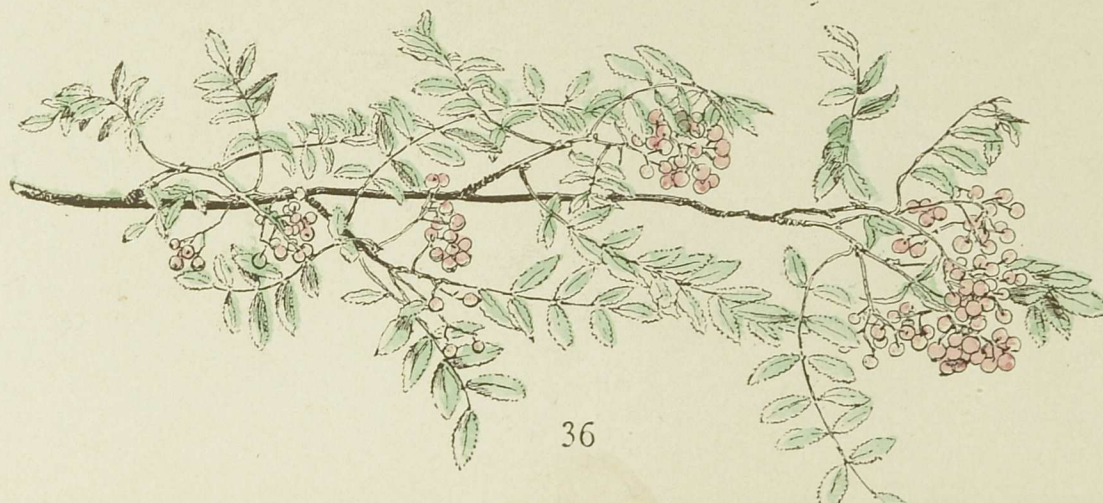
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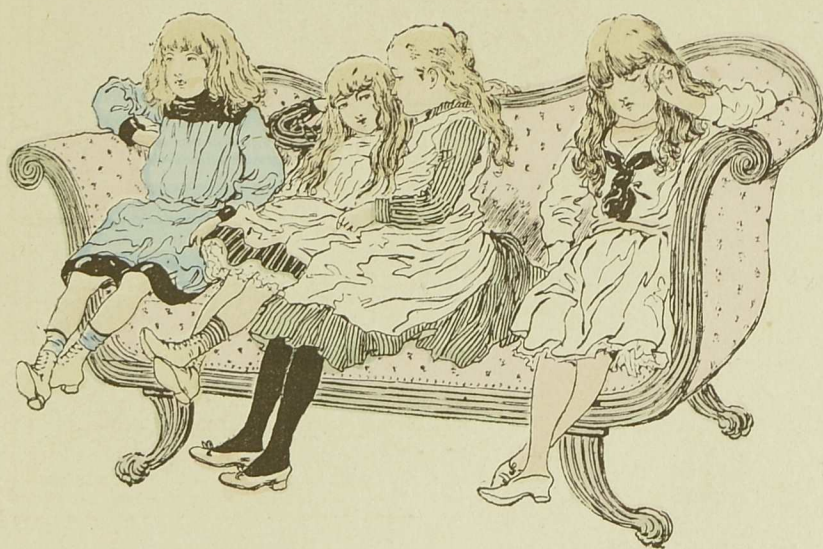


WHAT FUN IT IS TO TEASE AUNT EMILY WHO IS SO TICKLISH!





It is raining, so the children take the opportunity to play "patience"..... all together!



"What are you doing there, my dears?"
 "We are playing at being tired, mama!"



But they would have done better to have imitated they cousins Paul and Julia, who were "playing at amusing themselves!"



AN AFTERNOON ON THE CASTLE-TERRACE

TEACHING BEN TO BEG

And while Mama chatted with aunt Amy, Uncle made some splendid rings with the smoke from his cigar.



THE LITTLE GLEANER
Playing at being a cottage girl.



THE SHOE-BOAT

“ Take care that it does not upset! ”
“ What matter, you are not in it! ”



The weather is splendid, else of course they would not have pic-nic'd on the grass. The dinner is not a grand one, quite in country style, but, with such appetites as the children have, it seems delicious. Paul and Willy may now take away the empty baskets, which were so heavy in the morning!

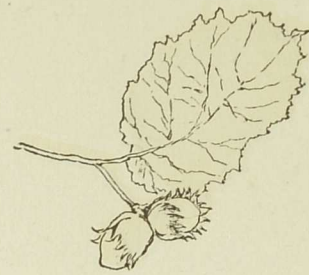


Baby likes to eat her dinner all by herself like a great lady!

OUR DARLINGS IN THE COUNTRY

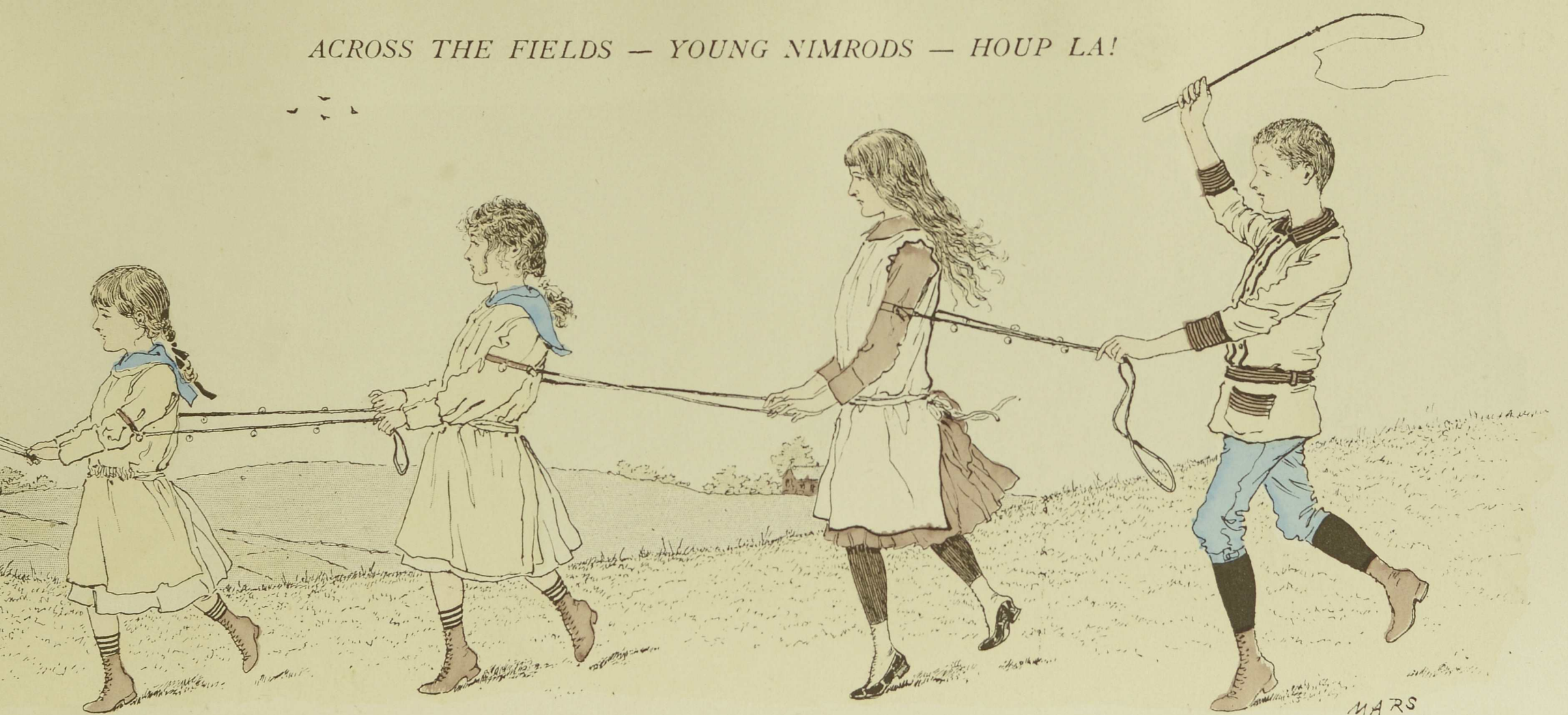


GABRIELLE, DAISY, NELLY, SUSAN, LUCY, JULIET

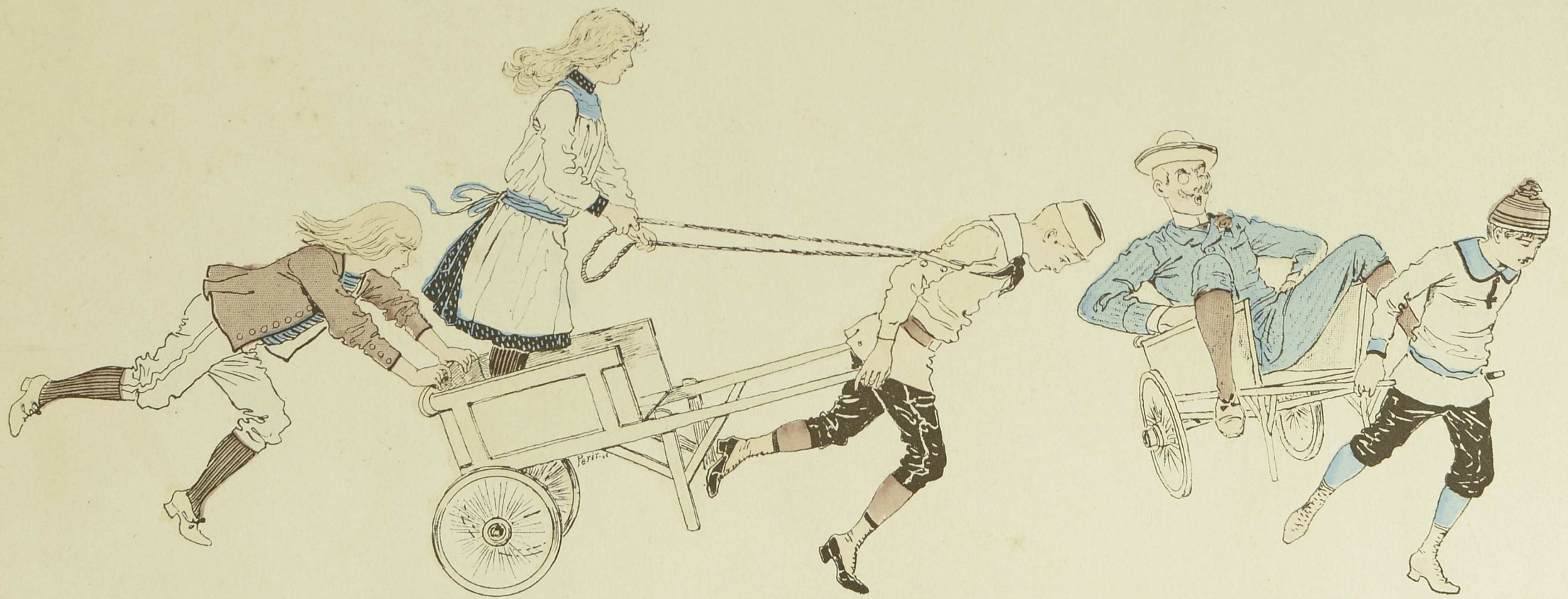


GOING OUT SHOOTING!

ACROSS THE FIELDS — YOUNG NIMRODS — HOUP LA!



UL IN THEIR SIX-IN-HAND DRIVE ACROSS THE FIELDS



JANE'S GO-CART!

UNCLE GEORGE'S NEW CARRIAGE



The first fan painted
by Mama.

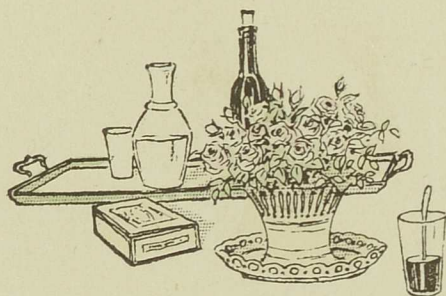


THE GARDENER'S SHOES



NUTTING IN THE WOOD

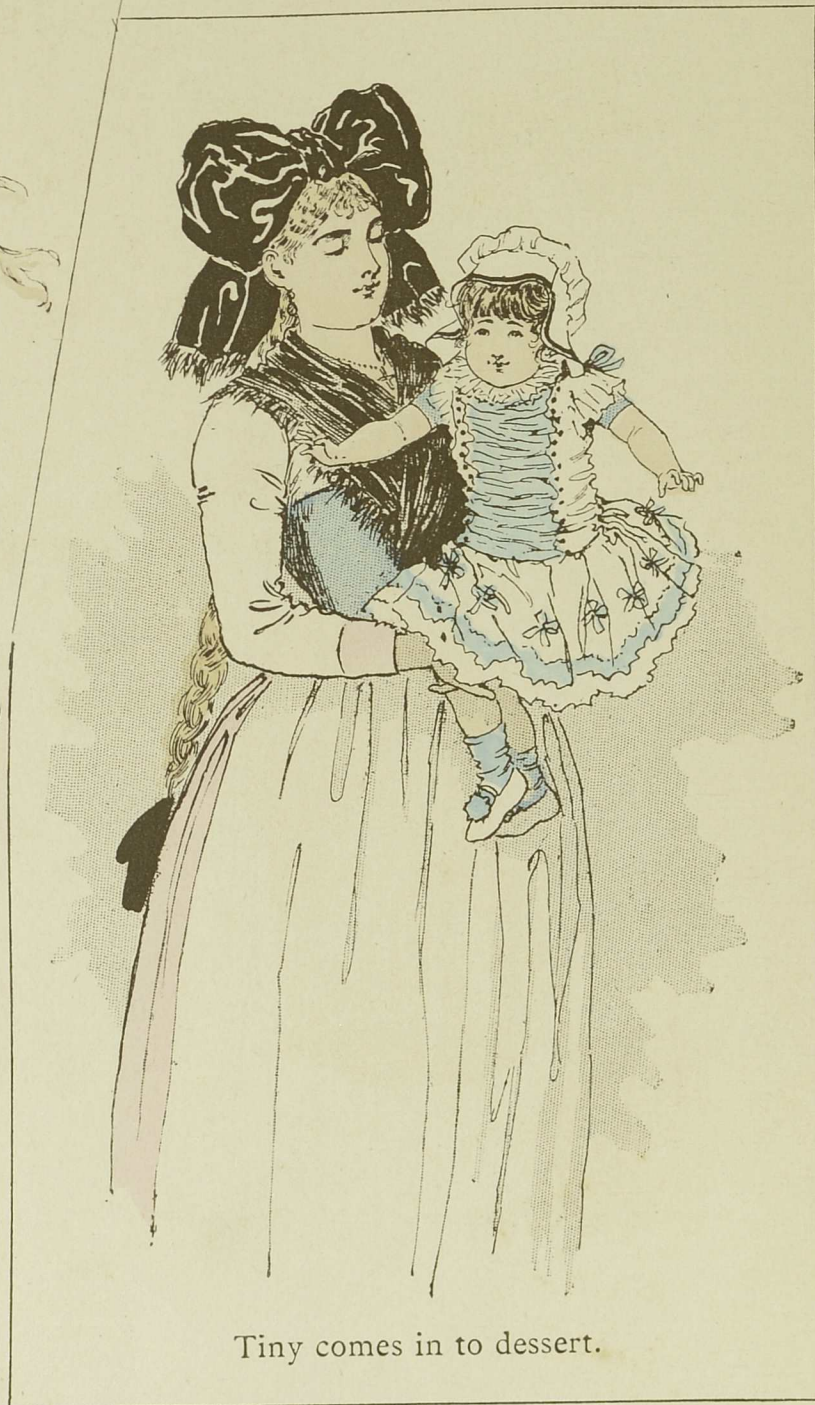




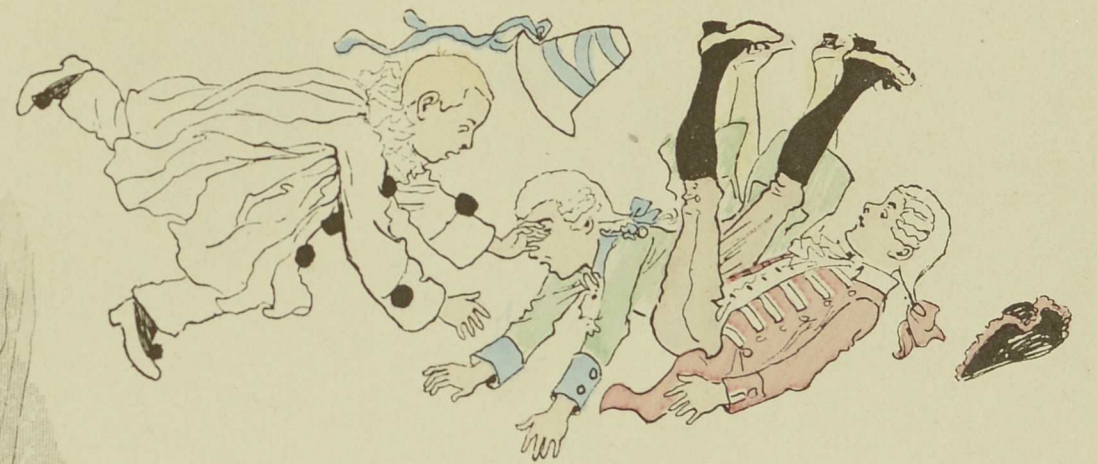
THE DINNER PARTY
 Violet and Lily are told to offer bouquets to the guests. Violet manages very well, but Lily upsets her basket, poor girl!



A PRETTY PICTURE

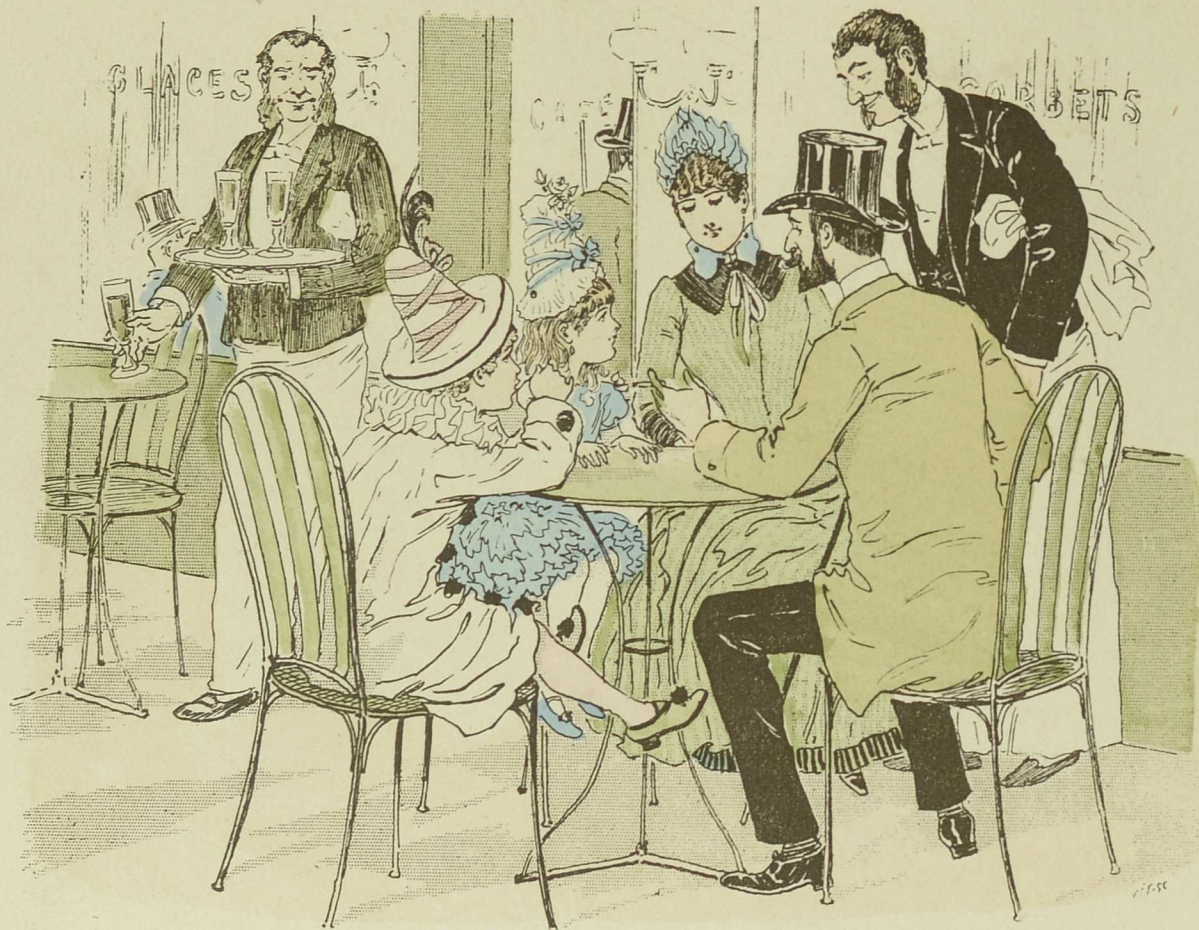


Tiny comes in to dessert.



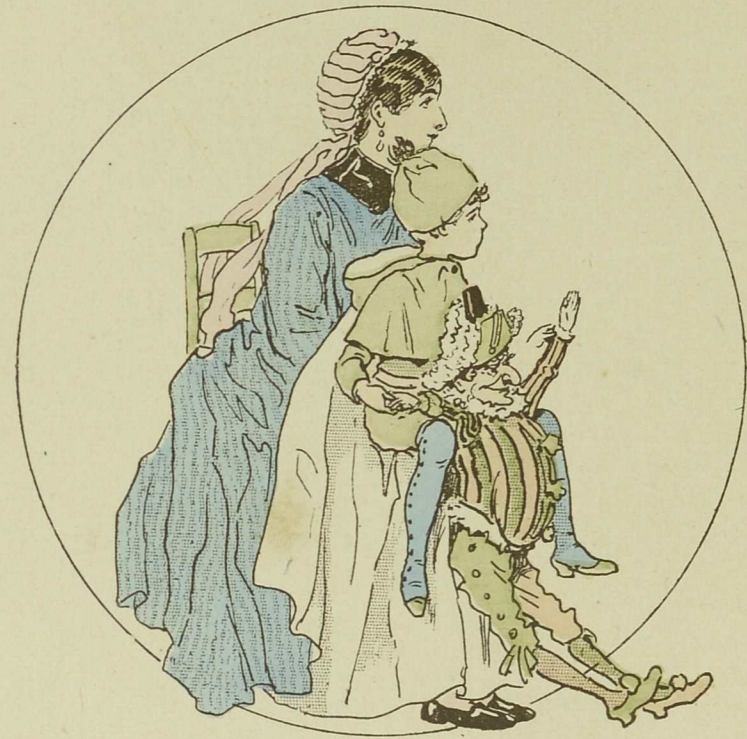
HEAD OVER HEELS

PUNCH AND JUDY



A LITTLE REFRESHMENT AFTER THE BALL

"Ladies and Gentlemen, what will you take?"



THREE CHILDREN

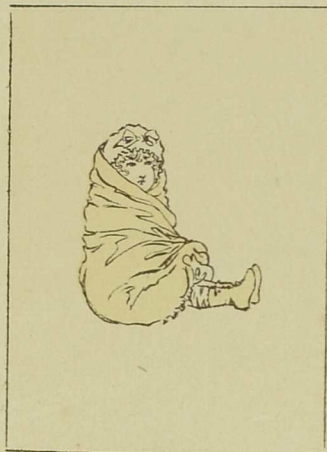


A LITTLE DANCE
IN THE CORNER

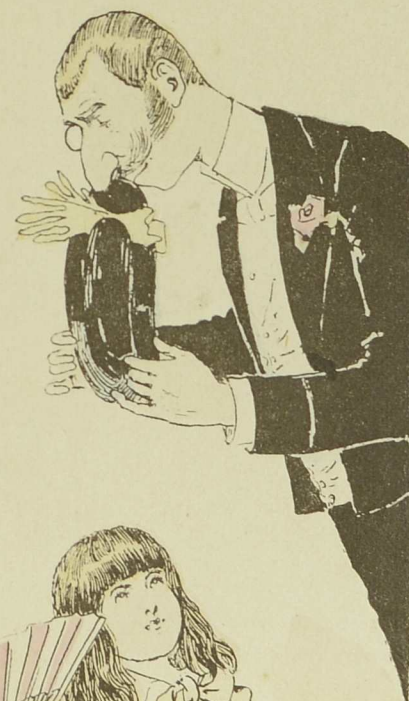


A COMIC DANCE

Here we have the children dancing in a circle as if they were going "round the Mulberry Bush."



THE COTILLON



TOTO AND HIS BIG SISTER IN THE SUPPER ROOM
" I suppose we do not eat the straws till afterwards? "



Thank you, sir, but I only dance with gentlemen of my own age.



