

# FRIENDS & PLAYMATES



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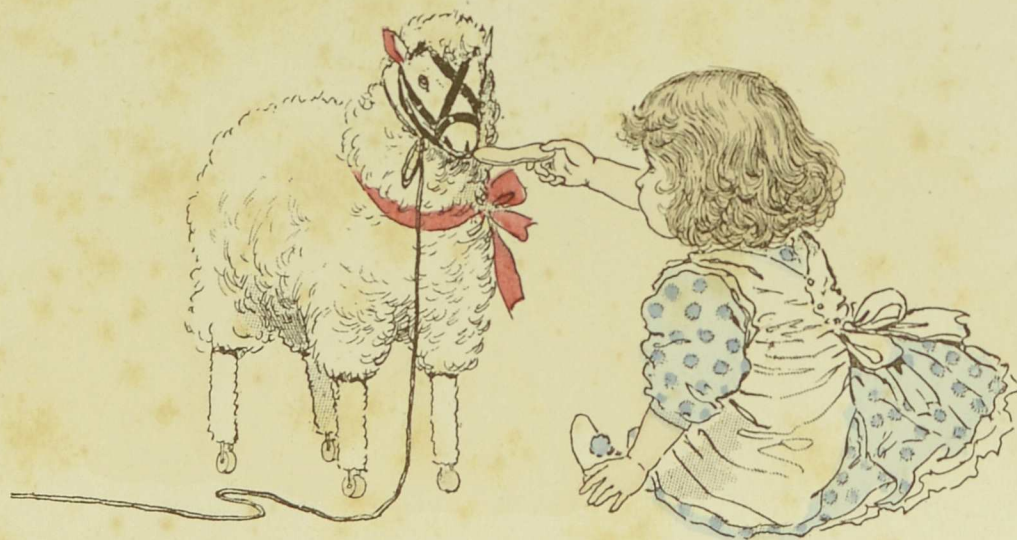












Mars  
to his  
little Marcelle





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AT HOME — IN TOWN — AT THE SEA-SIDE — IN THE COUNTRY — IN SOCIETY

By MARS



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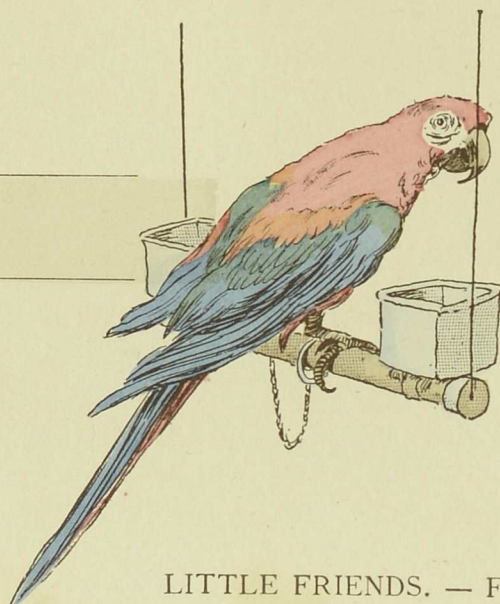


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LITTLE  
FRIENDS

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## LITTLE BÉCOT

Jenny and Georgie are good children, who love sweet and docile creatures like themselves. But the little kid, which they are in the habit of petting every morning on the cliff, always appears uneasy when they take it in their arms.

“Do not be afraid, little kid, we are never cruel to anything!”

And to comfort her pet, Georgie gives it a sweet kiss.



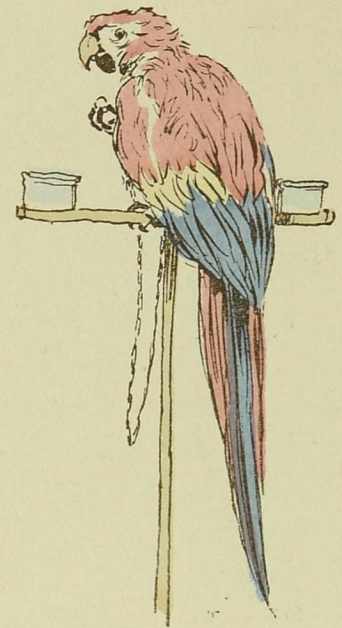


Henrietta, Robert and Fred are spoiled children! Good doggie Jack, you see, is carrying their satchels. Just look at those two lazy boys!



Toto, who is very proud of his power to train goats, has invited his little friends to a circus performance, and expects them to applaud his cleverness with his two kids, Bob and Toby.  
Ah! my poor Toto, you are sadly punished for your conceit! The kids will not perform at all, — not one single trick; and the spectators only laugh at you, Toto!





Polly looks rather cross. No wonder, when you have disturbed her at breakfast.



Papa, to please his children, has given them some pretty tortoises.  
 What fun it was the first day! Cabbage leaves were pulled so that the tortoises might eat, and see their new friends.  
 But the children soon tired of that, and next day they began to stand on the backs of the unfortunate little animals, and to throw them about, "without hurting them, of course!" Rita, who was the most mischievous of the family, actually gave them a shower bath from her watering-pot!

If you torment the tortoises like that, papa will take them away from you!

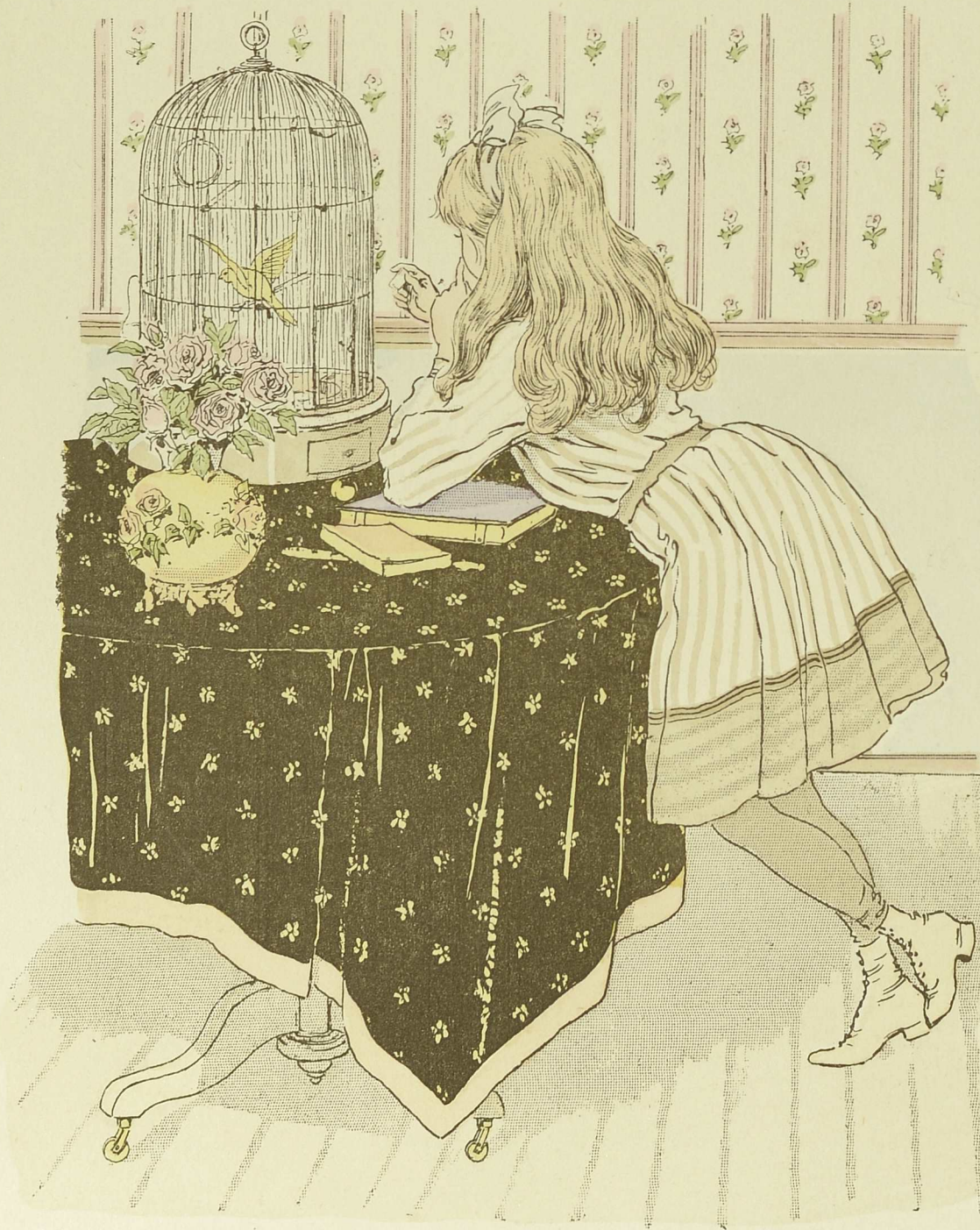
"Why do not these fishes talk?"  
 "Because you chatter so much they have no time to say anything!"





Pleased on all sides : some with giving, others in receiving.

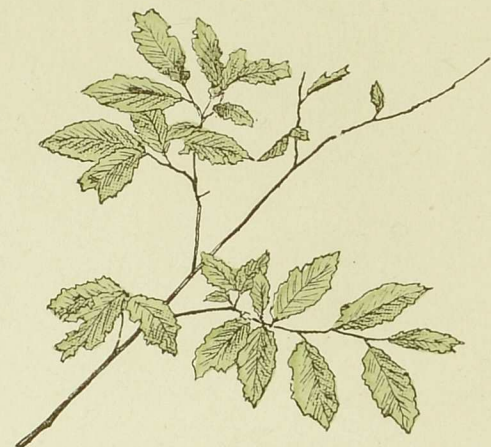




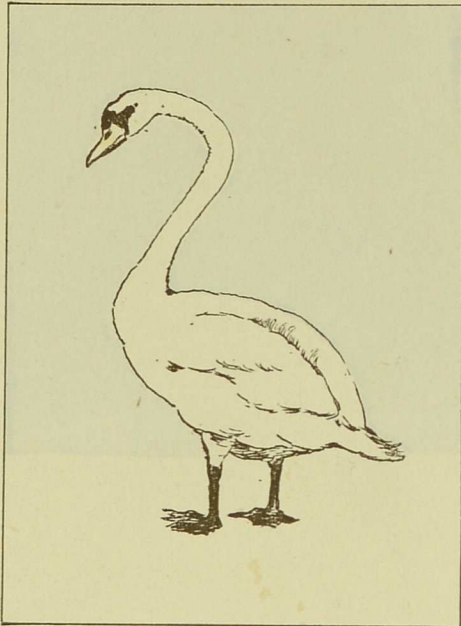
How silly these canaries are! Catch me refusing a lump of sugar if anyone offered it to me!



“ Mr. Marquis, will you be so kind as to tell me on which side you like your hair parted! ”







THE LILY-WHITE SWAN.

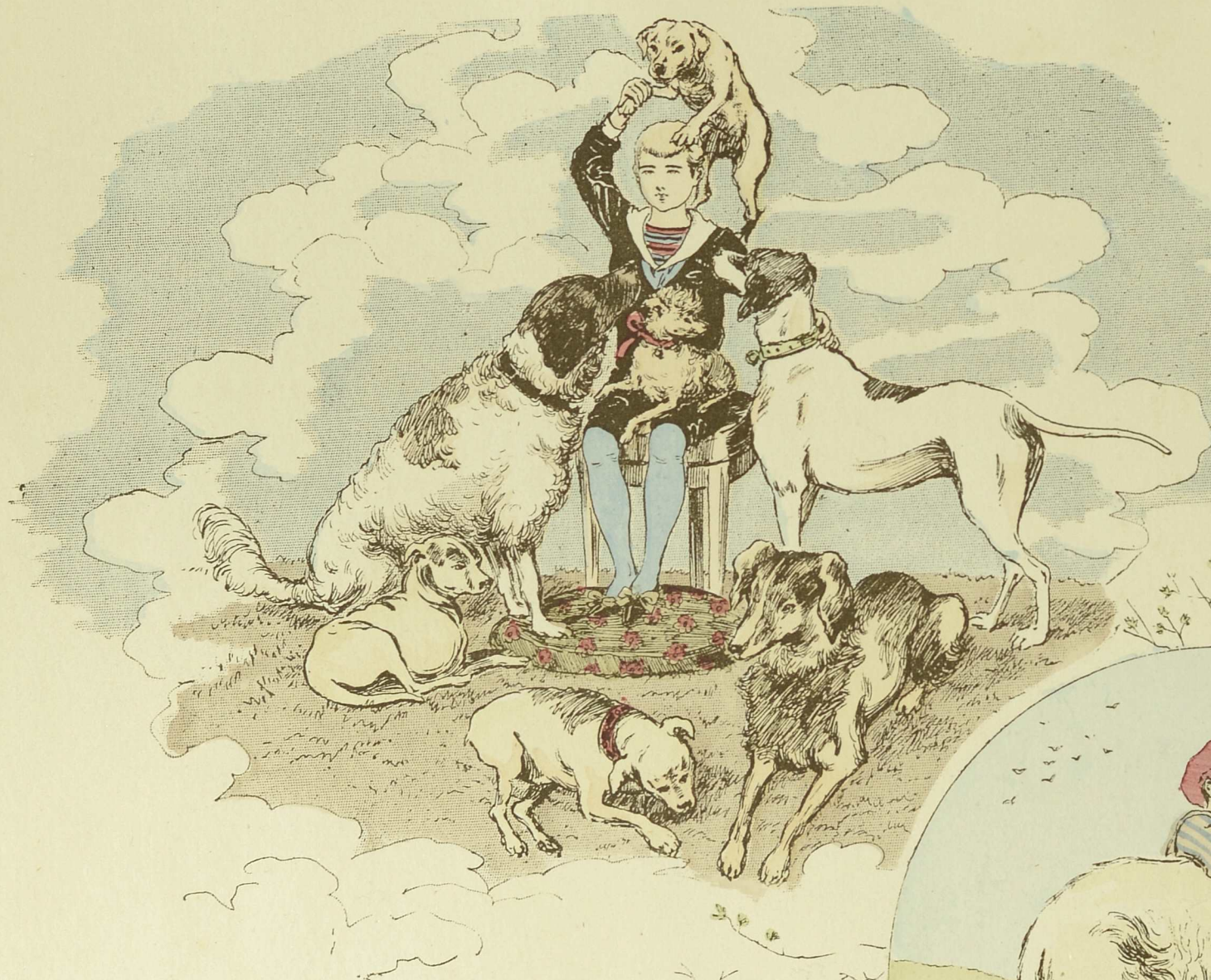


THE SWAN-WHITE LILY.

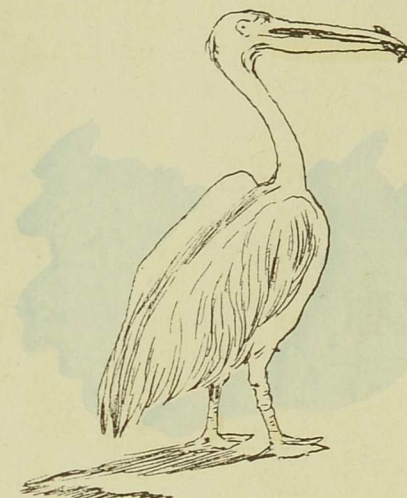


Judging from his piteous whining, Bijou seems to say that he would rather learn to sing than play the piano!





GASTON'S FANCY PORTRAIT  
(Rather ambitious!)



BERTIE'S FANCY PORTRAIT  
(More modest!)

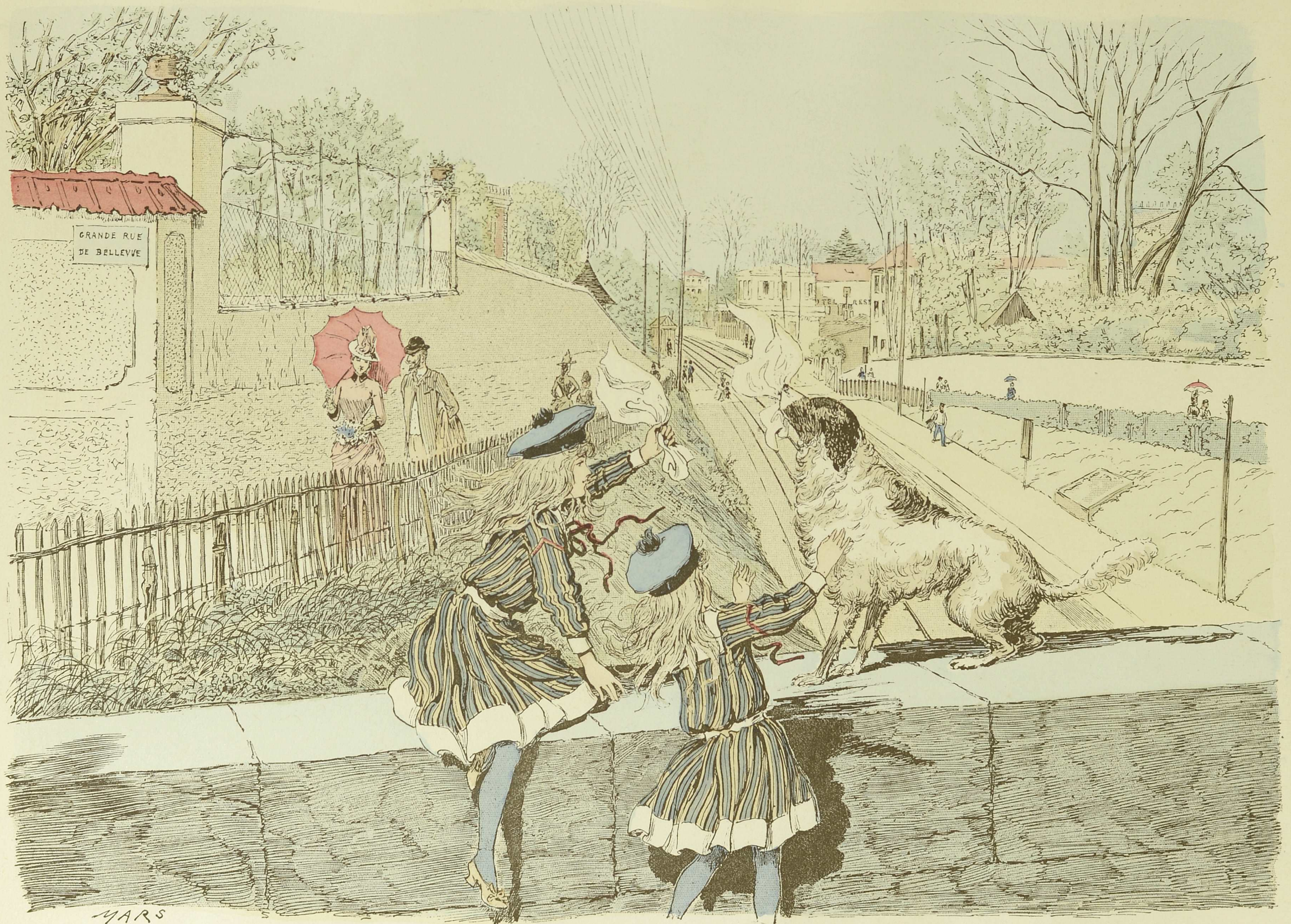






TWO GUARDIAN ANGELS





Papa, who goes to town every morning, comes home again about six o'clock, and his little girls are in the habit of going to the railway bridge to wait for him. He is sure to see them waving their handkerchiefs as soon as ever the train comes in sight.

But to complete the fun, Gabrielle and Louise taught their good doggie to wave a handkerchief, too! and Father was very much pleased one fine evening to see the welcome given him by his little girls' faithful friend.





"Find it"



Maurice has won a rabbit at the fair in the village. He is as proud as a peacock, and the youngest children will, in future, regard their eldest brother with the greatest respect.

Make way there, if you please, for Mr. Maurice and his rabbit!



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Oh! Mother, Mother, why do you frighten your darling little Marcelle with that horrid great ape?





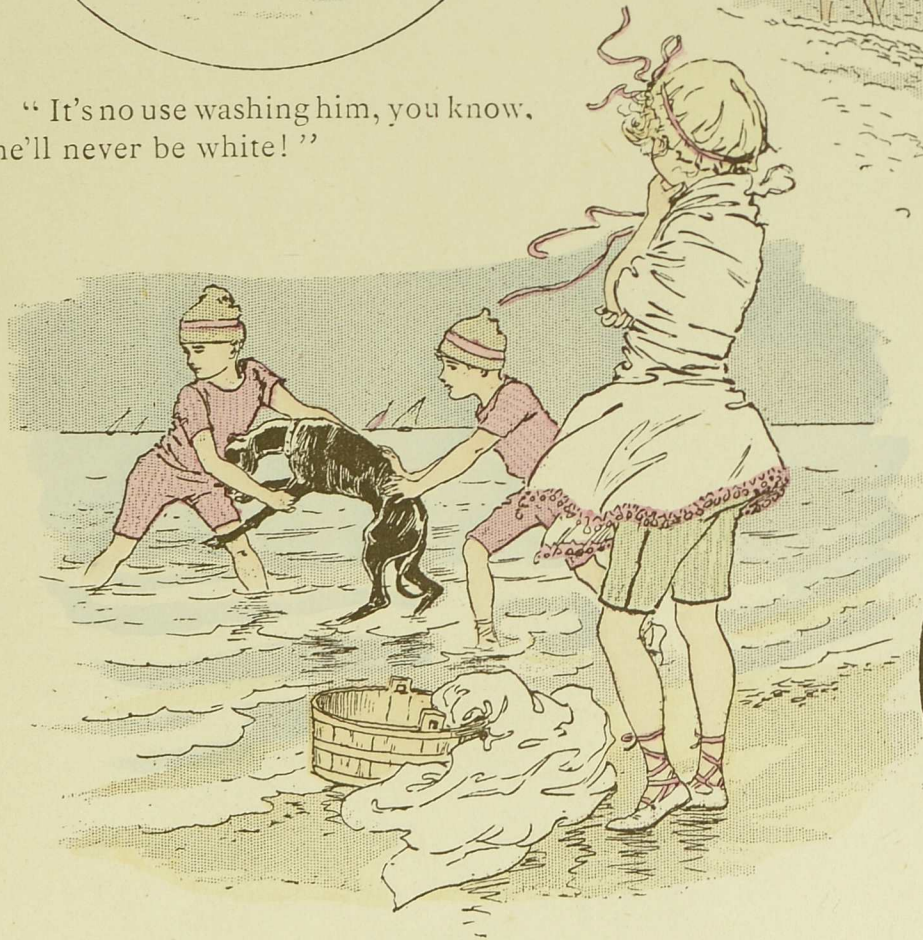


Well, if he won't go in by himself, we must persuade him !





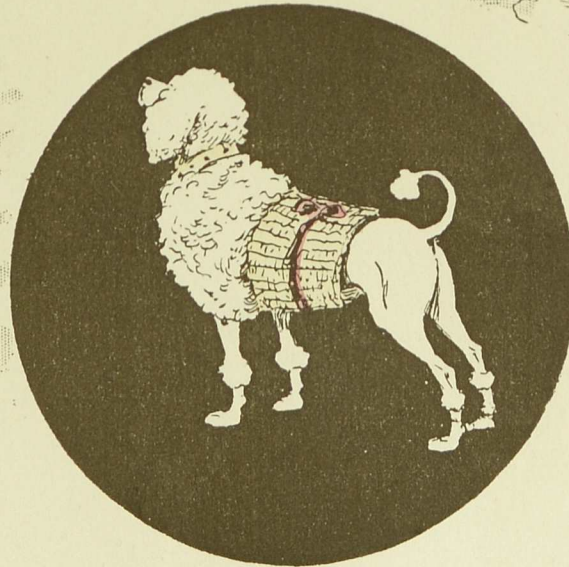
"It's no use washing him, you know, he'll never be white!"



Poor Tom! they are going to dip you!



"Fetch it!"



A cork jacket for the doggie that cannot swim!



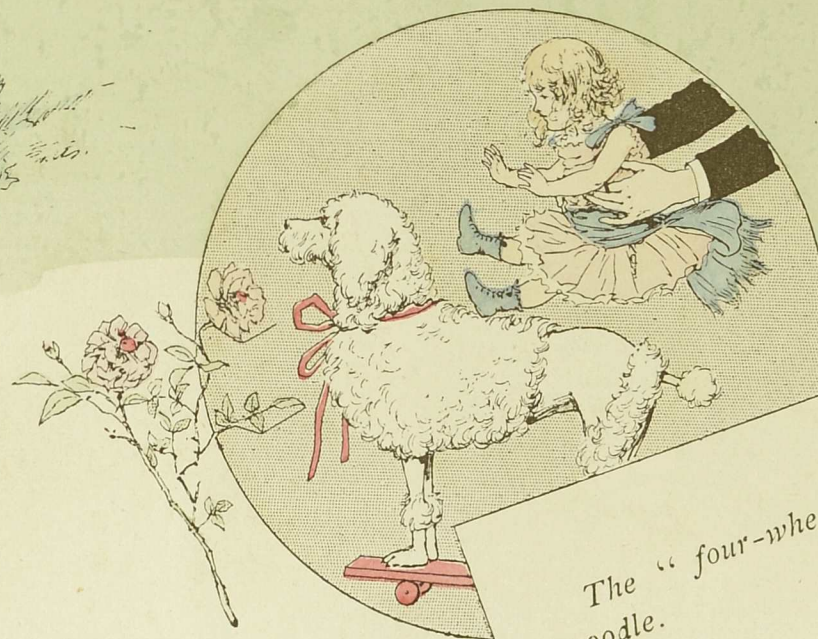
Lazy dog!

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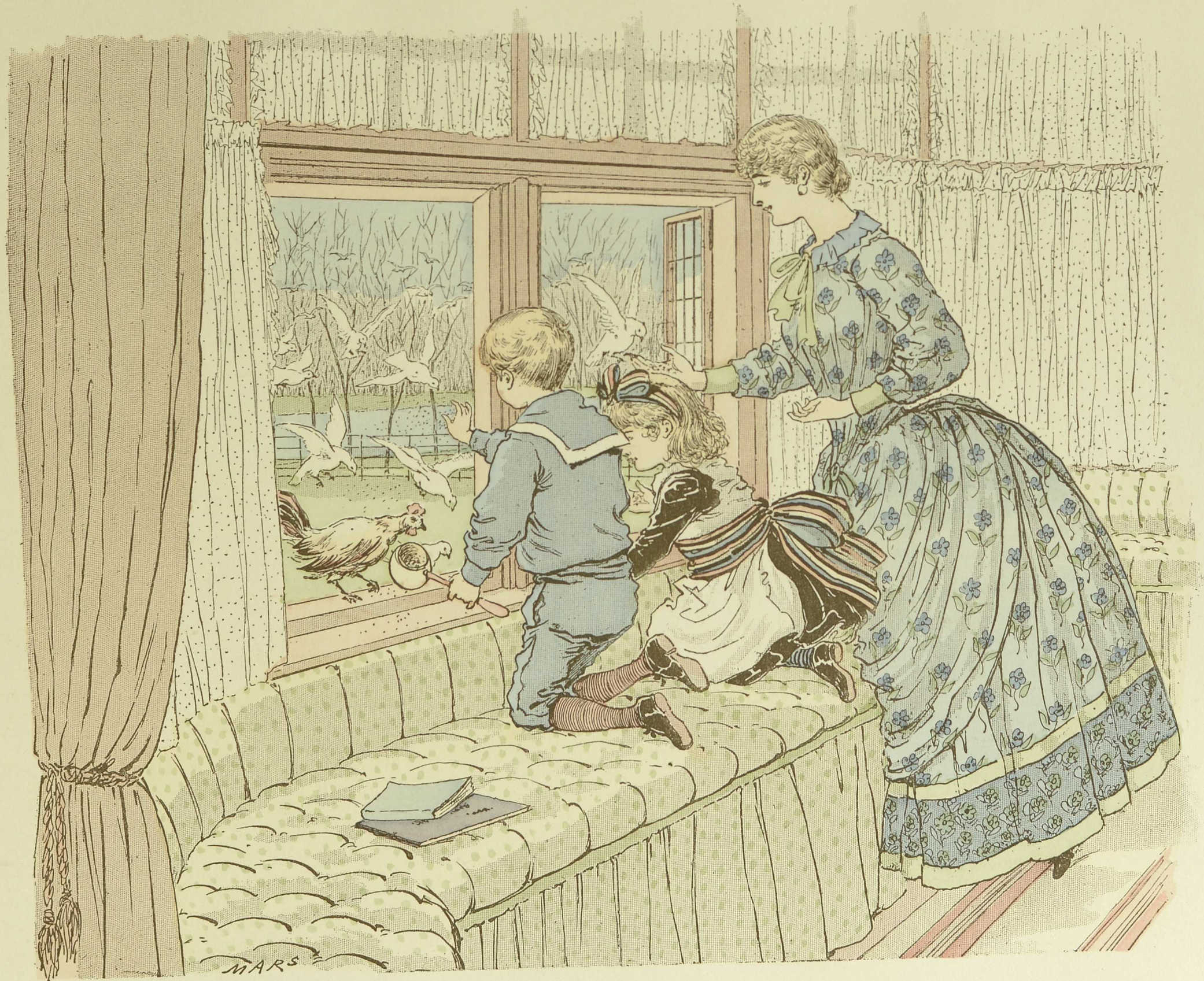


“ How lucky those, little goats are!  
when they are as big as I, they will not  
be sent to school! ”



The “ four-wheeled ”  
poodle.





Happy Cock-a doodle doo! Happy pigeons! How well you are taken care of!





“What do you think of us, Minnie?”



Gaston is at it again! And wouldn't he be angry if he were woke up two minutes before the proper time!





LITTLE FRIENDS

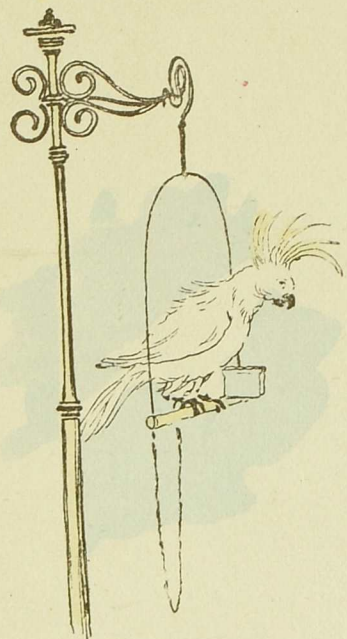


The dear little monkey! Madeline has taught him to pick the flowers in the vases on the dining-room table.

He is very pleased to make bouquets, but he would much rather pull them to pieces!



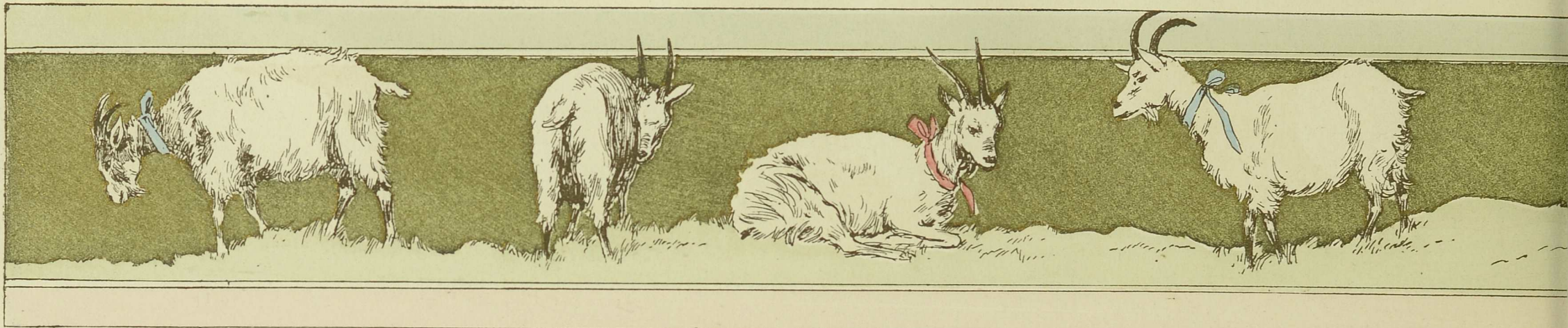
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At dessert Tiny was looking everywhere for Banga to share her orange. But instead of the good doggie which she is so fond of, the poor little child sees that mischievous Rita creep from under the table, covered with the skin of a fox. Tiny was dreadfully frightened, I can tell you!



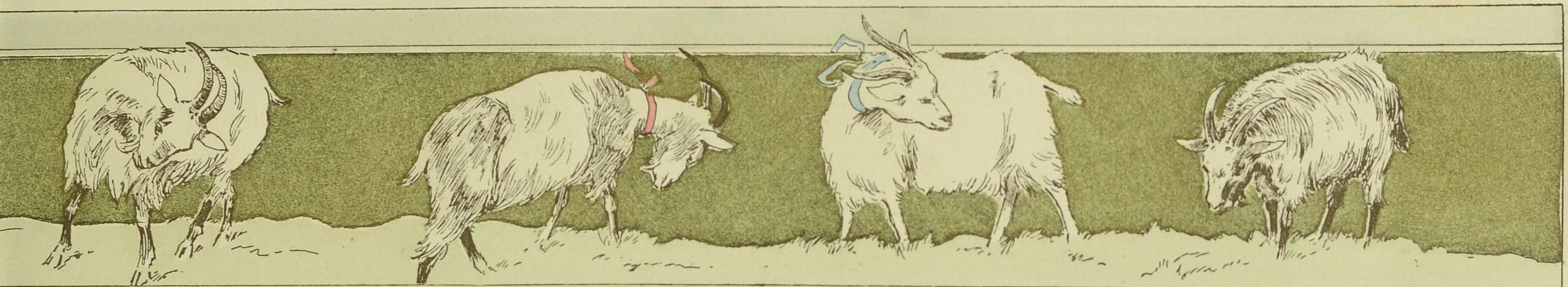
# LITTLE FRIENDS



There is no one like René for managing a team of goats



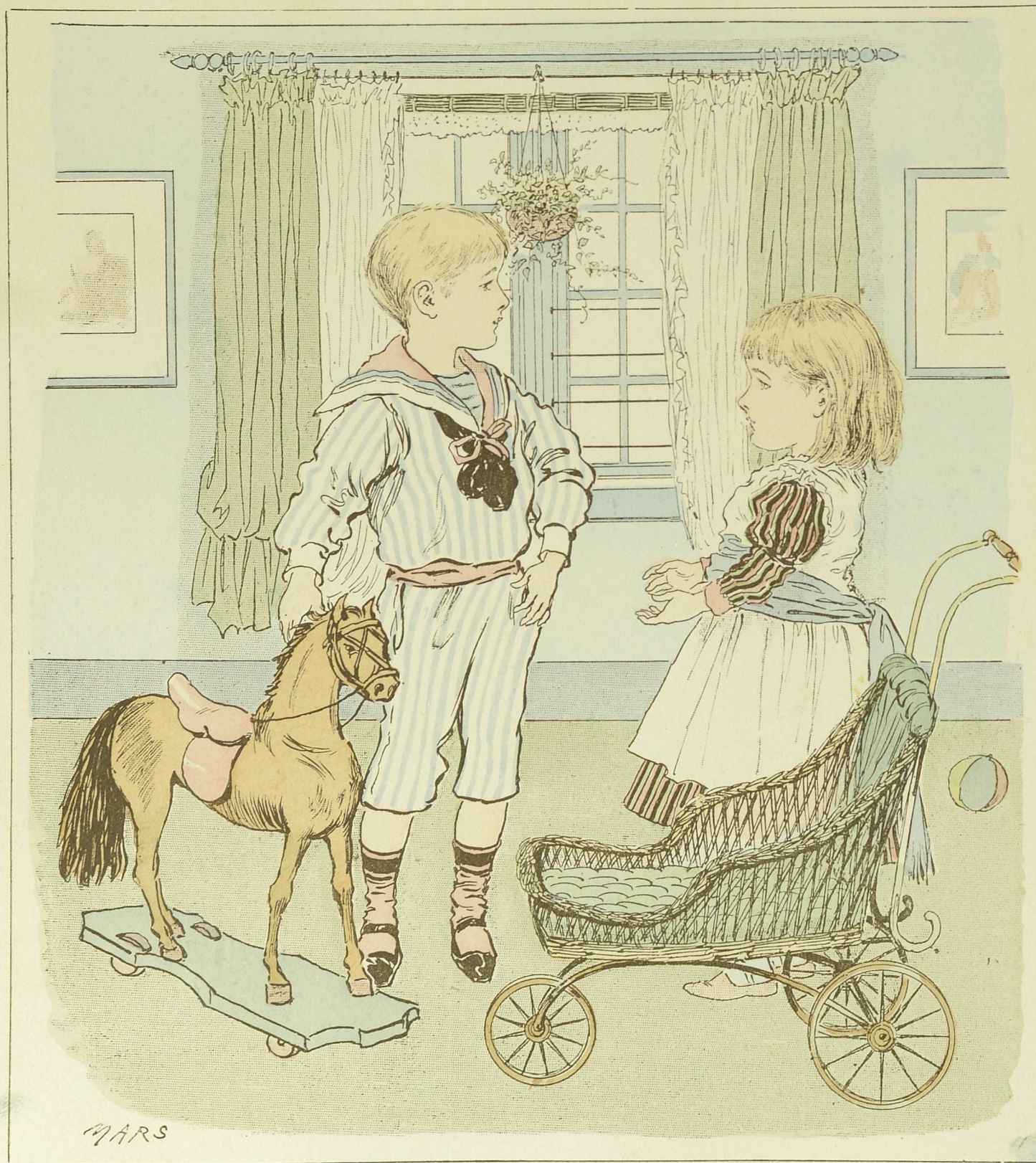
THE GREAT GOAT TEAM



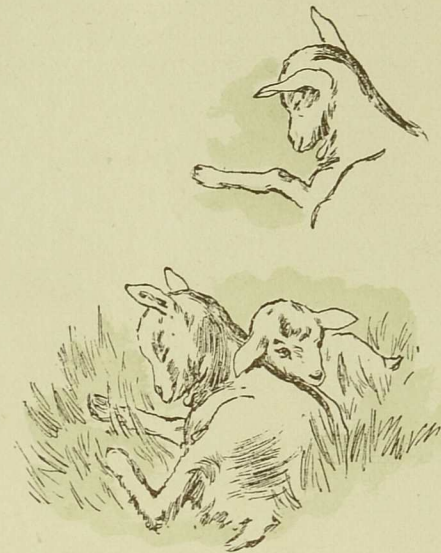
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ut he is a little tyrant and always wants to be master !





“ George, you ought to harness your horse to my carriage ”  
 “ Thank you! That would tire him! ”



Jenny has not been at all well lately, but goat's milk restored her to health. So she loads the little kid with caresses, because she has deprived him of his mother's milk.





VERY MUCH ENGAGED!



THE COLLAR  
OF MARGARET'S  
FAVORITE SWAN.



“ Tell me, Mary, why do they call those birds geese? ”  
“ Don't you see? Because they look so silly! ”

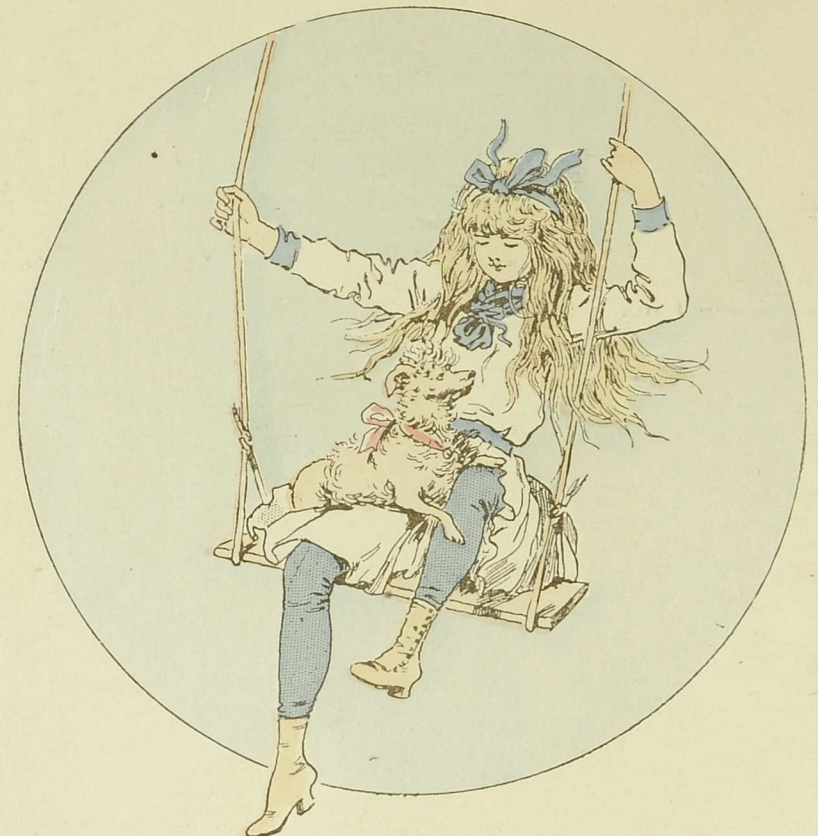




So you like teasing the cat, you naughty children! Well, you have no right to complain : Minnie is taking her revenge, that's all!



“Come, little white duck!”



Lily is sure that Medora likes to swing. Medora is sure that she would like to jump off. So you see the very greatest friends have not always the same tastes!





As the little greyhound has no friends to send him presents, the children make him a wreath on his Birthday. Certainly Mirza cannot be insensible to the honour, but don't you think, dear children, that he would prefer his dog-biscuit or some nice chicken-bones for such a great day as this!





Now, you great big dog, just go away and leave Tiny all her share of the  
“ goodies ! ”



“ ARE YOU ASLEEP, BABY ! ”

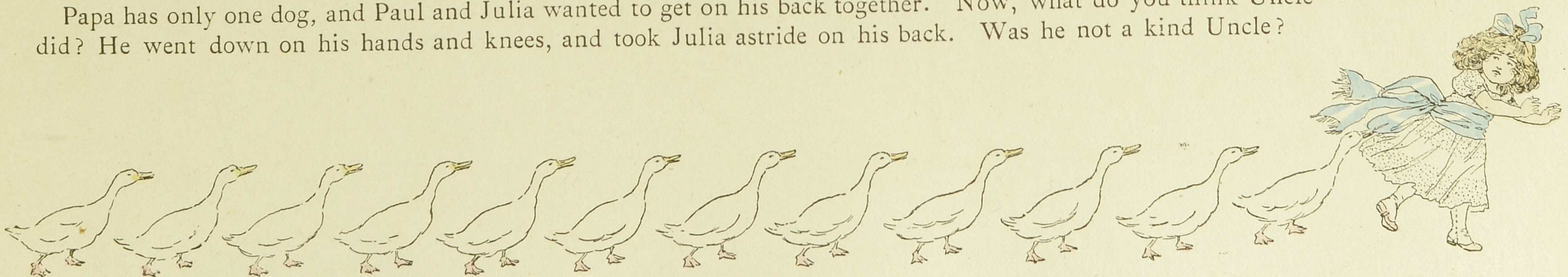






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Uncle Jack is a bit of a dandy, but doesn't mind playing with the children. Papa has only one dog, and Paul and Julia wanted to get on his back together. Now, what do you think Uncle did? He went down on his hands and knees, and took Julia astride on his back. Was he not a kind Uncle?



## A FRIGHT

Oh! these wretched ducks are so greedy!





Julia is very kind : she gives  
the goat grass, from her own lawn.

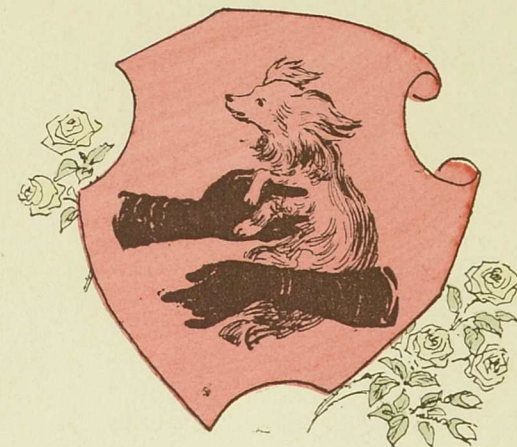


Paul and Susan love the little sparrows in the park, and the birds  
like the bread Paul and Susan give them.



These little girls and their governess are going to the house  
of Mrs. Kingcharles, the celebrated dog tailor.

Only just in time! The weather is getting cold, and the  
poor dogs have nothing to wear!



Who loves me  
Loves my dog!

MAUD'S CREST AND MOTTO.





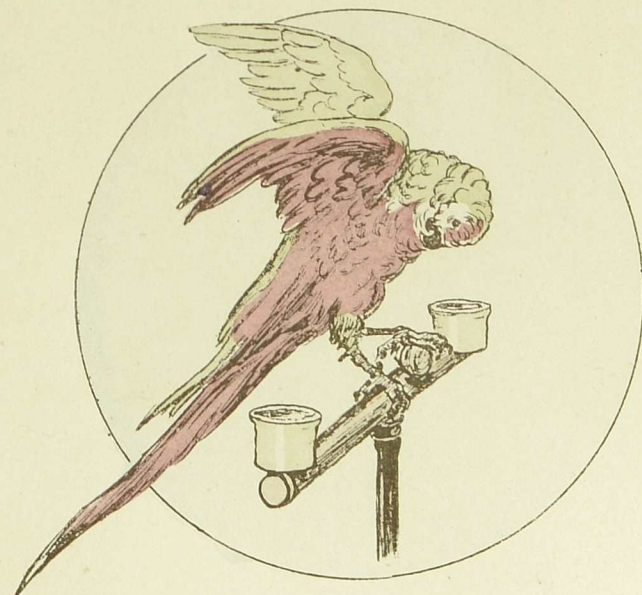
A mean advantage.



"Take care, Jenny : black sheep are much fiercer than white ones!"



Tommy, who is very fond of the blind man's dog, never forgets to give him a few pence and to pat him, when passing. The unfortunate beggar profits by this, and the lad goes away delighted because he has pleased the dog!







A SWEET MORSEL



BIG  
FRIENDS







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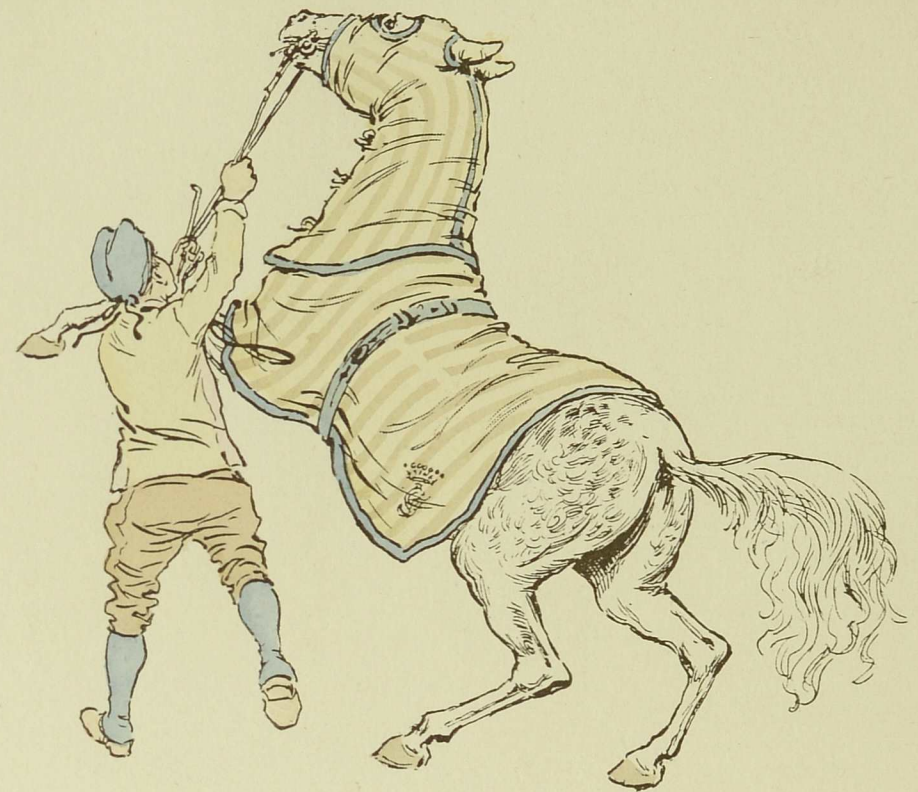
When they had done ploughing, they put the children on the horses' backs to give them a ride. But Mamma was afraid that if the horses moved, Lucy would tumble off. As for Tommy he sits his horse famously, and fancies he is galloping over the fields!





The graceful animals are not alarmed, because they live near the castle, and the children are kind to them. Every morning, when the weather is fine, the little ones run out to feed the deer, and particularly the does, which are the most tame. The poor things will not be made a greater fuss of when they are served up hot at table!





Tiny is very much alarmed : it is her first experience of her father's famous horse, of which Nurse has so often told her :

*Step, step, step!  
Trot, trot, trot!  
Gallop, gallop, gallop!*

Oh! the terrible creature! Tiny would rather ride Papa's horse on Nurse's knees!







M.A.R.S

Papa has bought a donkey — one for ten! His time will be fully employed.  
The selfish ones want to ride first : the others wait their turns patiently, and, as a reward, Mamma will let them have a longer ride.





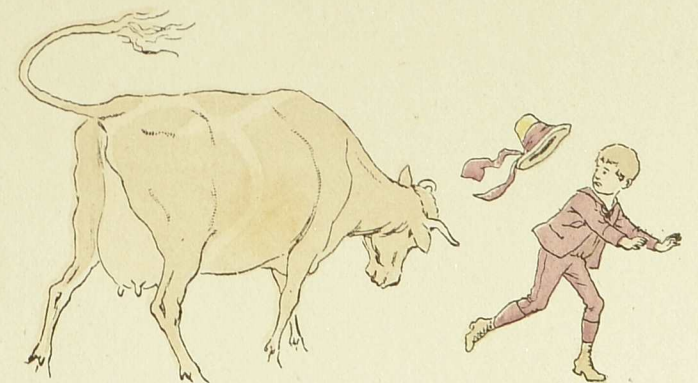
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Autumn has come, there are lots of apples on the trees. — The sun is not so hot : it is beautiful weather for walks and e  
The children's appetites, sharpened by the fine air, are very good — and how delightful it is when lunch time comes and the c  
Nancy is their favorite cow · they must have Nancy's milk. So the kind dairy-maid gives them great bowls of warm mill





Baby drinks the milk eagerly,  
and Baby wants some more!



Good cows are like good people, and you  
must not tease them!

rsions across the country.  
x strikes the hour. Polly, Alice and Charlie, followed by Mary, rush off to the farm.  
resh from the cow!





“ Thank you, cow. ”



“ I like my pony best. ”  
“ Well, I prefer mine! ”  
“ So you see, if we change, we shall both be losers! ”

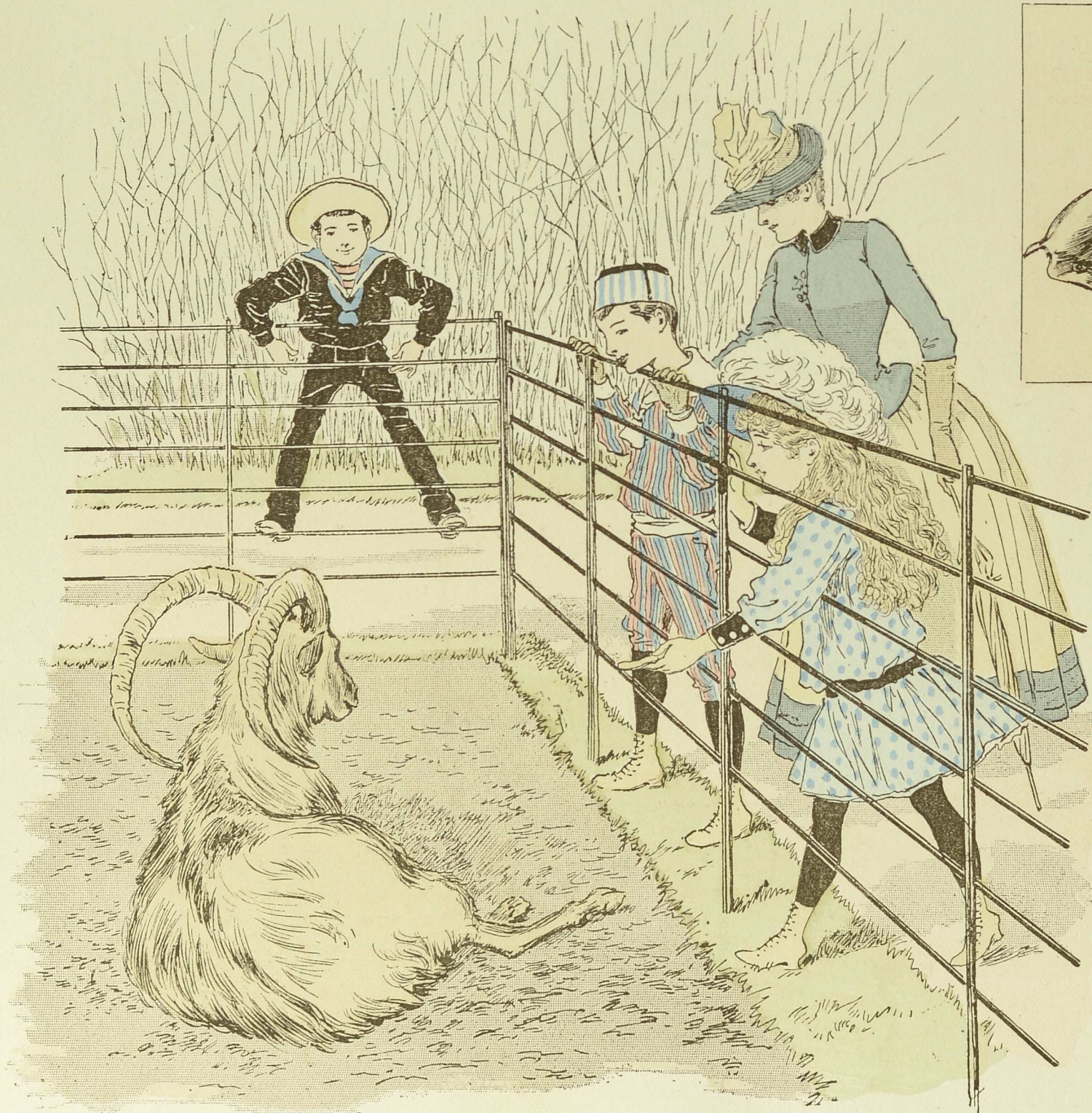


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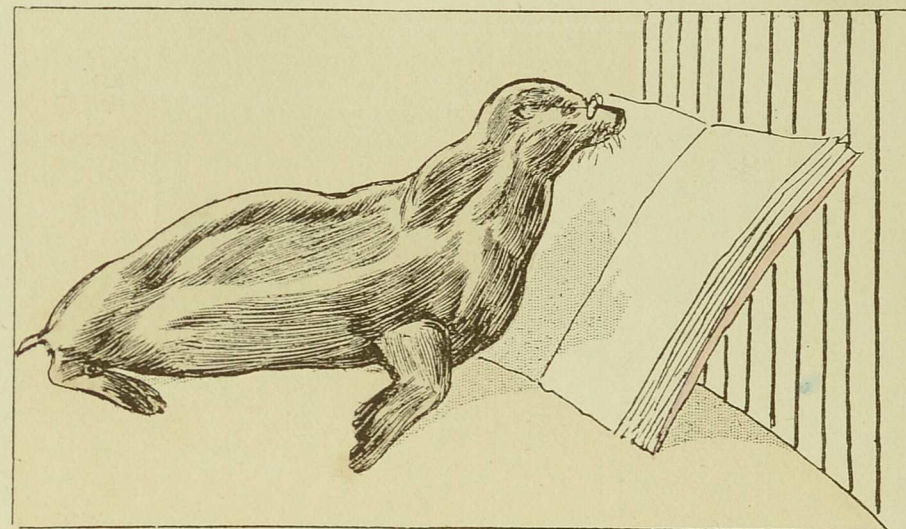


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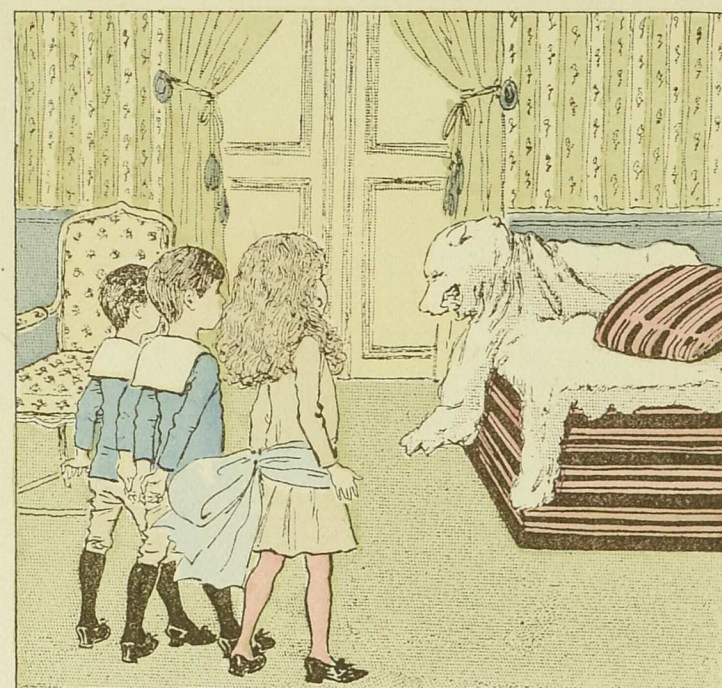




“ Is it not a silly animal to refuse my biscuit? If it didn't want it for itself, it might take it for its little children! ”

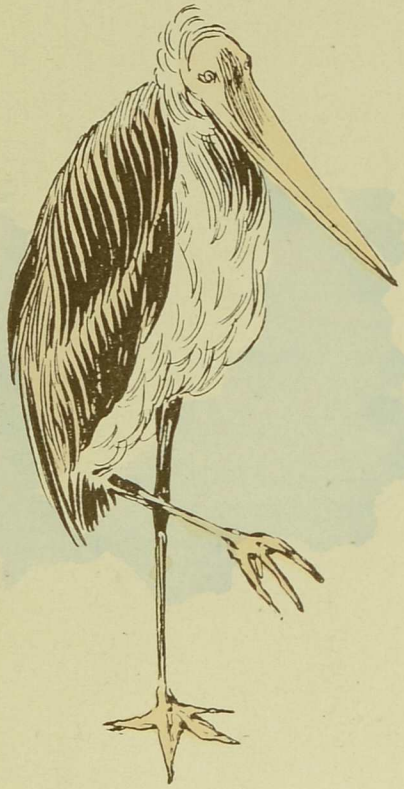


Since Tommy has heard that otters and seals say papa and mamma, he thinks they must be very clever, and sees them, in a dream, studying their grammar.



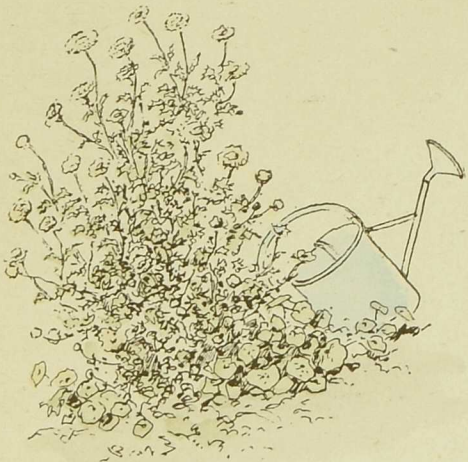
A NEW ARRIVAL  
which the children don't find very attractive!





"Mamma, how quietly the Marabout stands!"

"Yes, he stands still so that your papa may sketch him, dear!"



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FIVE O'CLOCK TEA.

FEEDING TIME AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

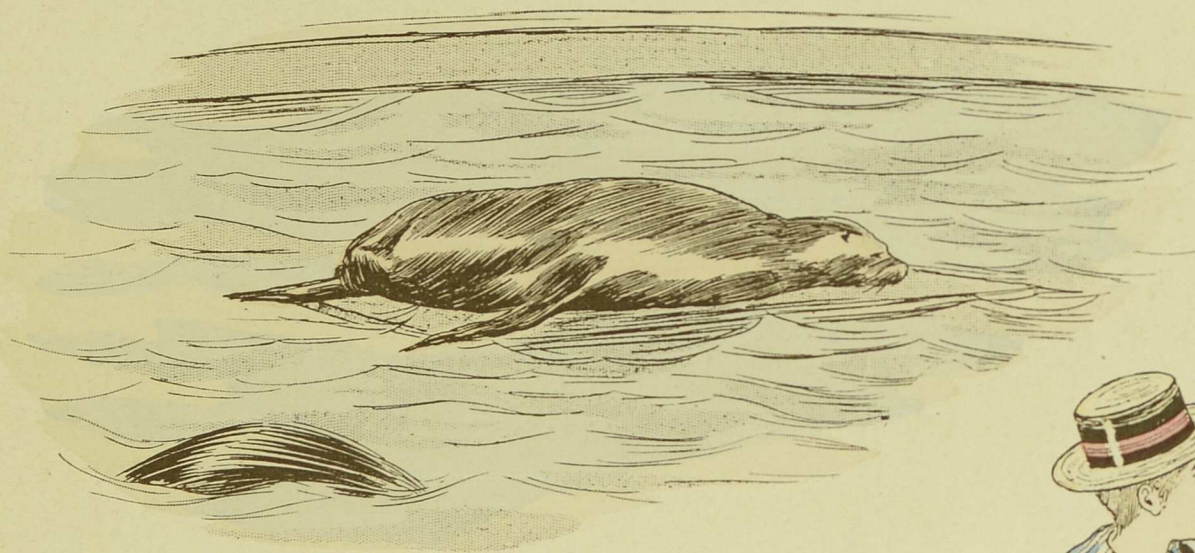




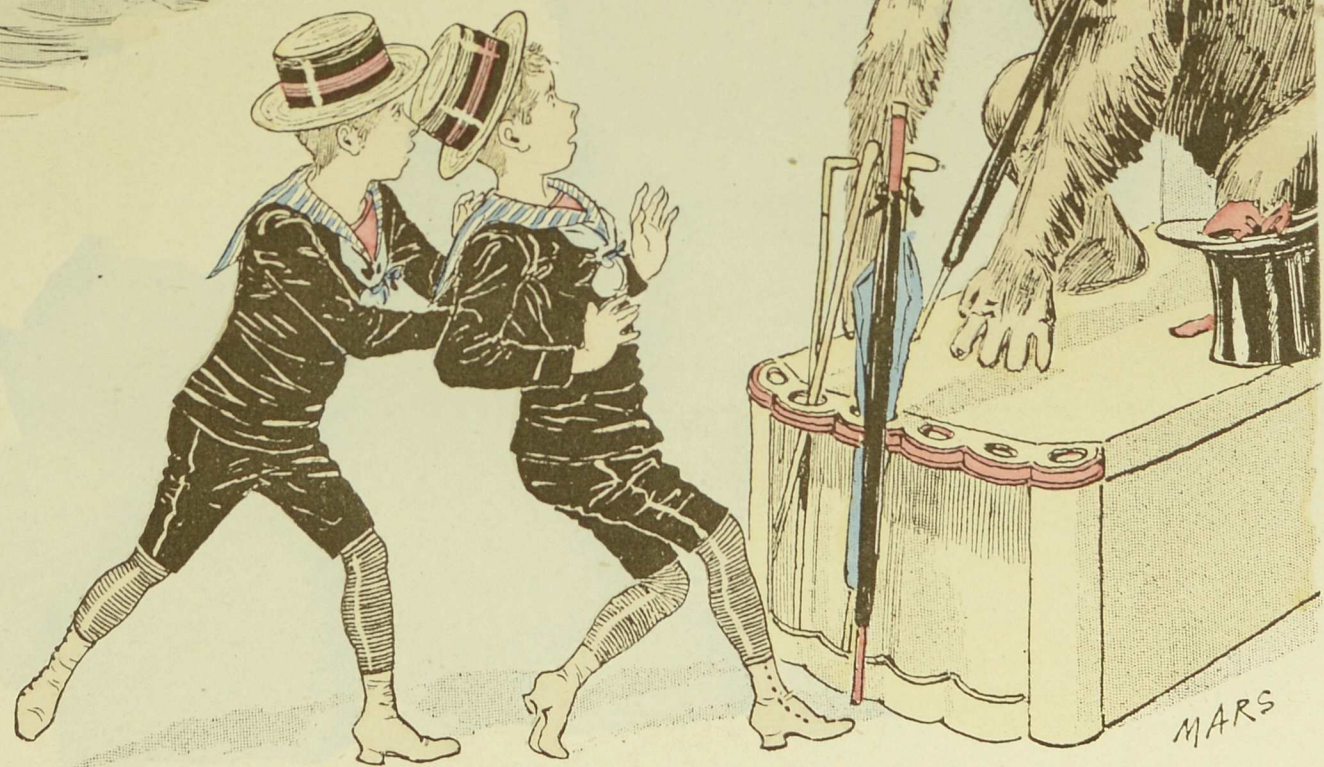
As Harry has been so good, his parents promised to give him a ride in the pretty carriage drawn by the three proud Llamas in the Zoological Gardens.

Harry feels rather uncomfortable in the presence of these strange animals, and wonders whether they will put themselves out for such a small individual as he is!





AFTER DINNER  
Josephine has a little nap.



Uncle Jack's new umbrella-stand.





















