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Effie-that's me you know-
and Bobby, and Tiny and Baby,
had been making castles in the
sand one day, and had just
sat down to rest for a minute
when we saw - coming over the
water straight towards us
what do you think?



Why the funniest little boat,
made of a big white shell, with
a red seat in it and a coachman
driving a large red fish.

We all jumped up and ran
down to the water's edge
to see this wonderful thing.

"Get in my dears" said the
Coachman, "and I'll take you
for a visit under the sea."



So we got in, and off we went
down, right down, under the sea.

Oh! that was a wonderful
drive; the seaweed all stood
up quite straight, like trees; the
houses were made of shells
and glass and we saw lots
of little fishes with slates
and books hurrying by to
school.



"Now we are going to pay a visit to our King and Queen," said the Coachman, "here we are at the palace," and we turned in at some big iron gates, which were opened for us by two large red lobsters.

"I thought lobsters were black" said Bobby.

"Oh, but these are Royal lobsters" said the Coachman, "they come from near Mount Vesuvius where the water is very hot; it's only the common lobsters that are black."



"Whoa, whoa," shouted the Coachman, the horse — I mean the fish,— stopped, and there we were in front of a lovely palace all made of glass.

A fat cod, in a red jacket and a powdered wig, opened the door and said, "Come this way please;" so we all got out and followed him.



He led us into a big glass hall and up some steps into a huge green glass room, where sat the King and Queen.

"Oh how do you do," said the Queen, "So glad to see you; Betsy-Jane, take them to the spare room to take off their hats, and tell Cook to serve lunch at once."



Betsy-Jane said "Yes m'm," and
took us away, and after we
had been tidied, we went into
the dining-room.

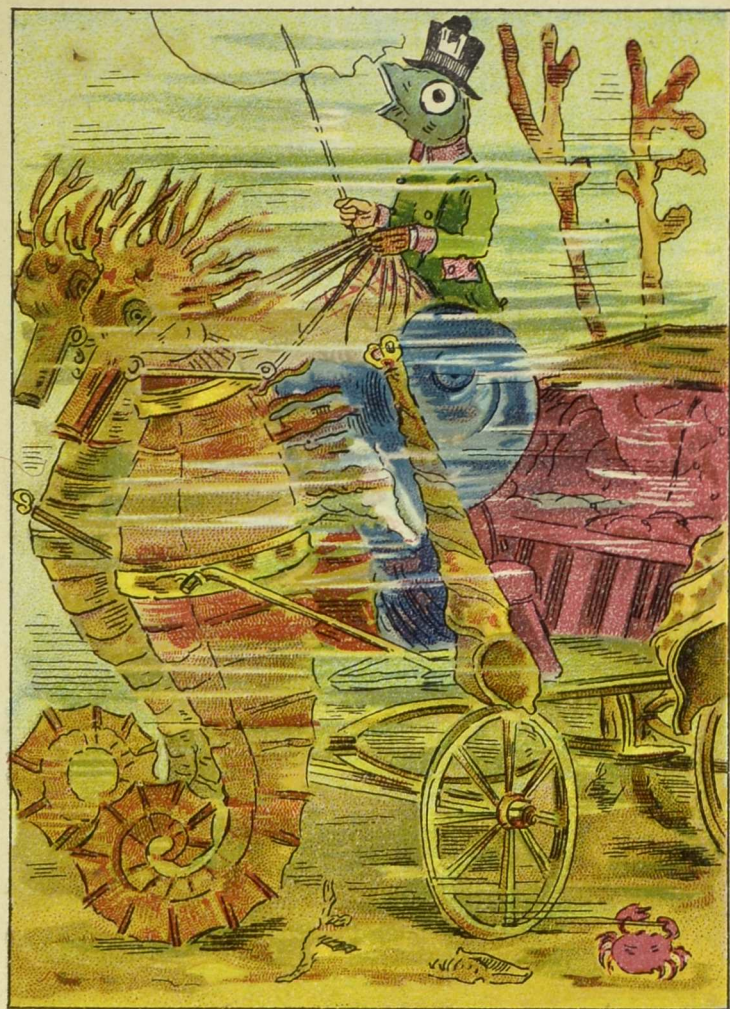


In an armchair by the fire
sat an old porpoise, fast asleep,
with a handkerchief over his head

"He's my Grandpapa" said the
Queen, "but he's very deaf, poor
dear, or else I'd introduce you."

Then we all sat down to lunch
and had the most lovely tarts
and jellies to eat, and there
were three codfish in red
jackets to wait on us.





After lunch. the Queen said,
"We'll go for a drive my dears";
so we went outside where there
was the wonderful carriage
which you see on the back of
this page, drawn by a lovely pair
of Sea-horses; "Get in my dears"
said the Queen, so we all stepped
in, and off we went through
whole streets of shops, where we
saw lots of fishes buying bonnets
made of sea-weed and shells.



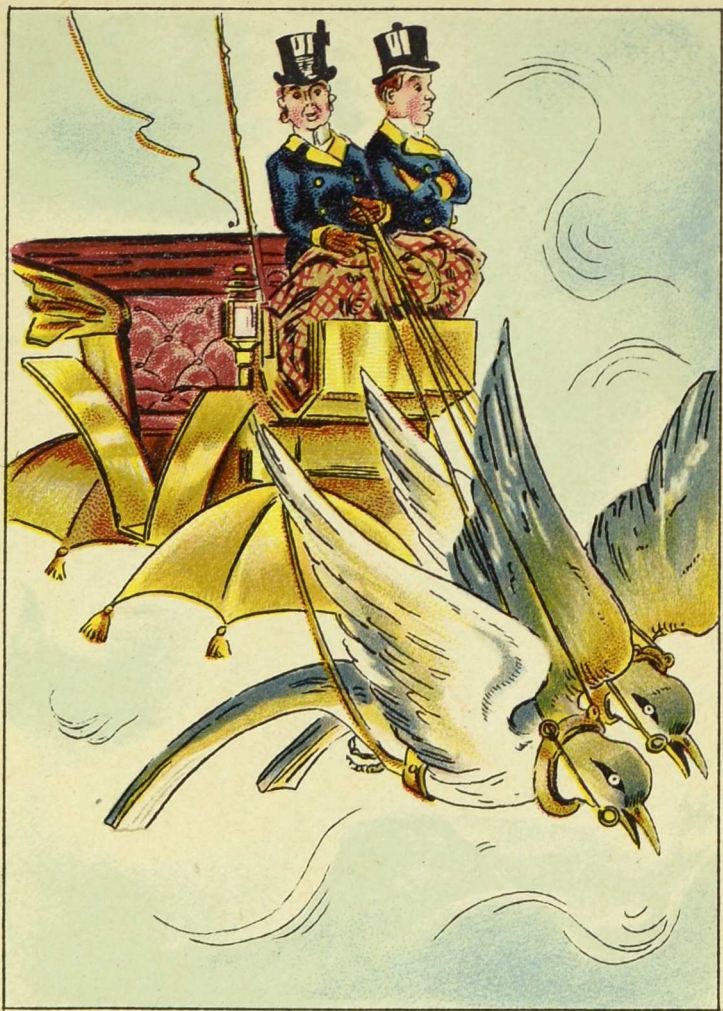
We met the old Porpoise
going out in a bath-chair.

After a while the Queen said,
"Now we are going to tea with
my sister, the Queen of Cloudland;
so we drove up to the top of
the water -



And there was the most
beautiful flying carriage,
drawn by a pair of big birds.

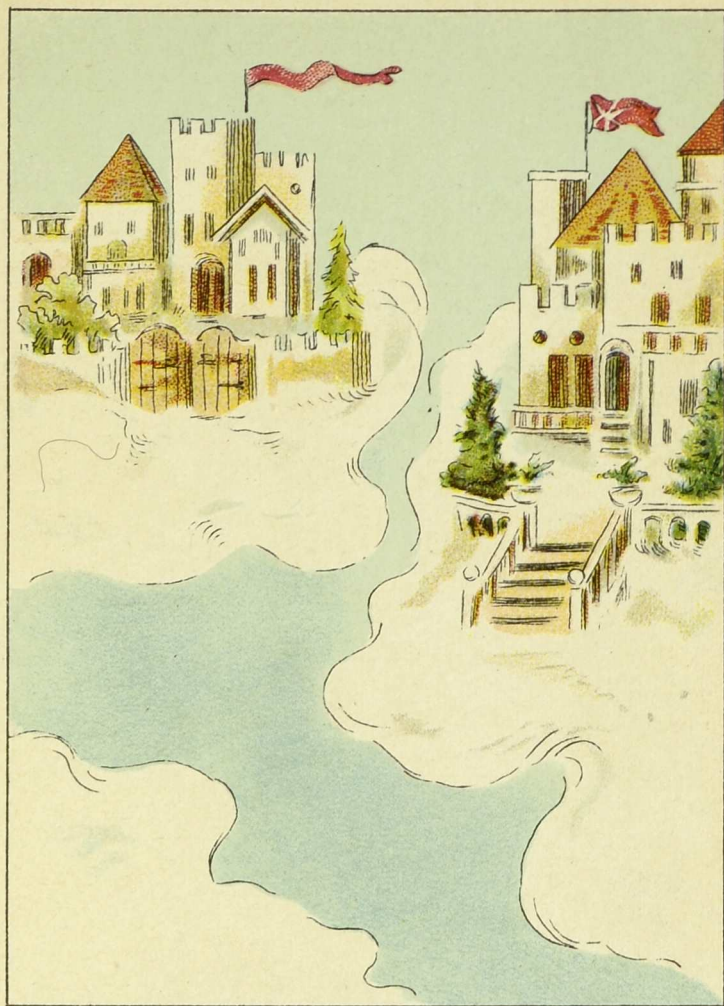
In we went and drove
up - up - right into the sky.



What do you think? All the clouds had houses and gardens on the top of them.

Presently we stopped at a very grand one.

"This is my sister's palace," said the Queen, "and you must all come in with me."



The Butler showed us into a big, blue room, where the Queen of Cloudland was having tea. "I have brought some little friends to visit you my dear" said the Sea Queen.

So we all sat down and had tea.—



Except of course Baby, for you see, she is so very small, that she has only milk and water. There were lots of sugared cakes for us to eat, and we did so enjoy ourselves.

"Please your Majesty," said I after tea, "how does the rain come?" - for that is what I have always wanted to know.

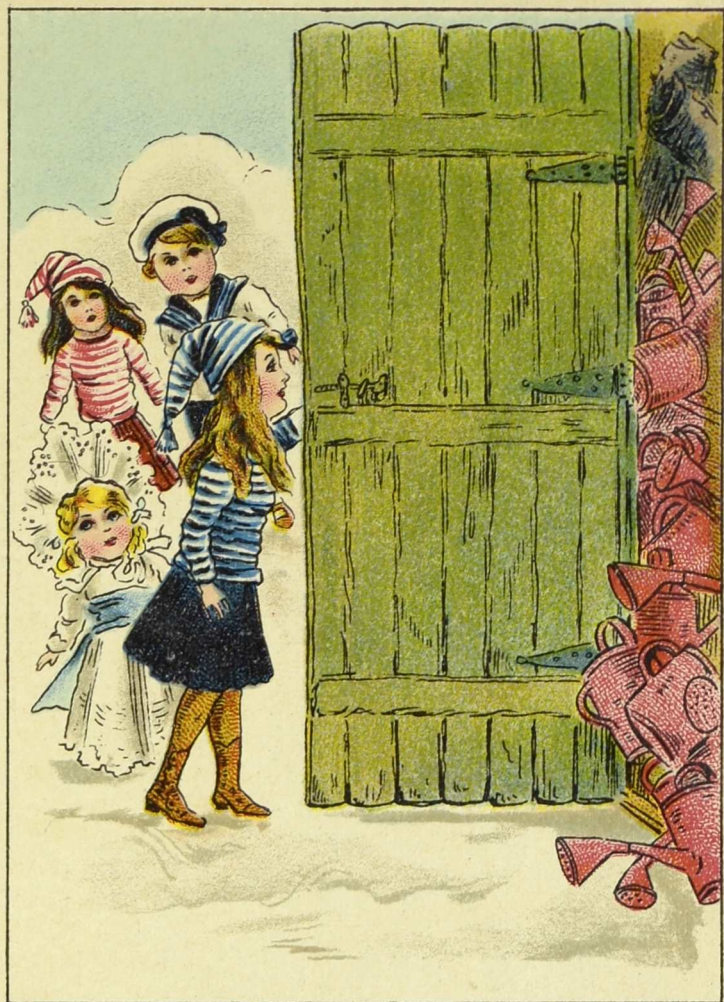
"I'll show you," said the Queen, and she led us to a big shed -



where were piles of watering-pots and rolls of black tarpaulin.

"You see," said the Queen, "we fill the watering-pots and spread the tarpaulin over everything to keep us dry, and then we start watering the earth; haven't you seen how black the clouds get just before a storm? That's the tarpaulin."

Presently the Sea Queen said "We must be going," so we said "Good bye," and they took us back to the beach again.



The King and Queen changed into their own carriage, and went back to the bottom of the sea, and we watched them going deeper, and deeper, till they got so far down that we couldn't see them any more.

I do hope they will send for us again and I'll be sure to tell you all about it when they do.



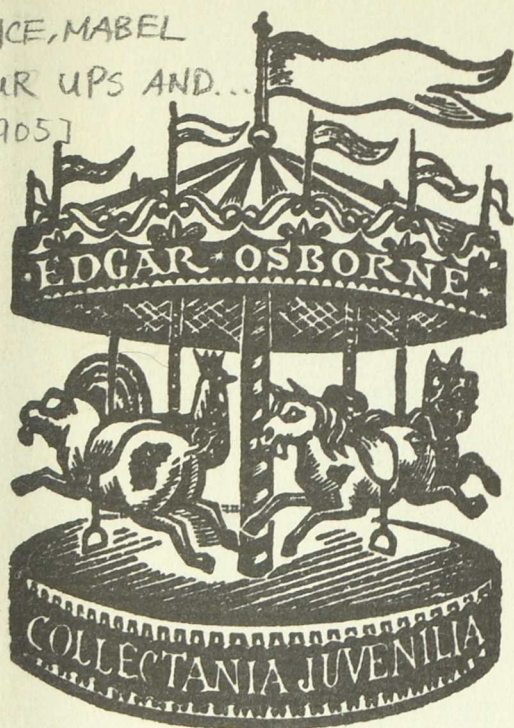


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