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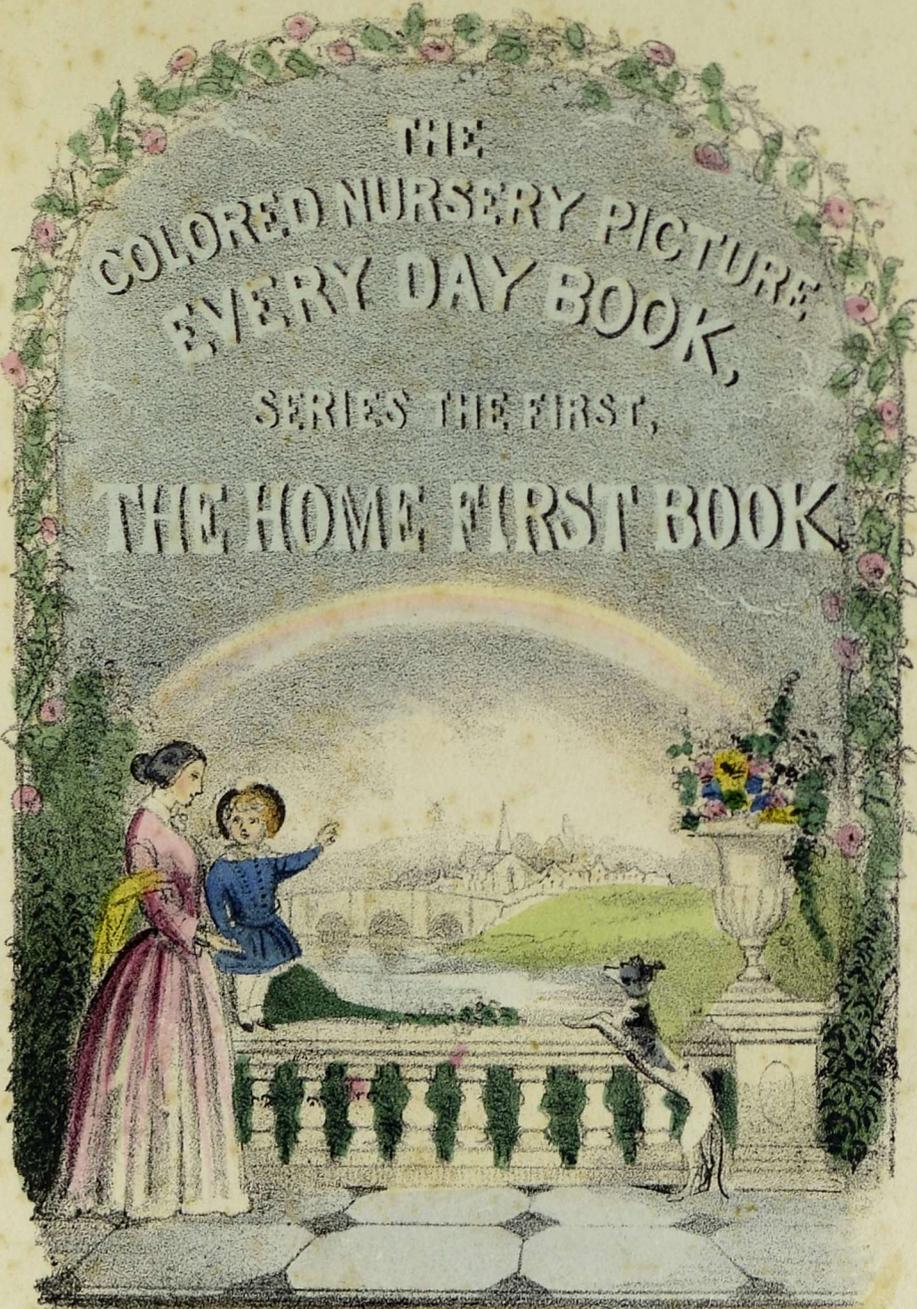
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# ALPHABET OF FLOWERS.



**A a** stands for AURICULA,  
—owing no charm

To the dew, which its powd'ry vesture  
would harm :

Its clusters of blossoms, like bright  
laughing eyes,

Looking out from the midst of golden-  
brown dyes.



**Bb** bouncing B, for the  
BUTTERCUP stands:

This smart yellow flower bedecks  
meadow lands ;

What joy to run over the fields, when  
so gay, —

But the most always seem the furthest  
away.



**C** **c** is the CROCUS, on  
bright frosty day,  
Just peeping to ask us if winter's  
away:  
No, no, little flower, it is not quite  
spring;  
But stay, now you're here, you ven-  
turesome thing.



**D d** is the DAHLIA, dash-  
ing and tall :

Its shape, to be good, must be round,  
like a ball ;

The best tint it wears, is deepest of  
dye,

And taste also says, it may not have  
an eye.



**E** e the EGLANTINE-  
ROSE, or Sweet-  
Briar bloom,

An ornament is,—the green leaves  
yield perfume :

This plant thus informs us, that good-  
ness may be

Combined with appearances modest  
to see.



**F** **f** for the FUSCHIA,—see,  
a rich crimson bell;—

Sure it sips ruddy wine at some fairy  
well:

The drops at its mouth incline one to  
think

That the flower has only just been  
to drink.



**G g** in spelling GERANI-  
UM, takes the first  
place ;

'Tis a name that belongs to a nume-  
rous race :

And, oak-leaved, or other, we're sure  
to see one

At each cottage window, receiving  
the sun.



**H h** brings the HEART'S-  
EASE, — welcome,  
dear flower ;

May ease of the heart ne'er be absent  
an hour

From the child that reads this : the  
blossom imparts

That duty to parents e'er makes happy  
hearts.



**I** **i** is the IRIS,—call it Flow-  
er-de-luce :

The common name, Flag, is only  
abuse.

Look 'neath the three leaves that care-  
ful guard keep,

For those bending down just allow  
you a peep.



**Jj** JONQUIL begins,—yellow  
flower, not high,

Yet with head hanging down, as if it  
were shy :

Two relations it has, each much like  
the other,—

Daffodil, cousin ; Narcissus, a brother.



**K k** stands for **KEY**, to  
lock up wealth in  
store ;

Yet, **SESAME**, spoken, once opened  
a door,

Where forty thieves hid, in a cave, all  
their gold ;

So the flower of Sesame here you  
behold.



**L** loves the **LILY**; we  
twice find it there,  
To spell the short name of that flower  
so fair :  
The one of the valley is here to be  
seen,  
Consent being had of White-lily, the  
Queen.



**Mm** is the MARYGOLD,  
children's own  
prize ;

Not first in the garden, yet first in  
their eyes.

If colour might guide, such brilliance  
would show

California is where Marygolts grow.



**N n** the NASTURTIUM,—  
a beau of its kind ;

Dress—orange and brown, with a pig-  
tail behind ;

I ne'er saw it dance, but its good-look-  
ing seed,

In vinegar steeped, make sham capers  
at need.



**O** **O** is the ORANGE FLOW-  
ER; known it is, well  
To the children of Spain, who truly  
could tell  
How warm suns and rich dews the  
trees nourish so,  
That, the fruit, nearly ripe, fresh blos-  
soms will grow.



**P p** for the PINK, with  
choice scent of its  
own ;

See how from the bud it spreads,  
when full blown,

Displays its notched leaves, like over-  
laid frill,

Gathered in at the centre, with deli-  
cate skill.



**Q q** Asks the QUESTION  
why flowers delight?  
The BOUQUET seen here, prompts  
an answer that's right :  
They are gems the Almighty designed  
we should love :  
They are stars strewn on earth, like  
those spread above.



**R r** stands for ROSE, old  
England's flower,  
Prized one of palace, of cottage, and  
bower ;  
It scents the free air, wherever it  
grows :  
Other flowers smell sweet, but none  
like the Rose.



**S** the SNOW-DROP pre-  
sents, a flower of worth,  
When the white robe of winter lies  
over the earth ;  
It peeps through the snow, and seems  
thus to say,  
“ Has spring not yet come ?—is not  
winter away ? ”



**T** **t** is the TULIP; flower  
brilliant, but frail;

It fades in the sun, and it shrinks in  
the gale.

Active children in sun and in air  
thrive the best,

Not shut in with curtains, e'en when  
they're at rest.



**U** **u** unable to bring, of its  
own, any flower,  
Prayed **V** to lend one he might have,  
in his bower ;  
**V**, like a kind brother, the **VIOLET**  
lent,  
Saying, “ Humble it is, but prized for  
its scent.”



**V** **V** is the VERBENA,—  
pale blue-eyed in May,  
Or, Vervain, when wildly it grows by  
the way,  
Saying “Nigh is a house,” to tired  
country boy;  
So that people, in joke, call it “Sim-  
pler’s joy.”



**W** **w** here, for the  
**W**ALL-FLOWER  
see,

And well it is known by us and the  
bee;

The air loves to linger among such  
rich leaves,

And spreads wide around the perfume  
it receives.



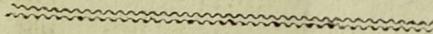
**X x Y y**

and **Z z** all spoke with one voice,—

Y, rather the loudest, so he had his choice :

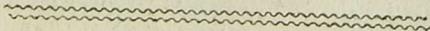
Said he, “ **YELLOW LILY** ’s the flower for me,”

And to this, like good neighbours, they all did agree.



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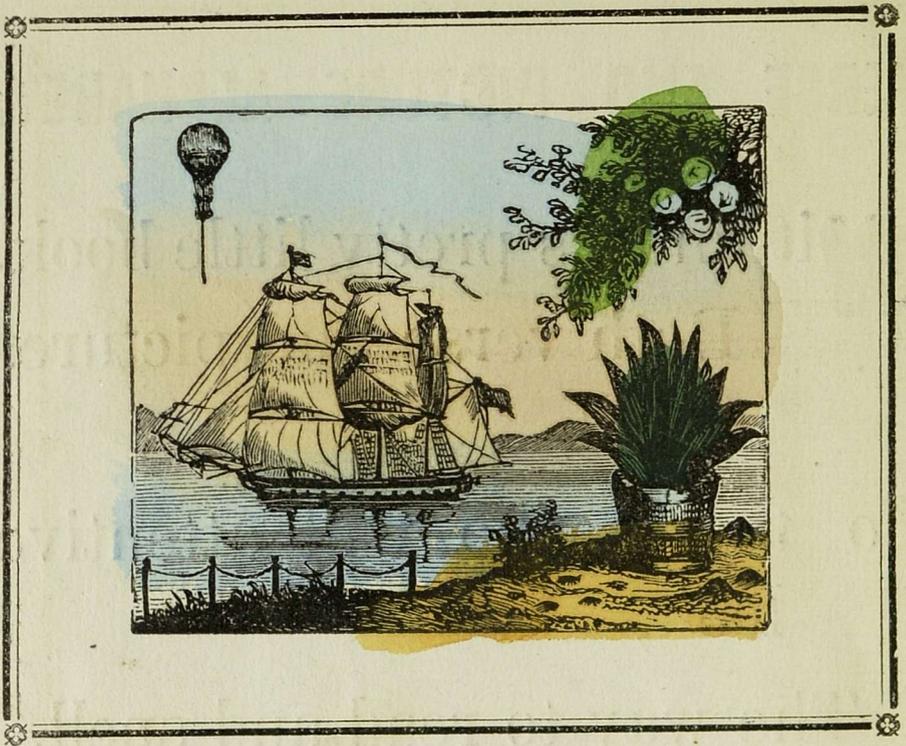
The letter A stands first of all

In Alphabet and Art;

And second is, in Hat and  
Hall,

In Cap, and Care, and Tart.

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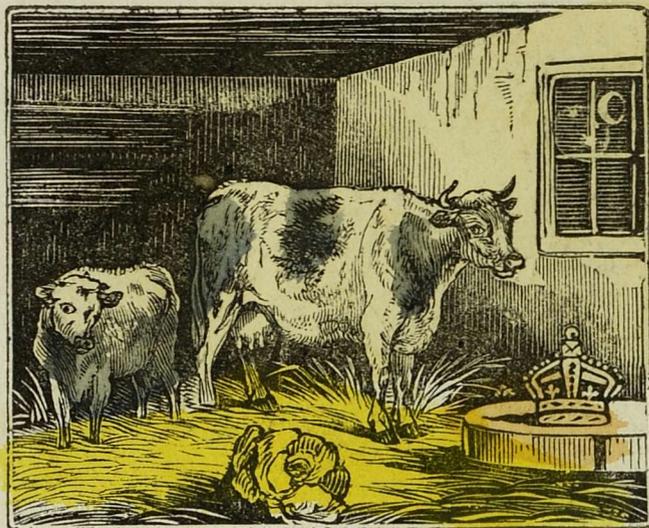
'Tis also found in little Ant,  
That 's always busy seen;  
In Air, and Water, and in  
Plant,  
In Apple, and in Bean.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



The letter B, you plainly see,  
Begins both Bat and Ball;  
And next you'll find the letter  
C  
Commences Cat and Call.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



'Tis like a half moon in its  
shape,  
Is first in Crown and Crowd,  
In Cabbage, Cheese, Calf, Cow,  
and Cape,  
In Custard, and in Cloud.

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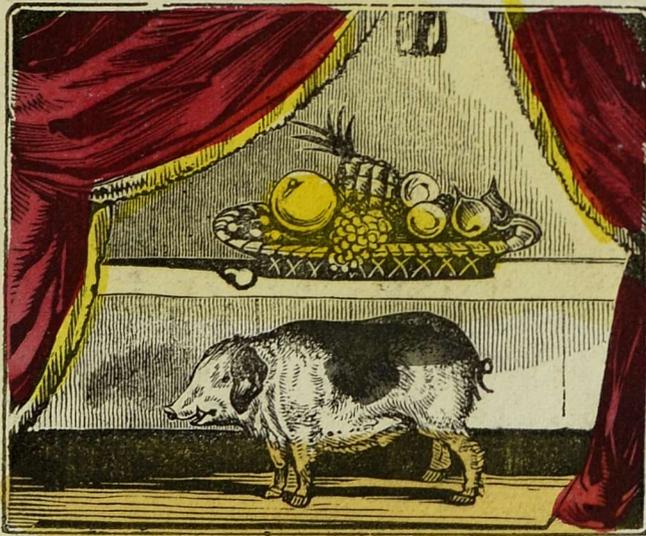
So letter D is first in Day,  
And Dog, that wags his  
tail;  
'Tis first in Driver and in  
Dray,  
In Doves, and Ducks, and  
Dale.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



The letter E stands first in  
Eat,  
And last in Apple-pie;  
Which you, no doubt, will  
think a treat,  
When you on table spy.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Then F and G you'll find in  
Fig,

The first and last to stand ;  
So F in Fruit, and G in Pig,  
While G is first in Grand.

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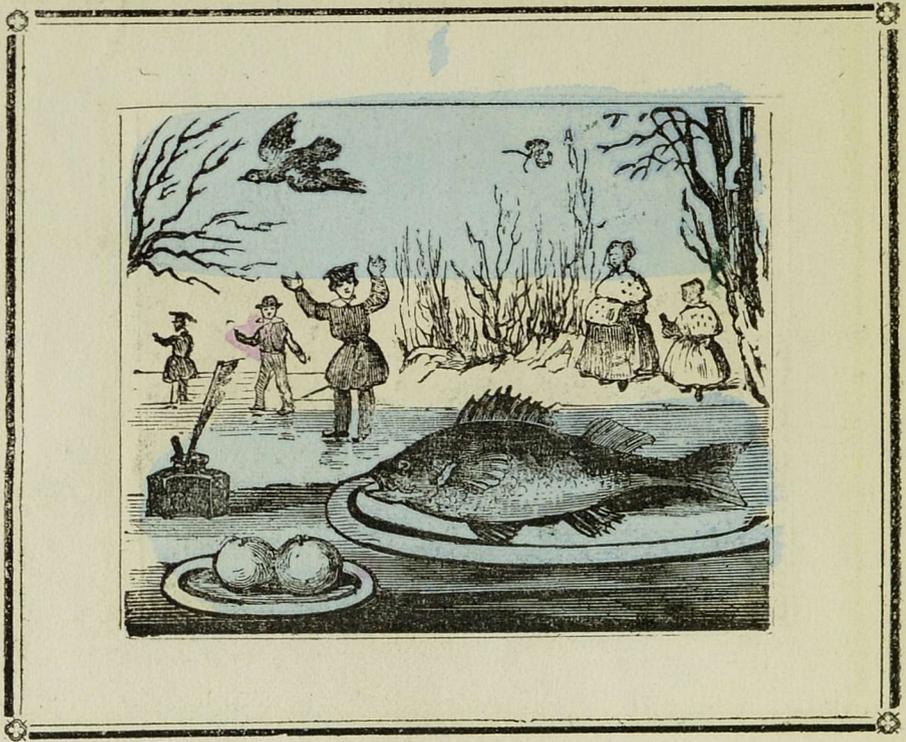
And G in Goose is also seen,  
So truly nice for food;  
In Grapes, likewise, in Grey  
and Green,  
In George, and Gay, and  
Good.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



The letter H in Head is found,  
In Hand and Heart, like-  
wise;  
'Tis also seen in Hoop that's  
round,  
And Heaven above theskies.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



I stands upright in Ink and  
Ice,  
In Insect, Bird, and Fish ;  
'Tis also seen in Fruit that's  
nice,  
In Relish, Wish, and Dish.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Next stands the letter J, in  
turn,  
In Jug, and Jam, and Jay;  
In Justice, too, for Judge to  
learn,  
And grant it day by day.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



The letter K in King appears,  
And Kite, to fly in air ;  
In Kindness, too, which al-  
ways clears  
Away all kind of care.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



And L shines forth in lasting  
Love,  
In Lass, and Lady, too ;  
'Tis seen in Light from Hea-  
ven above,  
And,—Little folks, like you.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



M is first in Man and May,  
And Moon that shines so  
bright ;  
In nice Mince-Meat, — and  
May-pole gay,  
To dance round with delight.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



In Music, M you always  
sound,

In Mercy, and in Mind :  
It is in Mary also found,  
In Me, and Ma so kind.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



And next the letter N stands  
forth,

In Noon and Night so plain,  
And in New moon, in Wind  
from North ;

'Tis also seen in Rain.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Round O you find in Oak and  
Oar,  
In Boat, in Foot, and Wood,  
In Corn that's reaped when  
summer's o'er,  
So good for human food.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Then P you'll find in Apple-  
pie,  
And Pudding, nice to eat ;  
In Plum, and Pear, and Pi-  
geon-Pie,  
Which make a pretty treat.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



The letter Q will Quick ap-  
pear,  
Which you must try to be;  
In Queen, and Quack, and  
Quill, and Queer,  
In Quart, and Quality.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



In Run and Race is letter R,  
In Rope, in Rose, and  
Ring;  
In Rich Rewards, and Regi-  
ons far,  
And second stands in Bring.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



S sounds in Song, Sublime,  
and Sweet,  
Soft music to the ear;  
It also makes Success com-  
plete,  
And shines in Star so clear.

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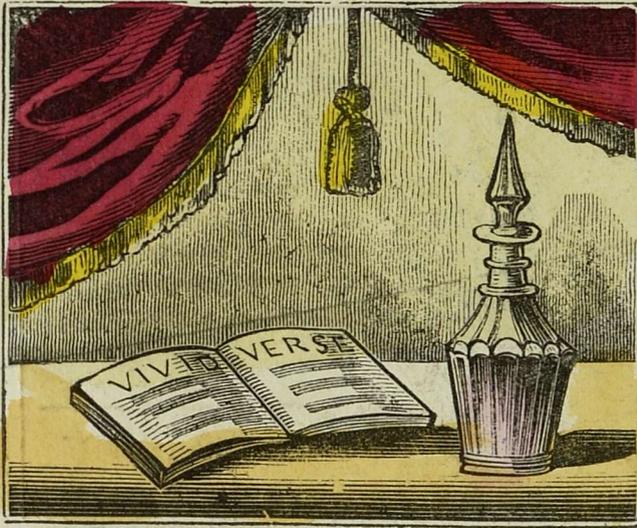
The letter T commences Top  
For little folks to spin ;  
'Tis also seen is Turner's shop,  
In Tea, and Toast, and  
Thin.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Next is the U in Uncle seen,  
Also in Aunt, his wife ;  
And, likewise, in our pretty  
Queen,  
To whom we wish long life.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Now V you spy in Vivid  
Verse,  
And Vinegar that's sour;  
In Virtue, too, which will dis-  
perse  
All Vice's hated power.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Then W stands in Wind that  
blows,  
In Waves that flood the sea ;  
'Tis also found in Watch that  
goes.  
And Wagon-wheel, we see.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



X in Excel is always found,  
In good Example, too ;  
Long may they both in you  
abound,  
In all you say and do.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Now first in Youth doth Y  
appear,  
And last is in Decay;  
Foremost it stands in Yew and  
Year;  
And last in Play and Tray.

VERSE AND PICTURE ALPHABET.



Now Z is last of all to view,  
And gives a real Zest,  
For all good boys and girls,  
like you,  
To do your very best.

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LARGE LETTERS.

A B C D E F  
G H I J K L M N  
O P Q R S T U V  
W X Y Z

SMALL LETTERS.

a b c d e f g h  
i j k l m n o p q r  
s t u v w x y z

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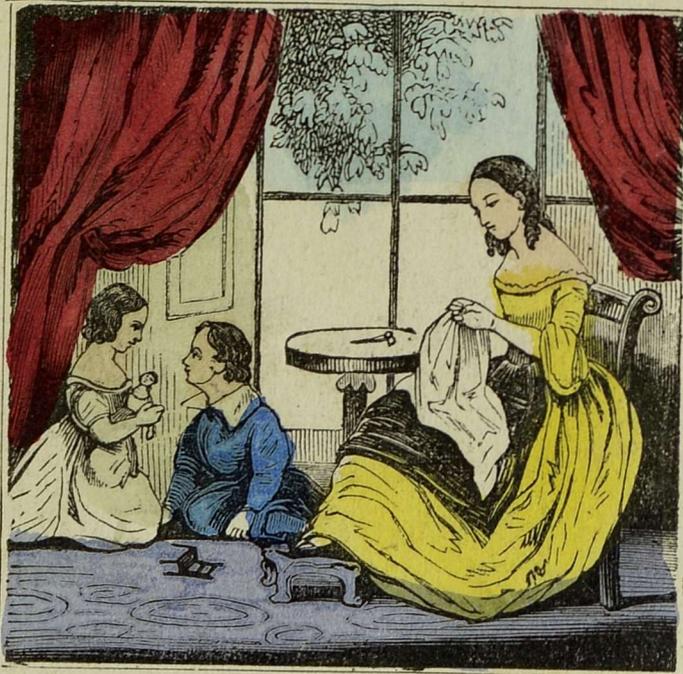
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STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.

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**A a** begins Ann. Miss Ann is a good girl; she likes to read, and work, and do all that she is told. If her mamma says 'Ann, do this,' she smiles and answers 'Yes, mamma.' Ann will please her little brothers and sisters; she is so kind they all love her.

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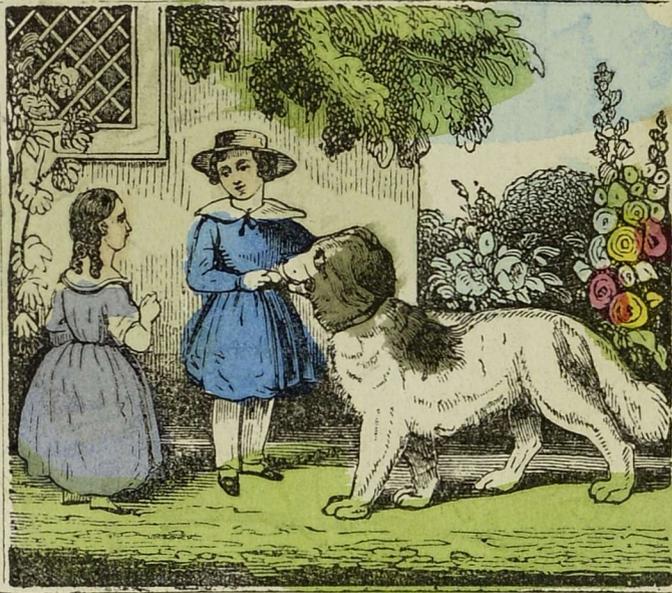
**B b** is the first letter in Bee. Bees make wax and honey; they work hard while the sun shines. You may see many Bees in the garden on the flowers, from which they suck the sweet juice, which is made by the Bees into honey.

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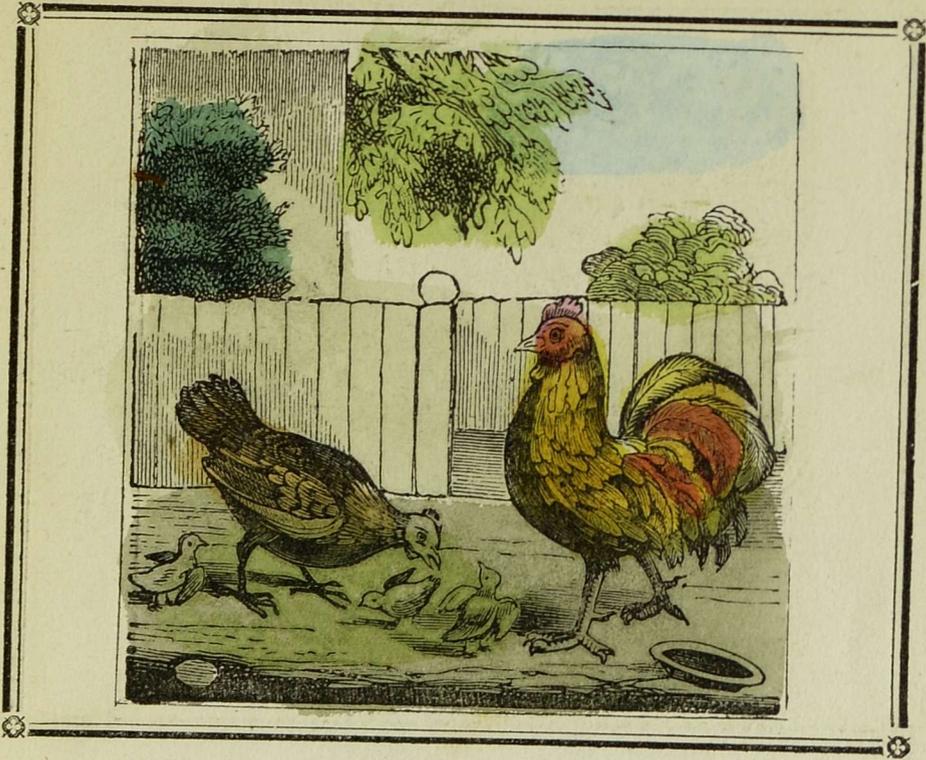
**C c** begins Cat. Pretty Puss,  
how smooth her skin is,  
and how bright her eyes.  
She will let me play with her, and  
does not scratch me; but she is not  
so kind to rats and mice, for she will  
catch them, and kill them too, if they  
come in her way.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**D d** begins Dog, and a very good Dog is our Tray; he guards the house at night, and if any one should try to steal the fowls from the hen-house, he would bark till he made us hear him. Good Tray, I am very fond of you.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**E** **e** is the first letter in Egg. Hens lay eggs, and the eggs, when hatched, become chickens. You may see a number at the farm. Chickens are fed upon corn, and when they grow large, are called fowls, and sent to the market to be sold.

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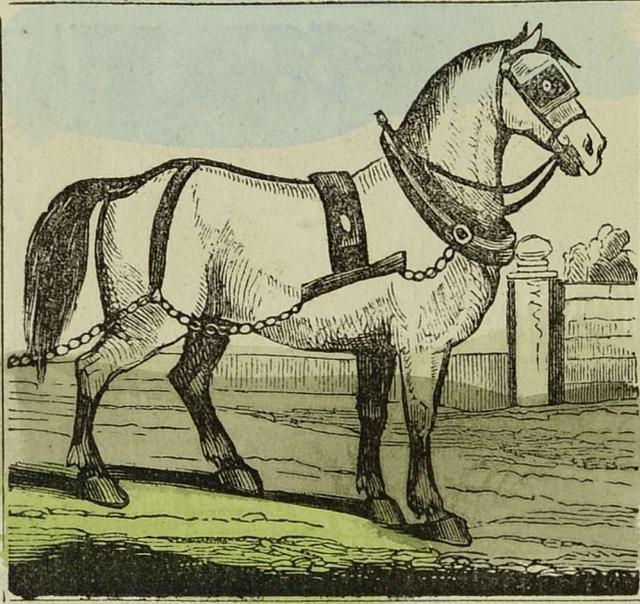
**F** begins Fox, and a sly fellow he is. The Fox lives in holes in the woods, but he often comes out and, waits near the farm-yards to run off with the fowls, or ducks, or geese; for he is a sad thief. Some rich men keep foxes, and hunt them for sport.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**G g** begins Goat. The Goat is very tame, and looks very wise, for it has a fine long beard. The Goat gives milk. It is not quite so good as the milk of a cow, but in those places where there are no cows, the people are glad to drink Goat's milk.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**H h** is the first letter of Horse. How noble he looks, and what a useful creature he is! I do not know what we should do without the horse to draw carts and coaches, and carry people on his back, for they could not walk so far as he can carry them.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**I** **i** is the first letter in Inn.  
This Inn stands by the road side. What a pretty place it is, with its pleasant gardens, and a painted sign over the door. An Inn is a house where persons may take tea, dine, or sleep; but they must pay for all they eat; and also for lodging.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**J j** begins Jay. Pretty Jay,  
with its bright plumage.

The Jay is a talking bird,  
like the magpie and the parrot; that  
is, it can be taught to repeat several  
sounds like words. But talking birds  
do not know the meaning of what  
they say.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**K k**

is the first letter in Kite. I like to see a Kite fly up in the air. It is tied to a long string, which the boy holds in his hand, and he could pull the kite down, if he chose; but he likes much better to see it up as high as it can go.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**L** begins Lamb. Lambs are playful and pretty. When Lambs grow up, we call them sheep, and their flesh is then called mutton. The wool from the sheep's back, when spun and woven into cloth, is made into our warm clothes.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**M m**

begins Mouse.

O, little master  
Mouse, so you are  
eating the cheese, I think; but, take  
care, for if puss should come this way,  
she would soon catch you, and that  
would spoil your dinner: so you had  
better run away.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**N n** begins Nosegay. See what pretty flowers there are in it. Here are roses, and pinks, and blue-bells, and many more flowers beside. How sweet they smell, and how beautiful they look. I should like to have a little garden.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**O** **o** begins Owl; a bird that does not like the daylight, because it can see best when it is almost dark. So when the sun is set, and other birds are going to roost, the Owl begins to fly abroad in search for food for itself and young ones.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**P** begins Parrot, in a fine tall cage. Hark! you shall hear her speak:—  
Pretty Poll, what's o'clock? 'Past two,' said the Parrot. What is your name? 'Polly; Pretty Polly.' The Parrot's feathers are of very beautiful colours.

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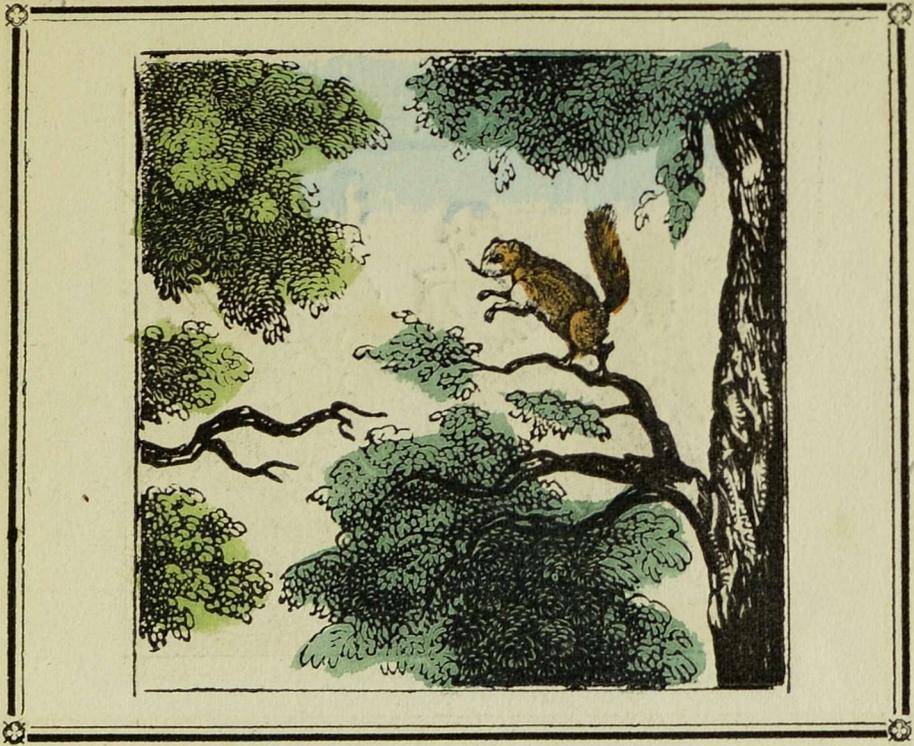
**Q q** is the first letter in Queen. Here is the Queen and Prince Albert taking a ride in the Park. You said, mamma, the Queen had some little boys. Yes, my dear; the eldest is Prince of Wales; and if he is alive when the Queen dies, he will be king.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**R r** begins Rabbit. It is a very pretty creature, with long ears and nice soft fur. In the country, you may often see a wild Rabbit run across a field or a path, and then they are sometimes shot, poor things! for they are good to eat, and make a nice pie.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**S** begins Squirrel. What a fine bushy tail it has, and how fast it jumps about in that high tree. Squirrels are caught in the woods, where they live in a wild state, upon nuts and acorns, and leap from tree to tree with great ease; but when tamed are kept in cages.

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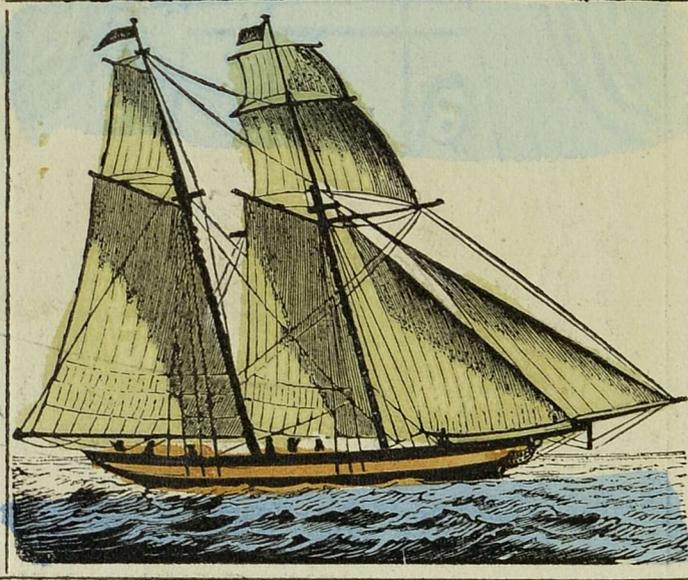
**T** **t** is the first letter in Teetotum. Come, let us spin it, and play at this merry game. The Teetotum has eight sides, with a figure on each side. We will count them:— one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight. See, how fast it spins.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**U** **u** is the first letter in  
Urn. Our Urn is set  
upon the table at tea-  
time, full of hot water, for mamma to  
make the tea with. Tea is the leaf of  
a plant that grows in a distant country,  
and the leaves, when gathered, are  
dried, to make them ready for use.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**V** **V** is the first letter in Vessel. All ships are called Vessels, yet some are named brigs, sloops, barques, &c. Perhaps this one is going as far as China, to fetch tea; or to the West Indies, for Sugar and coffee. I hope she will have a pleasant voyage.

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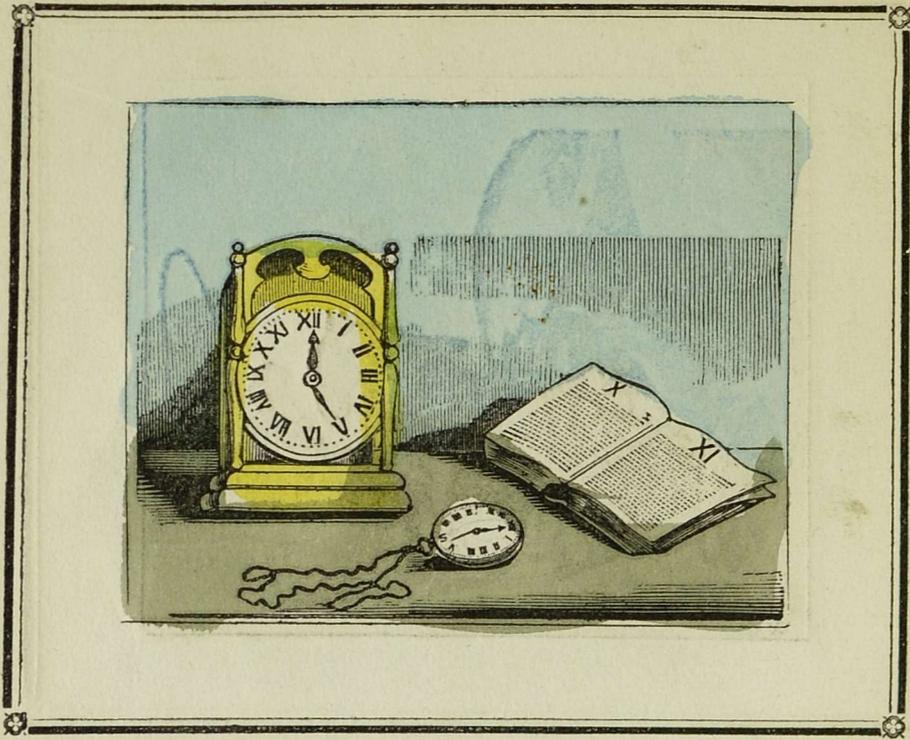


**W** **w**

begins Wagon.

The Wagon is made wide and long, to carry a great many goods. See what fine horses there are to draw it. The man who drives a Wagon, is called a Wagoner; he is proud of his horses, and calls each by its name.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



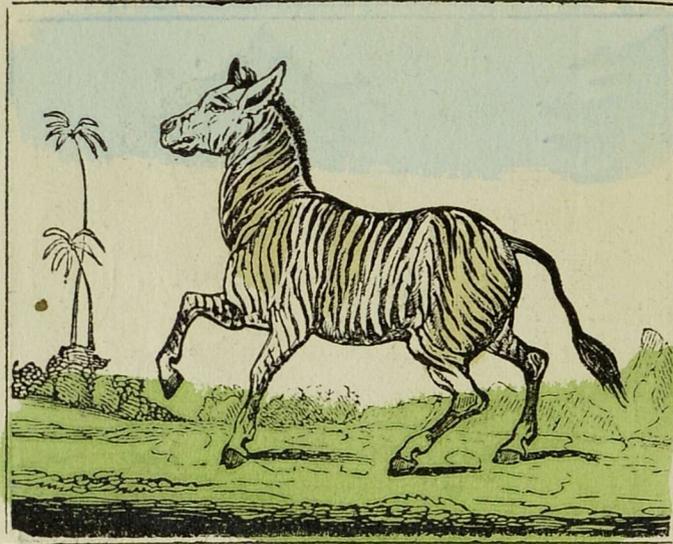
**X** **X** this letter sometimes stands for the number 10; in the olden times it always stood for it; and it is yet very frequently used on the dials or faces of clocks and watches, instead of figures; and at the top of chapters in the Bible.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**Y y** begins Yew-tree. The wood of this tree is useful for making the bows with, which are used in archery, because it is very strong, and will bend without breaking. Those persons who shoot with bows and arrows, are called Archers.

STORIES ABOUT THE ALPHABET.



**Z z** begins Zebra; a pretty creature, something like a donkey; but its hair is soft and smooth; and it is all over black and white stripes, as if the skin was made of ribbons. Zebras are found wild at the Cape of Good Hope, and in other parts of South Africa.

# THE FIGURES.



one



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five



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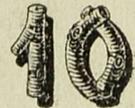
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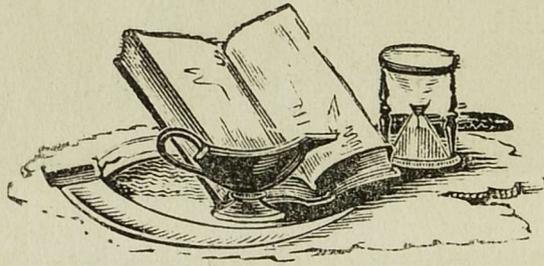
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