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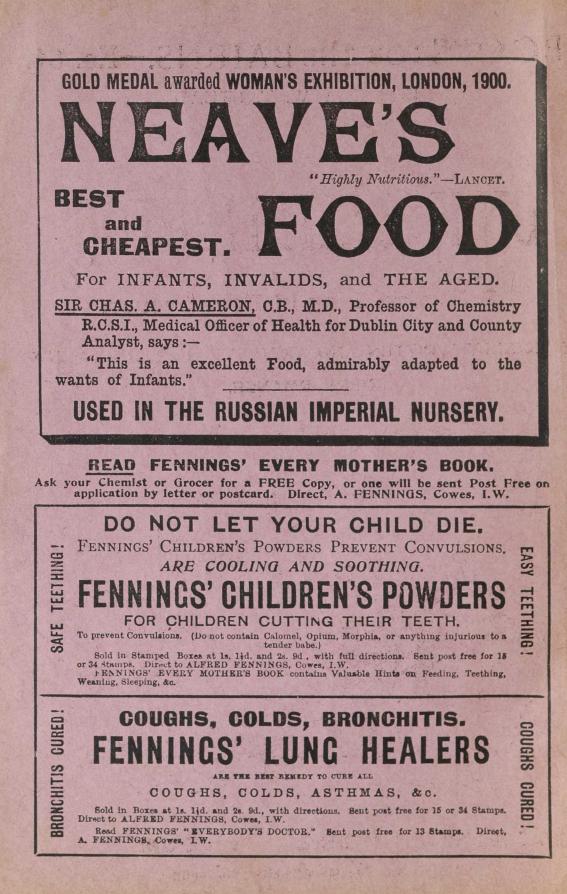
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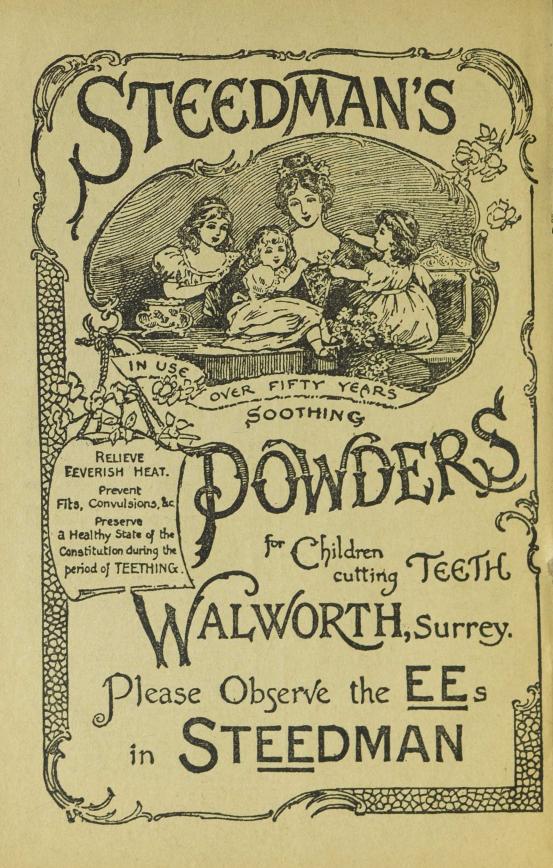
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DICK WHITTINGTON.

A Children's Play in Four Scenes.

BY

MARION ADAMS.

CHARACTERS.

I. DICK WHITTINGTON. 2. ALICE FITZWARREN (his sweetheart). 3. JACK FITZWARREN (Alice's brother). 4. COOK) in Alderman Fitz-5. HOUSEMAID

(warren's house.

- 6. KING OF BARBARY.
- 7. QUEEN OF BARBARY.
- 8. PRINCESS SILVERSWEET (their daughter).
- 9. CAPTAIN SAILAWAY (of the "Nancy"). IO. THE CAT.

CHORUS OF FAIRIES.

WITH SONGS, TONIC SOL-FA NOTATION.

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DICK: "THAT'S RIGHT; SIT DOWN AND WASH YOUR FACE." (Page 5.)

THE two little plays already issued in the series of "Books for the Bairns" having met with much favour among my readers in all parts of the world, I am now following up the publication of "Cinderella" and "The Sleeping Beauty" with another play for Christmas based upon the old and favourite nursery tale, Dick Whittington.

Some of you may wonder how much historical truth underlies the story which is here presented in a new form. I cannot pretend that all the story is absolutely true, but there certainly was a Lord Mayor of London named Richard Whittington, although he was not a poor boy in the sense indicated in the popular legends which have grown up around his name.

As a matter of fact, he was related to people of position and of knightly rank. His father was Sir William Whittington, who lived upon his own estate in Pauntley, Gloucestershire. In those days, for we are talking of a time 500 years ago, there were few openings for the younger sons of the landed gentry of England; but at the death of his father young Richard decided to seek his fortune in trade, and he set out at the age of thirteen years for London, and became an apprentice in the house of Sir John Fitzwarren, his cousin, who was a prosperous mercer in the City. He subsequently married his master's daughter, and was enrolled a member of the Mercers' Company in 1392. Five years later he was made an Alderman and a Sheriff of the City, and in 1406 he became Lord Mayor. Ten years later we find him sitting as a Member of Parliament in the House of Commons, and in 1419 he was elected for the third time as Lord Mayor, and was knighted by King Henry V. He seems to have lived in a fine house in the parish of St. Michael's, Paternoster Row. It must have been a handsome residence, for here he entertained Henry of Agincourt and Catherine, his bride, with a magnificence which even astonished the King.

From these facts you will see that Richard Whittington must have been diligent in his business and more than usually successful. Indeed, his biographer has described him as "the model merchant of the middle ages."

How the story of the cat came to be associated with his name I cannot say, but for centuries it has been persistently mentioned in connection with Richard Whittington. The biographer referred to above accepts the story of the sale of the cat by a friendly sailor to a Moorish King, who was pestered with rats and mice. But the same story occurs in the folk lore of several other countries in Europe.

Anyway, the tale has long been a favourite in the nursery, and will doubtless continue to be so. It makes a very interesting play for school or home performances. Mrs. Adams has written the book with her usual skill, and Mr. Stephen Philpot has again kindly supplied the music for the songs which are added for the sake of those who wish to make it a musical play. They are not absolutely necessary, and when it is impossible to get suitable voices, the songs may be omitted (with the exception of "Bow Bells are Ringing," at the opening and close of the performance), without spoiling the play. Still, the music will greatly add to its interest. The piano score may be had of Egerton & Co., 10, Berners Street, London, W., for one shilling post free.

STAGE DIRECTIONS.

NO raised stage is absolutely necessary; the play may be acted in any room, a portion of which is curtained off as a stage.

If there is no second door through which the performers can make their exits and entrances, a screen placed at the left-hand corner of the stage (as far back as possible) will answer the same purpose.

The directions, R., L., C., mean right, left, centre, as one stands facing the stage.

The part of the Cat should be taken by a small boy. A suitable costume could be hired from any of the costumiers in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden.

The signpost for Scene I. may be made of thin wood and card. board, with the letters painted on it in black. It should be nailed to a wooden box, which, covered with ivy, forms a seat underneath it. One or two plants and a few sprays of ivy on the floor will help to convey the idea of an out-of-door scene.

For Scenes II., III., and IV. a small table and two or three chairs are required; but in the King of Barbary's palace, the table should be covered by a pretty tablecloth, and the plants used in Scene I. may be introduced again. These simple directions are only given for the benefit of those who wish to "get up" the play with little or no expense; many others will find it easy to elaborate the preparations, and by the exercise of their artistic and dramatic talents add greatly to the effect with which "Dick Whittington" is presented to their friends.

The rats can be made at home, of some brown material stuffed with sawdust, to be drawn across the stage on a string. If any of the children possess a mechanical toy in the shape of a rat, it can be used with great advantage.

SCENE I.

ROAD NEAR LONDON.

A sign-post, "London one mile" R.C. Below it a seat covered with ivy. Enter DICK, shabbily dressed, with a bundle on his shoulder, followed by the CAT.

DICK.

Well, here we are, my friend!

CAT (nodding his head).

Mieaw!....

DICK (pointing to the mile-post). A mile away from London now !— A mile from cruel blows, cross looks, From pokers, frying pans, and cooks. She was a vixen ! More's the pity That you and I, in all this city, Should tumble on so hard a place !

(Sits down under the sign-post. CAT sits next to him, and begins to wash his face.)

That's right. Sit down and wash your face, While our position I review—(*pauses*) And settle what we're going to do. First—was it wise to run away?

CAT (nodding his head).

Mieaw! mieaw! mieaw!

DICK.

I say

I'm not so sure about it yet— We have no prospects--don't forget !

No happy home, no father—mother— Hardly a friend except each other— And not a coin to call our own.

CAT (shaking his head).

Mieaw! mieaw!

DICK.

I'm wiser grown Than when I first heard wondrous stories Of London's wealth and London's glories. What would you think if you'd been told That every street was paved with gold?

CAT (shaking his head vigorously). Mieaw! mieaw!

DICK.

And at his leisure

Each helped himself to shining treasure?

CAT (still shaking his head).

Mieaw! mieaw! mieaw! mieaw!

DICK.

Of course I know much better now.

If you want money you must earn it— It didn't take me long to learn it, (rising and

coming forward)

When from my visions vague and splendid To washing dishes I descended, And just for very hunger's sake A scullion's place was glad to take With Alderman Fitzwarren's cook. She very soon brought me to book ! More kicks than halfpence came my way; She boxed my ears and stopped my pay; Cuffed me for doing nothing—(pausing)—O-oh ! I mean—doing nothing wrong, you know.

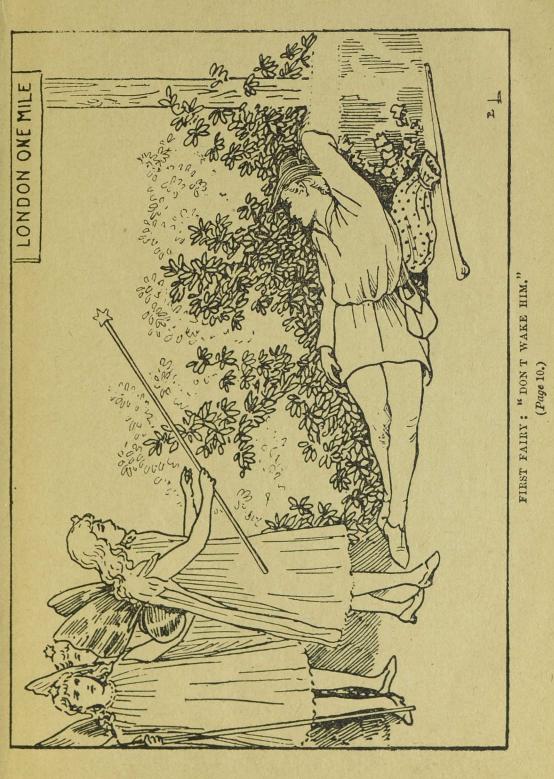


DICK: "SHE GAVE ME A CRACK ON THE HEAD." (Page 8.) 7

SONG .- "IF I HAPPENED TO MEET."

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Well, do you know I feel inclined To take a nap—if you don't mind, I'll have it here before we go.



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(Sleepily, as he lies down with his head on the stone :) Don't let me sleep all morning, though ! (Falls asleep. Enter FAIRIES, to soft music.)

FIRST FAIRY (waving her wand over him). Don't wake him, please ! How tired he seems ! We'll whisper to him in his dreams.

SECOND FAIRY.

Cheer up! Cheer up, Dick Whittington! Fortune and fame may yet be won.

THIRD FAIRY.

Wealth, honour, and a charming wife, The long years of a happy life, All shall be yours. But, Dick, we say

ALL THE FAIRIES.

You must not, must not run away.

FIRST FAIRY.

Such luck is not for those who shirk Their daily woes or daily work.

SECOND FAIRY.

E'en cooks and basting spoons may be The stepping stones to dignity.

THIRD FAIRY.

Keep a brave heart, though skies are grey.

ALL THE FAIRIES.

But do not, do not run away!

FAIRY CHORUS

(during which they and the CAT dance round DICK WHITTINGTON; or they may simply join hands and walk round DICK, singing the following Chorus, into which the chiming of the bells is introduced). No. 2.—BOW BELLS ARE RINGING. KEY G. Six bars for |m :d :l₁ |t₁ :r :s₁ |m :d :l₁ |r :-:-} Piano only. |1.Bow Bells are | ringing, Hark !| what do they | say ? S₁ :d :m |r :s :t₁ |r :d :l₁ |s₁ :- :- } For - tune is | smi - ling on | some - one to - | day.

> May-birds and brownies Have settled his doom; Fortune so frowning Will smile on him soon.

Gold in his pocket,

A sword at his side ;

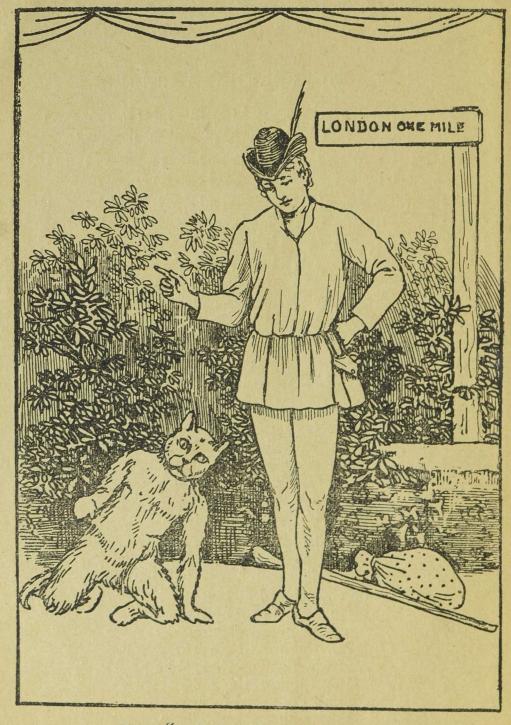
The finest of horses

Our Lord Mayor shall ride.

REFRAIN.—" Turn again, Dick Whittington," &c.

So cheer up, dear laddie, Go home to that cook ; And bear uncomplaining Each blow and cross look. And when she starts scolding Just think of the bells, And all the grand future Their chiming foretells.

REFRAIN .--- " Turn again, Dick Whittington," &c.



DICK: "I THOUGHT THREE FAIRIES CAME." (Page 13.)

(DICK rubs his eyes as the FAIRIES dance off.) FAIRY CHORUS (off the stage). Turn again, Dick Whittington, Lord Mayor of London town.

DICK (rising and looking in the direction of the music).

Ah! who is singing? Can it be Such great things are in store for me? Lord Mayor! . . . (bewildered)—I don't quite understand—

Surely I was in fairyland Just now. I thought three fairies came— I heard them call me by my name, And say that fortune should be won Some day by poor Dick Whittington.

FAIRIES (unseen).

Turn again, Dick Whittington, Lord Mayor of London town.

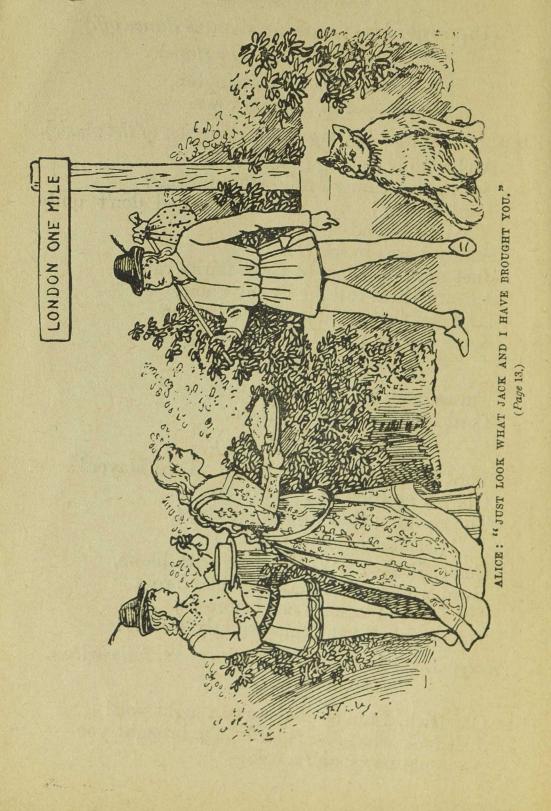
DICK (listening).

Lord Mayor of London town! Lord Mayor! Oh, I'll go back and gladly bear The scolding that awaits me there.

(Shouldering his bundle.) Come, Pussy! We'll put up with blows, Hard words, cross looks, for like a rose The future blossoms out before us, The sun shall yet shine brightly o'er us! (Enter JACK and ALICE FITZWARREN, hurriedly.)

ALICE.

Oh, Dick, I am so glad we've caught you! Just look what Jack and I have brought you— An apple pasty and a cake—



JACK.

And here's some money you must take.

ALICE.

How could that horrid cook ill-treat you, And say you were a scamp, and beat you? You were quite right to run away.

DICK.

But—I am going back !

ALICE.

No! No!

JACK.

Back to the pots and pans ?—Hallo ! You are a silly duffer, too,— Why, she will beat you black and blue. Take my advice, old boy, and cut—

DICK.

Didn't you hear the fairies?

JACK (contemptuously).

Phut!

No, more did you! But why and how ?--

DICK (quietly raising his hand). Listen, and you will hear them now.

(FAIRIES repeat first verse of chorus, with refrain.)

JACK.

Lord Mayor of London ? Dick, how jolly ! DICK.

Ah ! you agree it would be folly To run from such a fate as this ?

JACK (astonished). Rather ! It's not a thing to miss. You'll be a tip-top city swell.

ALICE (pouting). Then I sha'n't like him half so well ! DICK (taking her hand). My dearest Alice, don't say that ! My honours will fall very flat If with me you refuse to wear them. JACK (aside) He might ask me, I think, to share them ! DICK You, too! I do not care a rap For fame without you both, old chap ! SONG .-. "WHEN YOU'RE A MILLIONAIRE, DICK." (JACK and ALICE.) Doh is D. : ,d|d .,t::d .,ti 1. When you're a million-2. A velvet cloak and 3. When you're a milliond :s .,s d .,t1:d .,m l :- .s f .,m:r .,s aire, Dick, what fun we three will share ! You'll have a sword and aire, Dick, and fair - y chimes come true, Of course we'll share and CHORUS. :d .,m r .,m :r .,1 |s : . ,s | d' ...d': d' ...l spurs, Dick, And gold - en chains to kear. choose, Dick, And no cross cook to scold. share, Dick, And set up house with you. For this is com-mon :f .,f |m .,r:d .,m |s : .,s | .,t:d',t,l) c sense, Dick, That life has ma - ny ills, And pounds and shillings and m .,m r .,I m .,r d Dick, Are han - dy lit - tle pills. pence, CURTAIN.

Draw the curtain back to show the following Tableau, which should be accompanied by soft music :--TABLEAU : JACK stands on the seat, R.C., waving his cap; ALICE, DICK, and CAT, C., hand in hand, CAT in the middle.

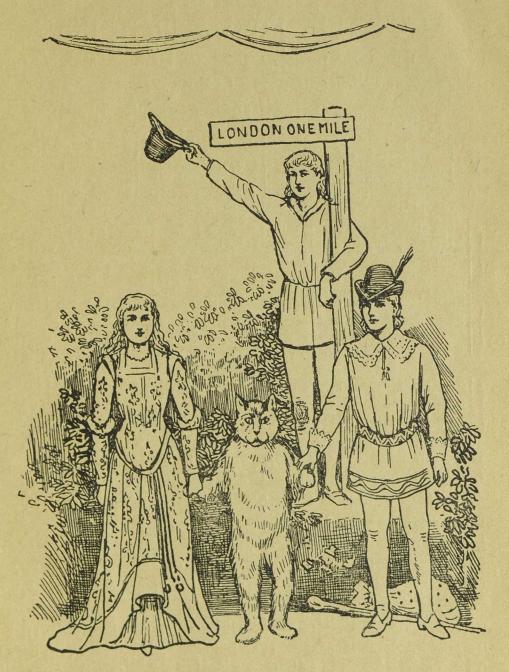


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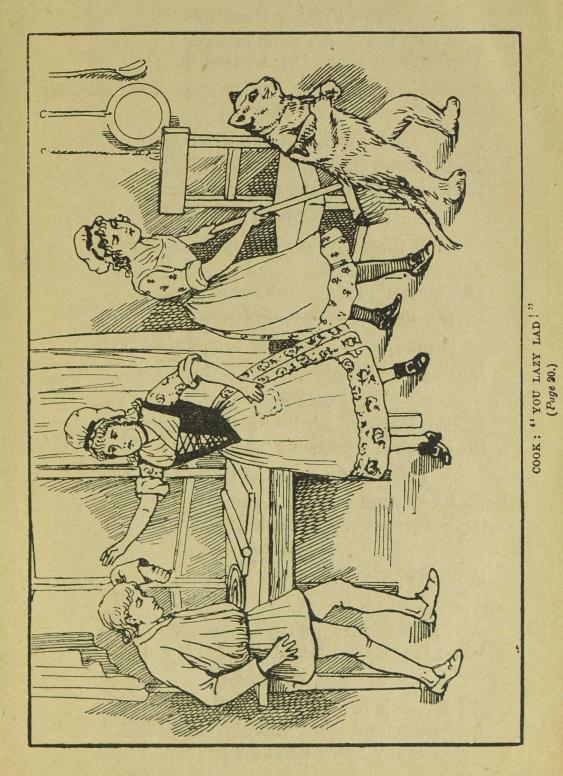
SCENE II.

KITCHEN IN FITZWARREN'S HOUSE.

(Table L., COOK making pastry, HOUSEMAID cleaning silver, DICK scrubbing the floor.)

SONG .- "THE COOK." Doh is C. .m :f .m |S • :- .r :m .r 34 1. Oh, who would be a cook I 2. The fish must al ways be just 3. And when the lunch must ear-ly Key G. S :- .1 :t .s f :-:1 .S .f :- .sd :t. .l. m And work and the live-long day; sav. slave Make all the SO, And joint done to a turn, you know; And tho' of That's just the time, be. as you will see. When butcher SI $.d:t_{1}.l_{1}$ •--.SI : 11 .M SI r :- .SI :r .m pies and bread and | cake. And roast and | boil and brew and gra vy you'vea store, Some folks are al ways wanting boys To talk with Ma stop half the | day ry over the -Key C. CHORUS. d :ds .s : d' S d' :t bake. more. And al though she gets good way. :1 : m S : 1 • -:1 L Her mon - ev. life is not all :f f : m : d' t : f hon - ey, As ev rv cook will de :r :r re 25 tell to you her sor 1 : 5 : m :8 row ! What if to day be :1 se :-t : se 1 :t She good. must think of next day's :- : d' d t |r' :-:d' :fe 1 :-food. And the meals that she must give you) : m r d all to . mor row.

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Соок (boxing DICK's ears). You lazy lad! An hour or more You've been about this blessed floor! (The CAT seizes a piece of fish from a plate, and runs off with it.)

HOUSEMAID (flying after him). Just look at that, the horrid thief! Last night it was the cold roast beef.

(Hits CAT with a brush.)

Cook (throwing a wooden spoon at him). And all the cream I saved to make The master's favourite kind of cake. I'll not put up with it !—I won't !

DICK (putting his arm round the CAT). Don't punish him—please, Patty, don't!

COOK (angrily). Please, Patty, don't !—Please, Patty do ! I'll thrash the precious pair of you !

(Hits DICK with the rolling pin.) To leave your work and run away On Saturday, my busiest day!

DICK.

I'm sorry. . . .

COOK.

That's not going to save you ! Where is the pie Miss Alice gave you ? (Shaking him.)

All eaten, is it? Γm to broil, And bake, and stew, and slave, and toil, To make my apple-tarts for you!

(Enter ALICE, followed by JACK and CAPTAIN SAILAWAY.)

JACK.

Cook, what is all this hullabaloo? Is it a fight?

> COOK (indignantly). Now, Master Jack!

JACK.

'Cos if you fight, you'll get the sack !

ALICE.

Yes! Please be quiet.

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COOK.

So I am!

As peaceable as any lamb. My fault is that I'm far too mild— But sometimes, Miss, Dick drives me wild.

JACK.

And then you lose your temper, eh?

DICK (aside).

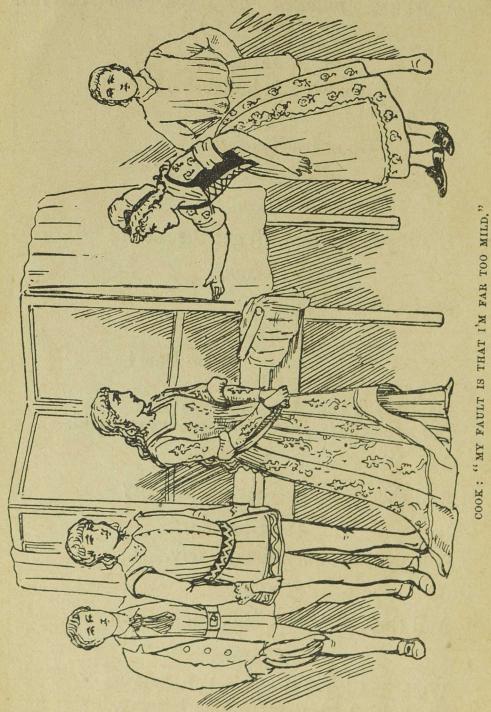
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COOK.

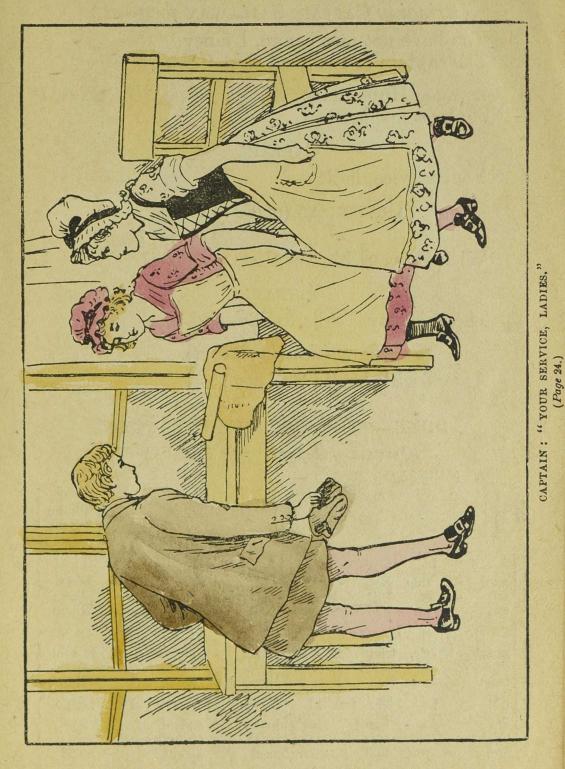
And then-I whack him, I must own.

JACK.

Well, just leave the poor lad alone For half an hour—give us a hearing, And we will tell you something cheering.



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(Bringing CAPTAIN SAILAWAY forward.) You have not met before, I fancy, The captain of the good ship "Nancy"?

(COOK and HOUSEMAID curtsy, while the CAPTAIN makes a low bow).

CAPTAIN.

Your service, ladies—

HOUSEMAID (aside to cook). Do you hear? What do you think of that, my dear? CAPTAIN.

The "Nancy" sails to-day, and we-JACK (dancing about). Are off with her to Barbary !

DUET .- "THE GOOD SHIP NANCY."

(CAPTAIN and JACK, with CHORUS.) Doh is D.

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CAPTAIN.

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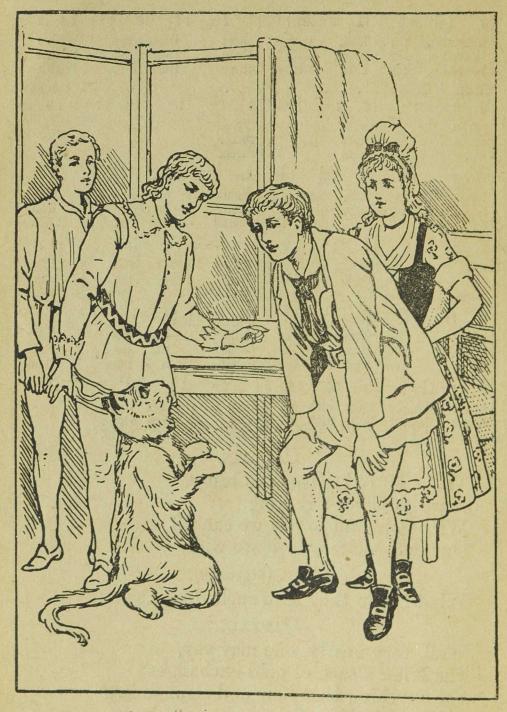
COOK (eagerly).

What! Do they give such things away? CAPTAIN.

Well, very nearly, one may say, The King a sack of gold exchanges For anything that new and strange is. A piece of ribbon—

> COOK. I've got that !

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JACK: "HE'S ASKING TO GO WITH US." (Fage 27.)

CAPTAIN.

A thimble—

Housemaid. Do take mine!

DICK.

A cat?

CAPTAIN.

I dare say he'd be pleased with that ! A clever talking cat might sell For something handsome—who can tell ? Take my advice and let him go— He'll kill our rats on board.

> DICK (hugging CAT). No! No!

JACK.

And make your fortune, Dick, you'll see. (CAT sits up before CAPTAIN, begging to be taken. Then runs to the door L., and looks back, as if asking him to start at once.) He's asking, plainly as can be,

To go with us.

CAT (running back to CAPTAIN). Mieaw ! mieaw !

COOK (hitting him).

Will you stop making such a row? Here's my new ribbon—(giving it to the CAPTAIN) —apple-green— Take it and sell it to the Queen. HOUSEMAID (giving him a thimble). And here's my thimble, please exchange it For something better—

CAPTAIN.

I'll arrange it. Now, Dick, my lad, what will you send? Be wise—give me your furry friend.

DICK (to CAT).

Puss, do you really want to go?

CAT (nodding his head).

Mieaw ! mieaw !

KEY C.

ALICE.

That's "yes," you know. He says if you're to be Lord Mayor, He'll have to make your fortune there.

(Pleadingly.)

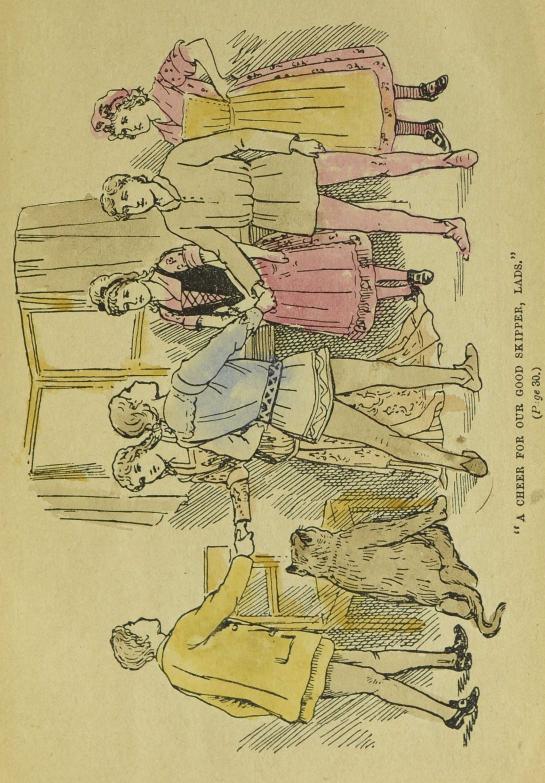
And they won't let me marry you Unless the fairies' words come true.

DICK (rising and bowing). That settles it ! I'll gladly send him. And may the best of luck attend him !

DUET .- "WE'RE OFF, MY FRIENDS."

(CAPTAIN and JACK.)

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CURTAIN.

TABLEAU: DICK C., kneeling on one knee, in the act of kissing ALICE FITZWARREN'S hand. JACK R., with CAT on his shoulder. CAPTAIN L., with COOK and HOUSEMAID on each arm. Lively music.

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SCENE III.

KING OF BARBARY'S PALACE.

(Table R. QUEEN sits by it threading beads. Enter KING.)

QUEEN.

What is the news, dear ?

KING (gloomily).

Worse and worse !

Gold, as you know, in every purse, But not a loaf in all the town.

QUEEN.

What ! not a loaf ? (KING shakes his head). My love, sit down And tell me everything.

KING (tragically).

To-day Thousands of rats have gnawed their way Through to the royal granary floor. Our store of corn exists no more. Of meal or meat we haven't a bite, They've stolen all our fowls by night, Eaten our clothes, devoured our shoes— They come and go just as they choose.

(Some rats cross the floor. KING and QUEEN shriek and jump on the chairs.)

Oh! Ah! They want to eat us too!

KING.

I haven't a single doubt they do ! (Enter PRINCESS SILVERSWEET, who shrieks and jumps on the table.)



KING: "AH! THEY WANT TO EAT US TOO!" (Page 31.)

PRINCESS.

I am so hungry!

KING.

So are we

And all the folks in Barbary.

PRINCESS.

Isn't there just one piece of bread?

KING.

No, no, my darling ! Not a shred For anybody but a rat— Why, I could almost eat my hat!

PRINCESS.

If some kind fairy came along I hope it wouldn't be very wrong To ask her if we couldn't be Three rats instead of royalty.

QUEEN (shuddering).

Three rats? Oh, what a dreadful thought!

(Enter CAPTAIN SAILAWAY and JACK. KING, QUEEN, and PRINCESS jump down, while the visitors make a low bow.)

CAPTAIN.

Your Majesty, my ship's in port-The "Nancy." You recall her name?

PRINCESS (to KING).

It's Captain Sailaway. He came, Don't you remember ? in the spring-



PRINCESS: "IT'S CAPTAIN SAILAWAY!" (Page 33,)

CAPTAIN (bowing again). And had the honour then to bring Some trifles, sir, which took your fancy.

PRINCESS (smiling and looking at JACK). Is this a trifle from the "Nancy"? Your latest English fashion?

CAPTAIN (laughing).

Yes.

'Tis Jack Fitzwarren, fair Princess; A very gallant gentleman, Who'll try to serve you, if he can.

PRINCESS.

If he could serve me with some beef He would oblige me past belief.

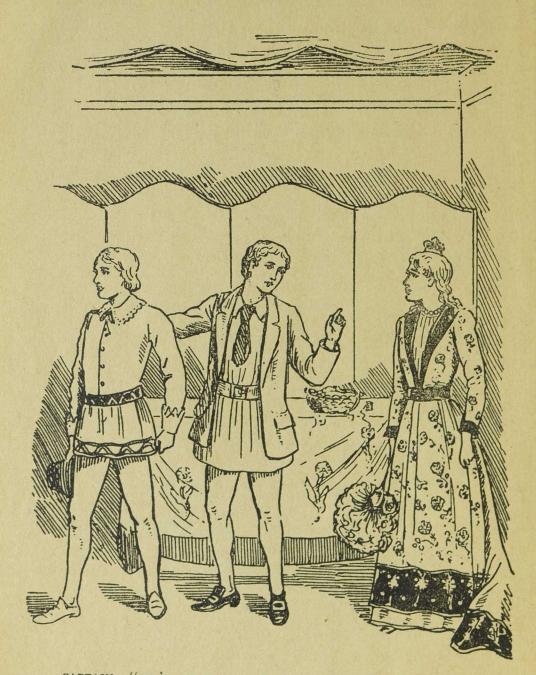
QUEEN.

We're starving, Captain. Though you come So far to'see us, not a crumb Have we, dear friend, to offer you-The rats take everything.

CAPTAIN (astonished).

They do? Why don't you kill them? (Pushing JACK toward the door.) Hallo, Jack ! Off to the ship! Fetch the cat back, And lots of beef, and bread and things. My stars! to think of starving Kings! (To QUEEN.) We'll bring an animal on shore Who'll kill your rats, ma'am, by the score.

(Exit JACK.)

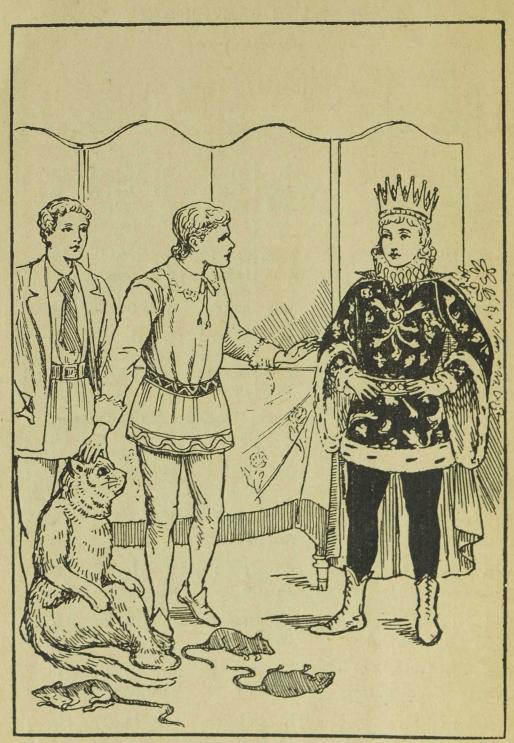


CAPTAIN: "WE'LL BRING AN ANIMAL ON SHORE, WHO'LL KILL YOUR RATS, MA'AM, BY THE SCORE," (Page 35.)

SONG .- "THE CLEVER CAT."

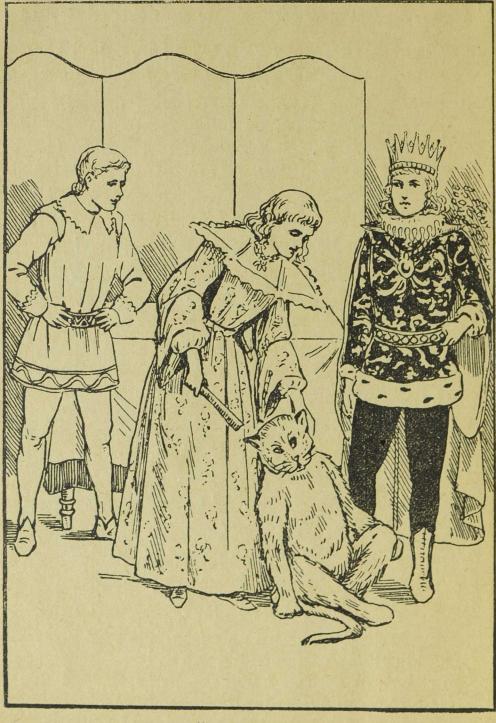
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JACK SELLS HIS CAT TO THE KING.

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PRINCESS: "PUSS, PUSS; COME HERE, (Page 41.)

KING.

Done with you, sir !

JACK (seizing the CAT and throwing him to the CAPTAIN). Here—mark him "Sold"!

PRINCESS (getting down from chair). Has he killed all the rats?

JACK.

Yes, yes; So please make friends with him, Princess.

PRINCESS.

Puss—puss—, come here—poor puss— (CAT comes up to her, and rubs his head against her dress, purring softly.)

JACK (encouragingly).

That's right!

CAPTAIN (bowing).

If royalty permits, we might At once proceed to lay the cloth. (Takes tablecloth out of the basket, and sets the table with beef, biscuits, cake, &c.)

KING.

Well, Captain, I am nothing loth. To tell the honest truth, I'd feel The better for a good square meal. What have you got? Roast beef—a pie— A plum cake? Here is luxury!

(*Places chairs for* QUEEN and PRINCESS.) Come, come, my dears ! No more rat stew, Rat soup, rat fricassée for you !

We'll dine as doth befit our station, And bid good-bye to sheer starvation.

TRIO .-. "WE ARE A ROYAL PARTY."

(KING, QUEEN, and PRINCESS.)

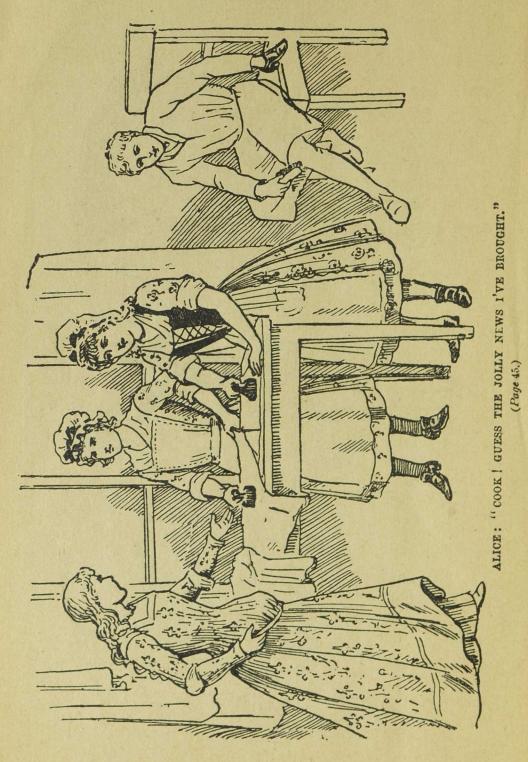
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CURTAIN.



DANCE AT THE END OF SCENE IH.



SCENE IV.

KITCHEN IN FITZWARREN'S HOUSE. (COOK and HOUSEMAID ironing. DICK polishing boots.) ALICE (entering hurriedly). Guess the jolly news I've bought ! Cook ! COOK (crossly) I can't! ALICE. The "Nancy" is in port. DICK (snatching up his cap). The "Nancy"! I am off! Hurrah! COOK (seizing him). You jackanapes, stop where you are ! (DICK rushes away.) There ! Did you ever see such work ? Anything for a chance to shirk ! The least excuse, and off he goes-Who'll clean the boots, do you suppose ? ALICE. You mustn't think of work to-day-I wonder what they'll have to say. HOUSEMAID. I wonder, Miss, what they will bring. ALICE. Jack promised me a diamond ring. They may, of course, bring back the cat. COOK. Goodness! I hope they won't do that! One of the pair is quite enough. ALICE. Poor Dick! It does seem rather rough To take the truest friend he had.

SONG .- WON'T THERE BE JOLLITY.

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Or any to tend him, To love him and mend him, Like some little maidens at home?

CHORUS.—Oh, won't there be jollity, &c.

When from the commotion Of old Father Ocean Our travellers two have returned, We'll heed not the winter rain, Dread not grey skies again, If they our fortune have earned.

CHORUS.—Oh, won't there be jollity, &c.

You'd better stop smacking, And scolding and whacking— The day has gone by for all that. When Dick's our Lord Mayor, some day You and the rest will pay Honour to him and his cat.

CHORUS.—Oh, won't there be jollity, &c.

COOK (raising her voice).

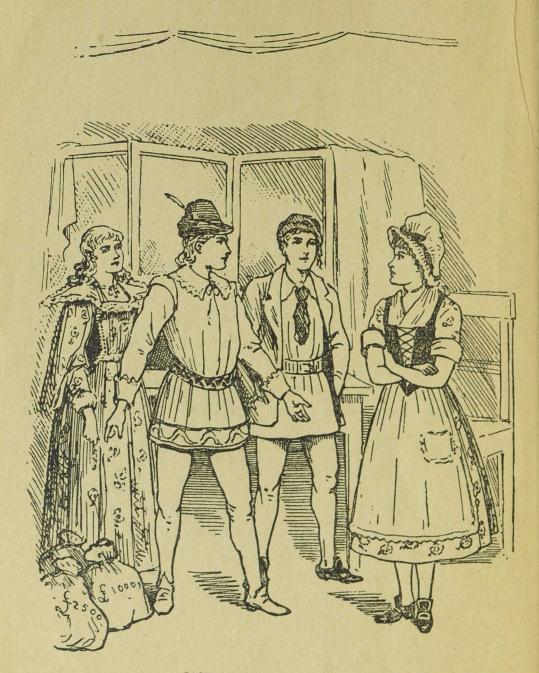
That Dick's a good-for-nothing lad ! There's nothing for him but the stick.

(Enter JACK, CAPTAIN, DICK, and PRINCESS, the three former carrying sacks of gold.)

JACK.

Hallo! We left you slanging Dick,
Have you been at it ever since?
Be careful! (*They set down the sacks.*) He's become a Prince—
A man of means—a millionaire!
Not to be hustled here and there
By any humbug of a cook.

COOK (indignantly). A humbug, Master Jack?



JACK SHOWING THE GOLD. (Page 49.) DICK WHITTINGTON. JACK (waving his hand). Just look — In Barbary his cat was sold.

Соок.

Well?

JACK (*impressively*). For a hundred sacks of gold.

SONG .- NOW DICK'S A MILLIONAIRE.

(JACK.)

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CAPTAIN: "I CHANGED IT FOR THIS NECKLACE RARE." (Page 51.)

With hat in hand (taking his own off), inquire How can you meet his wishes; No more he'll light the fire Or wash the supper dishes.

CHORUS.—Your words will be honey, &c.

It's on the cards he'll choose At once to leave off working— Of course you won't accuse A millionaire of shirking.

CHORUS.—Your words will be honey, &c.

For what he does is right, And all his words are honey; We can't be too polite To chaps with so much money.

CHORUS.—Your words will be honey, &c.

(Throwing up his cap.)

Whittington and his cat for ever !

COOK. Dick a rich man ! Bless me, I never ! (To CAPTAIN.)

Where's my green ribbon ?

CAPTAIN (waving his hand towards the sea). Over there.

I changed it for this necklace rare, The finest gems in Barbary(holdingupa necklace)— A pretty price 'twill fetch, you'll see.

(Gives it to the COOK, who shows it to HOUSEMAID. Both look delighted.)

HOUSEMAID. And my brass thimble—is it sold?

CAPTAIN (giving her α ring). Aye, for a ring of worth untold.

HOUSEMAID (putting it on).

Oh, what a love !

(If COOK and HOUSEMAID are also taking the FAIRIES' parts, they go out here.)

ALICE.

Jack, where's my ring ?

JACK.

Why, that I quite forgot to bring. But—(*leading* PRINCESS *forward*)—here's a greater treasure. Guess Who this is, Alice ?

ALICE (doubtfully).

A Princess? (Aside.) I wonder what Papa will say— It's rather early in the day For Jack to think of marrying— Even the daughter of a King!

DICK.

And that's what he will say, precisely ! Let's hope he'll tell the Princess nicely.

ALICE (ruefully).

He'll send her straight to school—and Jack— Perhaps, he'll send us all three back ! We'll have to wait—(sighing)—Ah ! many a year Before our wedding-day, I fear !

(Taking PRINCESS'S hand.)

But when you marry Jack, we'll be Sisters-in-law—(slowly and distinctly)—Princess, you see?



JACK: "GUESS WHO THIS IS, ALICE ?" (Page 52.)

PRINCESS (kissing her).

Sisters-in-love sounds better still.

ALICE.

We'll be that too-of course we will !

CAPTAIN.

And thus our little story ends With happy meeting of old friends.

PRINCESS.

With fairy fortunes, long foretold, Turned into bags of solid gold.

ALICE.

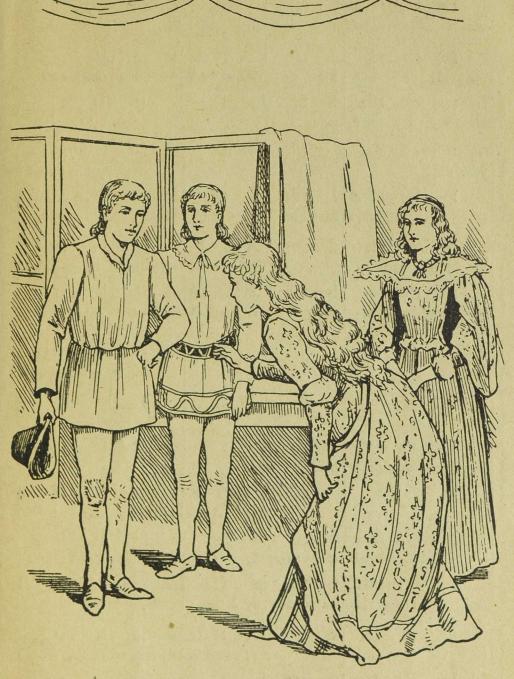
And greater things may happen yet— (Making DICK a curtsy.) Lord Mayor of London ! Don't forget !

JACK (patting DICK on the shoulder). Long life to you, old man, success, And every kind of happiness !

DUET.

(DICK and ALICE.)

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ALICE: "AND GREATER THINGS MAY HAPPEN YET." (Page 54.)

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(Exit CAPTAIN. Enter FAIRIES to the opening bars of the music. They dance round DICK and ALICE, and after the first verse of their song JACK and the PRINCESS join them in the dance.)

No. 12.—FAIRY CHORUS.

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CURTAIN falls while the last bars of the music are being played.



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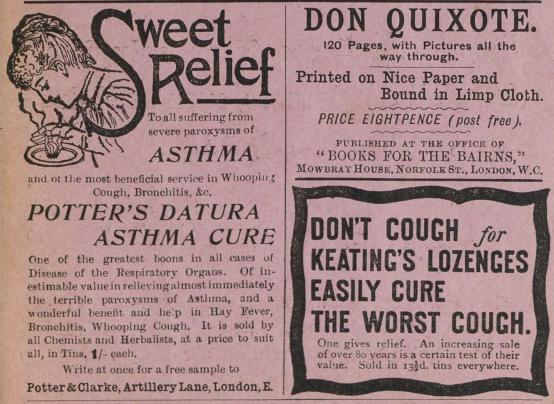
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