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AN old woman was sweeping her house one day when she found a crooked sixpence. "What," said she, "shall I do with this sixpence? I will go to market, and buy a little pig."



So she went to market and she bought a little pig. As she was coming home she came to a stile, but Piggy wouldn't go over the stile.



She went a little further, and she
met a Dog. So she said
to the Dog:

*“Dog! dog! bite pig;
piggy won’t go over the
stile; and I sha’n’t get
home to-night!”*

But the Dog would not.



She went a little further, and she
met a Stick. So she said:

*“Stick! stick! beat dog;
dog won't bite pig; piggy won't
get over the stile; and I sha'n't
get home to-night!”*

But the Stick would not.

She went a little further,
and she met a Fire.

So she said :

*“ Fire ! fire !
burn stick ; stick
won't beat dog ;
dog won't bite
pig ; piggy won't
get over the stile ;
and I sha'n't get
home to-night ! ”*



But the Fire would not.



She went a little further,
and she met some Water.

So she said :

*“ Water ! water ! quench
fire ; fire won't burn stick ;
stick won't beat dog ; dog
won't bite pig ; piggy won't
get over the stile ; and I sha'n't
get home to-night ! ”*

But the Water would not.



She went a little further,
and she met an Ox.

So she said :

*“ Ox! ox! drink
water; water won't
quench fire; fire won't
burn stick; stick won't beat
dog; dog won't bite pig;
piggy won't get over the stile; and
I sha'n't get home to-night!”*

But the Ox would not.



She went a little further, and she met a Butcher. So she said :

“ Butcher ! butcher ! kill ox ; ox won't drink water ; water won't quench fire ; fire won't burn stick ; stick won't beat dog ; dog won't bite pig ; piggy won't get over the stile ; and I sha'n't get home to-night ! ”

But the Butcher would not.

She went a little further, and
she met a Rope. So she
said :



*“ Rope ! rope ! hang
butcher ; butcher won't kill
ox ; ox won't drink water ;
water won't quench fire ;
fire won't burn stick ; stick
won't beat dog ; dog won't
bite pig ; piggy won't get
over the stile ; and I
sha'n't get home to-night ! ”*

But the Rope would not.

She went a little further, and she met
a Rat. So she said:



*“Rat! rat! gnaw rope; rope won't
hang butcher; butcher won't kill ox;
ox won't drink water; water won't
quench fire; fire won't burn stick; stick
won't beat dog; dog won't bite pig;
piggy won't get over the stile; and I
shd'n't get home to-night!”*

But the Rat would not.



She went a little further, and she met
a Cat. So she said:

*“Cat! cat! kill rat; rat won’t
gnaw rope; rope won’t hang
butcher; butcher won’t kill ox;
ox won’t drink water; water won’t
quench fire; fire won’t burn stick;
stick won’t beat dog; dog won’t
bite pig; piggy won’t get over the
stile; and I shan’t get home to-
night!”*

But the Cat said to her, “If you will go to yonder Cow, and fetch me
a saucer of milk, I will kill the Rat!” So away went the old woman to
the Cow.



But the Cow said to her, "If you will go to yonder haystack, and fetch me a handful of hay, I'll give you the milk." So away went the old woman to the haystack, and she brought the hay to the Cow.



As soon as the Cow
had eaten the hay
she gave the
old woman
the milk;
so away she
went with it in a
saucer to the Cat.



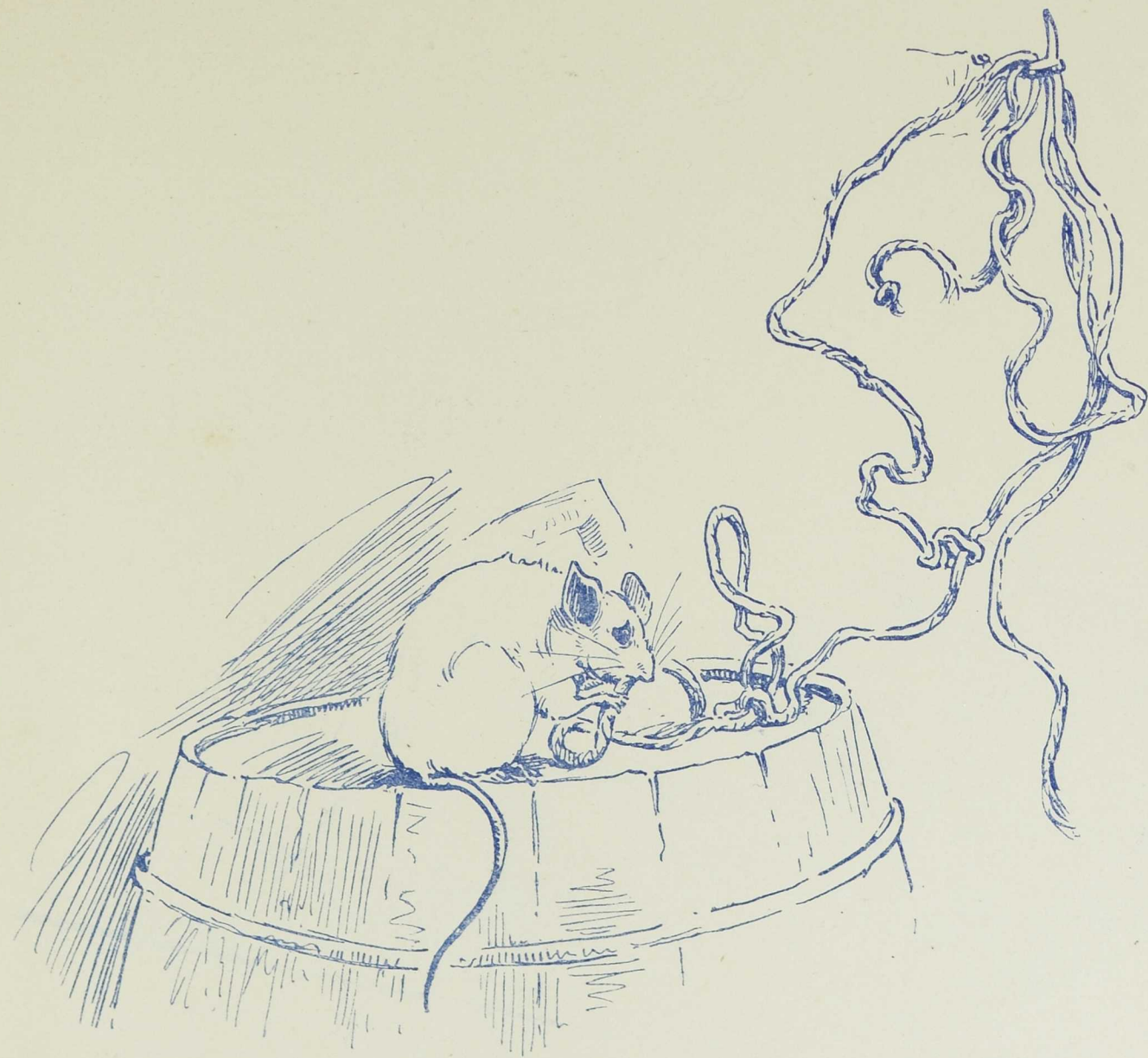
As soon as the

Cat had lap-

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The Cat began to
kill the Rat ;





The Rat began

to gnaw

the Rope;



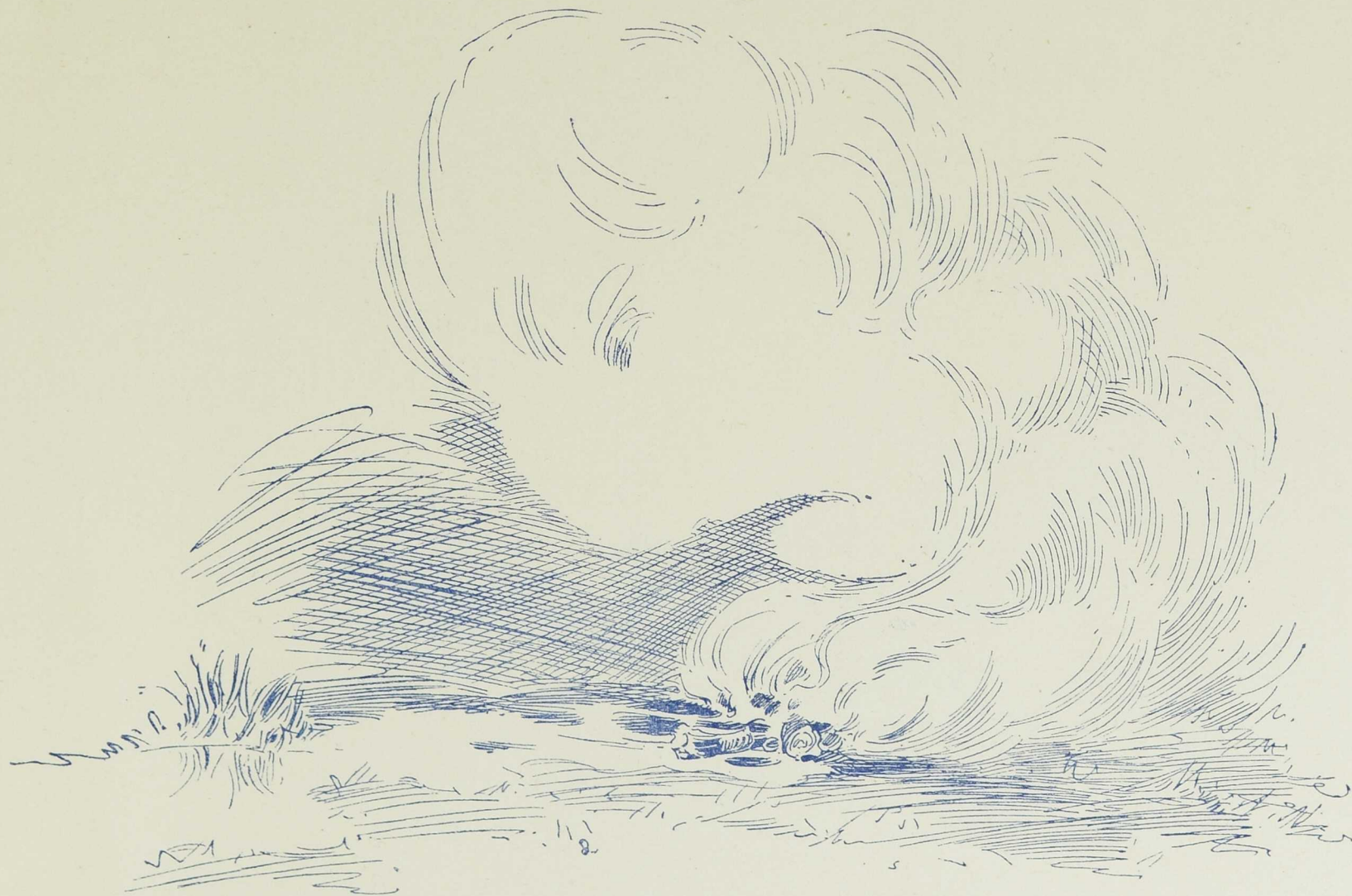
The Rope began
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the Butcher ;



The Butcher
began to
kill the Ox;



The Ox began
to drink the
Water ;



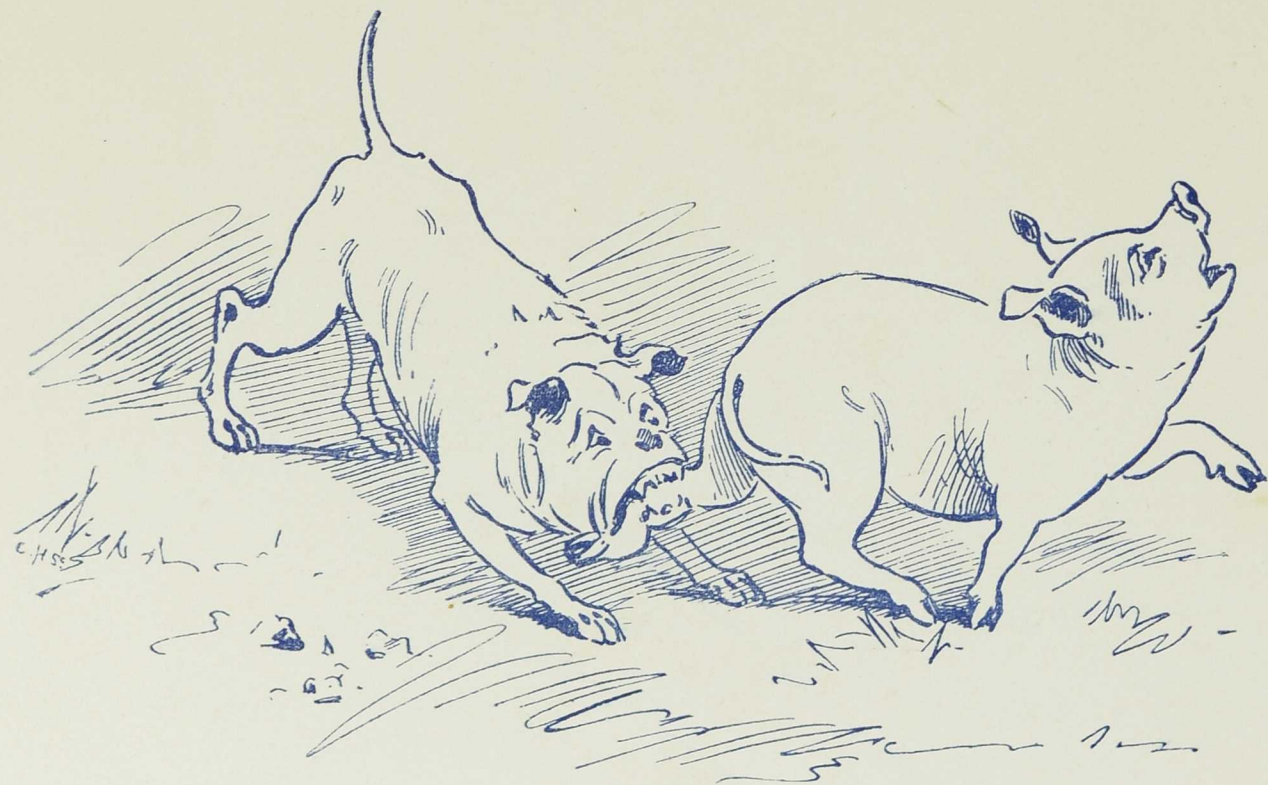
The Water
began to
quench the
Fire;



The Fire began to
burn the Stick ;



The Stick began to
beat the Dog ;



The Dog began
to bite
the Pig ;



The little
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jumped
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And so the old
woman got home
that night.

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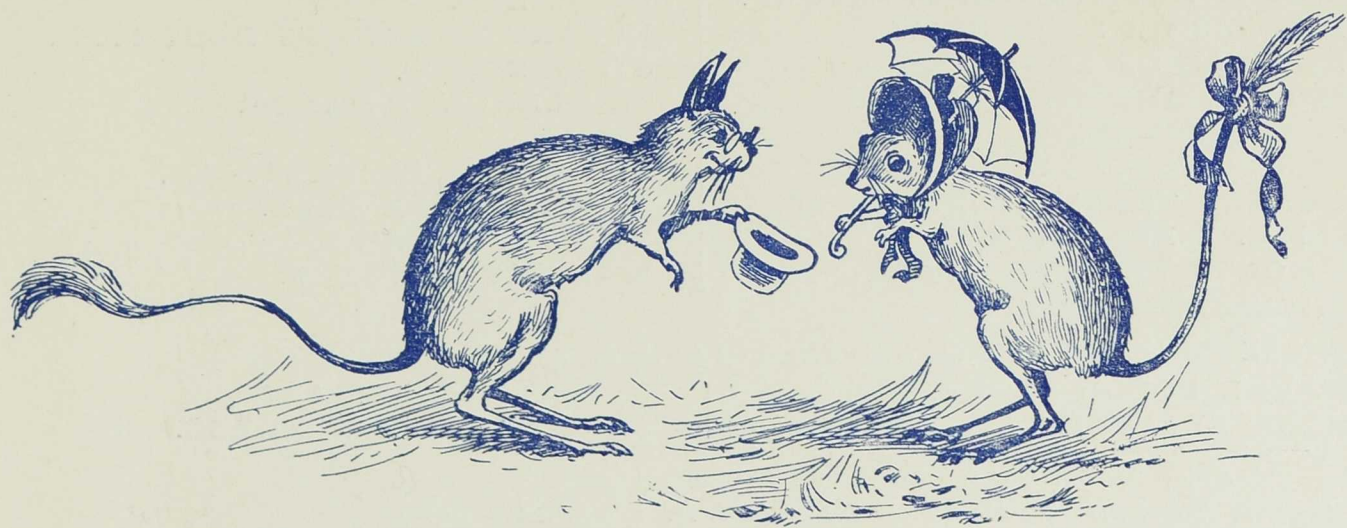
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