

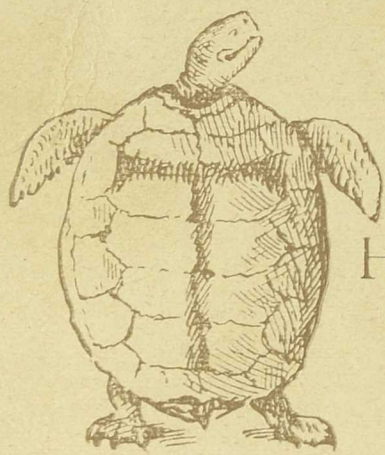
UNTEARABLE



THE ANIMALS
COMIC
A
B
C



The Animals' Comic ABC.



HE Animal School is just begun:
 How they scamper, how they run!
 Ready for lessons, everyone comes,
 Books and pencils, slates and sums!
 There they'll study all the day.
 What have they got to learn? you say.
 Well, I should think it ought to be
 The Animals' Comic ABC.



A
a

WAS an Ape,
whose desires
took this
shape:

Folks should think him
Artistic and clever,
But in spite of his books,
and his Airs and his looks,
He remained just the same Ape
as ever.

B
b

WAS a Bear
fond of sweets,
as you see,
But he quite forgot
Beating

Begins
with a B





C

'S a Canary,
who left
off his
Coat,
And Caught
such a Cold
that he
Can't sing
a note.

D WAS a Dromedary,
Devoted to Dress,

D

But
frequently Down
in the Dumps;
He often was
heard to
exclaim:
"It's absurd!
What can
be the use
of such
humps?"



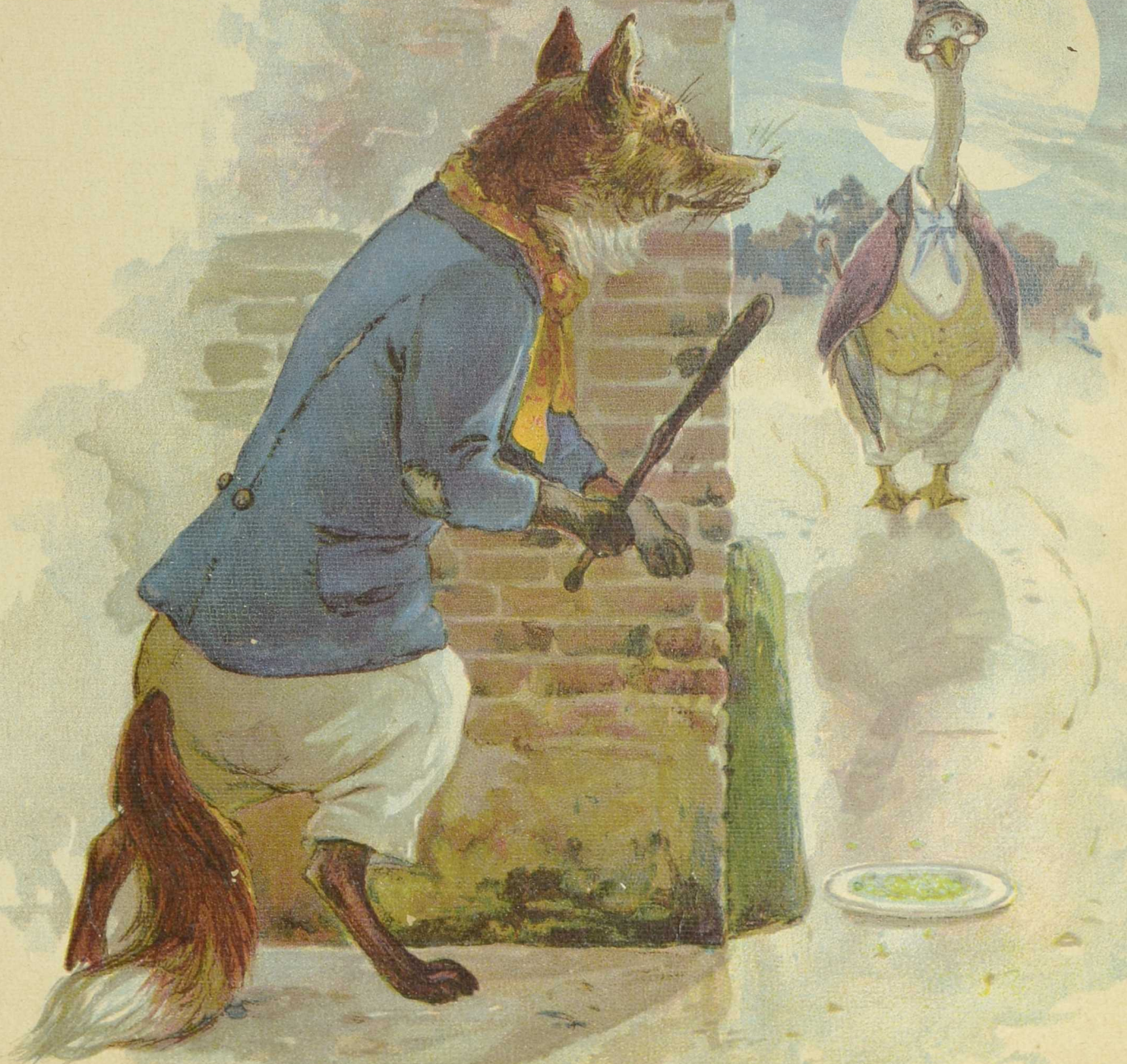
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WAS an
Elephant,
who once
went out
skating,
But the End
of his tale
is too sad
for relating.



F

f
WAS a Fox,
Goosey Gander
once met:
Goosey went
out to sup—
and has not
returned yet.



G

WAS a
Giraffe,
who never
could buy

A collar to fit him,
howe'er he might try;
But when he succeeded
he Gave a Great laugh,
And said:

"Now I'm truly
a well-dressed Giraffe!"



H

WAS a Hare,
who had
opened a shop,
And all of his
customers
knew it;

To have a nice Hair-cut
they often would stop—
It made him so Happy to do it.

I

WAS the
Insect, who
a little
while back.
Made the

J

AGUAR think
that the moon
had turned
black.



K

WAS the
Kangaroo,
wondrous at leaping,
He does it
all day—that's
except when
he's sleeping.



L WAS a Lion, who
thought of his Looks :
“I think I’m good-
looking, don’t you?
You don’t see
a Lion like me outside books—
Unless there is
one at the Zoo.”



M
m

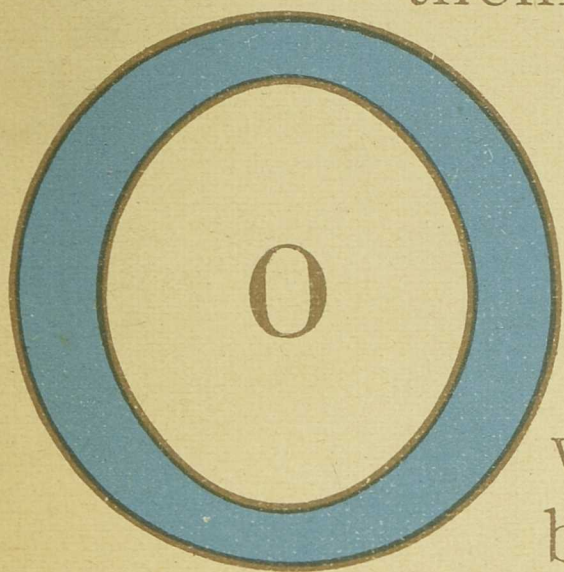


M WAS a Mouse,
who would not
have lived long
If his tail
and his
Mother
had not been
so strong.



N_n WAS a
Nightingale, with
such high
Notes,
Who sang every
evening so nicely.
“Oh, how is it done?”
they’d exclaim
everyone,

And she couldn’t tell
them precisely!



O WAS an Ox,
who sold milk
by the pail,
And made all the
milkmen look
troubled and wail:
“We never shall sell
any more of ours now,
For everyone likes his
milk fresh from the cow.”



P

WAS a Parrot, who
flew in a rage,



Because
they would
call
him
“Poor Polly,”

And shut him all day in a big gilded cage;

As he said to his friends:

“It’s not jolly!”



Q

IS for
Quagga,
that animal
Quaint,

And the Question you’ll
put yourself here,
With regard to his newly-
put-on coat—of paint,
And his old coat—which
looks the more Queer?

R WAS a Reindeer,
whose wife
used to say:
“I’m sure
I don’t want
to complain, dear,
But won’t you catch
cold if you go
out to-day?”
He Replied: “I’m so
fond of the Rain-dear.”

S WAS a
Sparrow,
who Started
a quarrel,



But the crow
got the worm
—and the
Sparrow
the moral.

T^t WAS a Tiger, who
lived on
the Niger,
And **U** was a
Unicorn
free;



U^u

“What’s the Use,” Tiger said, “of that horn on your head?
It looks like a gimlet to me!”

V^v WAS a
Vampire
so ugly,
A thing
that you
don’t often View;
If it frightens
the bats, and the
cats, and the rats,
I’m certain it
would me and you!



W

's the
Wolf, who for
highwayman
Went:
Near the Wood
with his
Weapon
he stood;
Said Piggy:

"In town all my money I've spent,
So I can't give it you—if I Would!"

X

AN
X-traordinary
animal looks,
The sort of
thing met
nowhere else
but in books.





Y^y WAS
a Yak,
who from
Yachting
came
back:

"You are right,
Yes," said he,
looking grave;
"I've been absent
for Years—and
I know it appears
That I'm want-
ing a hair-cut
and shave."

Z^Z WAS a Zebra,
who thought
he could
dance,
He delighted in
hearing the pipes;
So he went to a ball
at Menagerie Hall,
In a costume
consisting
of stripes!



Out from
School.



WHEN Elephants at leap-frog play,
The Alphabet will end with A;
When Kangaroos can do a sum,
The letter L at the first will come;
When Animals learn to sing and shout,
The Alphabet will be inside out;
But until that grand day shall be,
The ABC will be ABC.

