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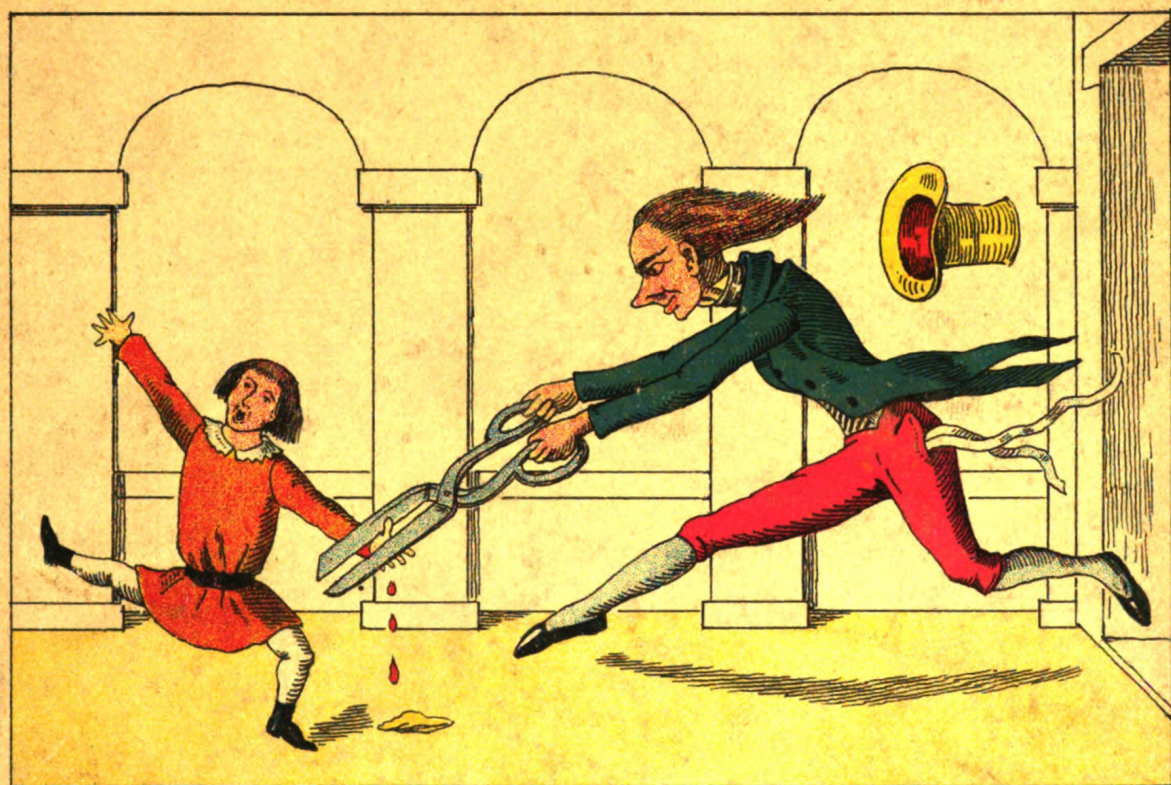
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# Struwwelpeter



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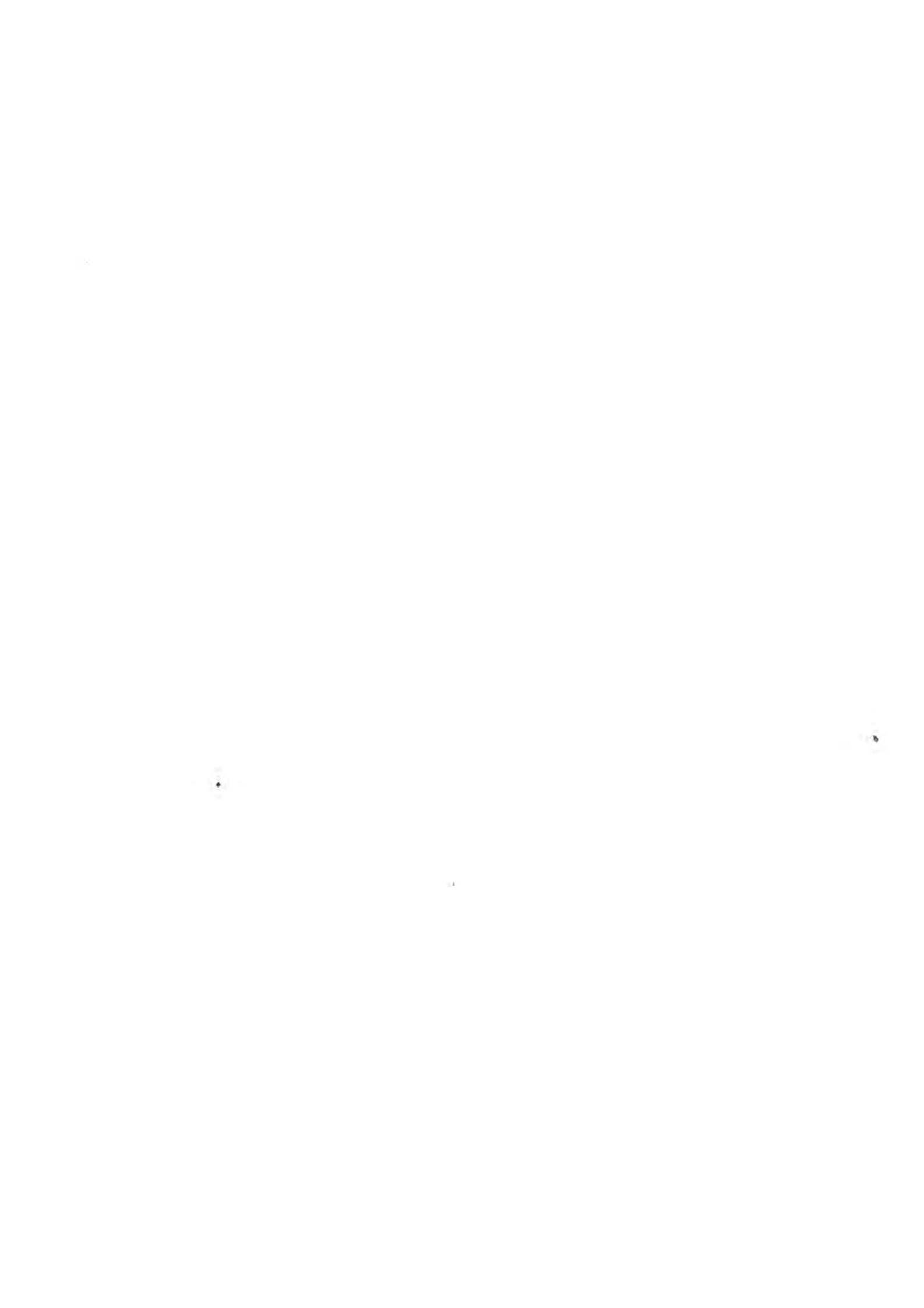
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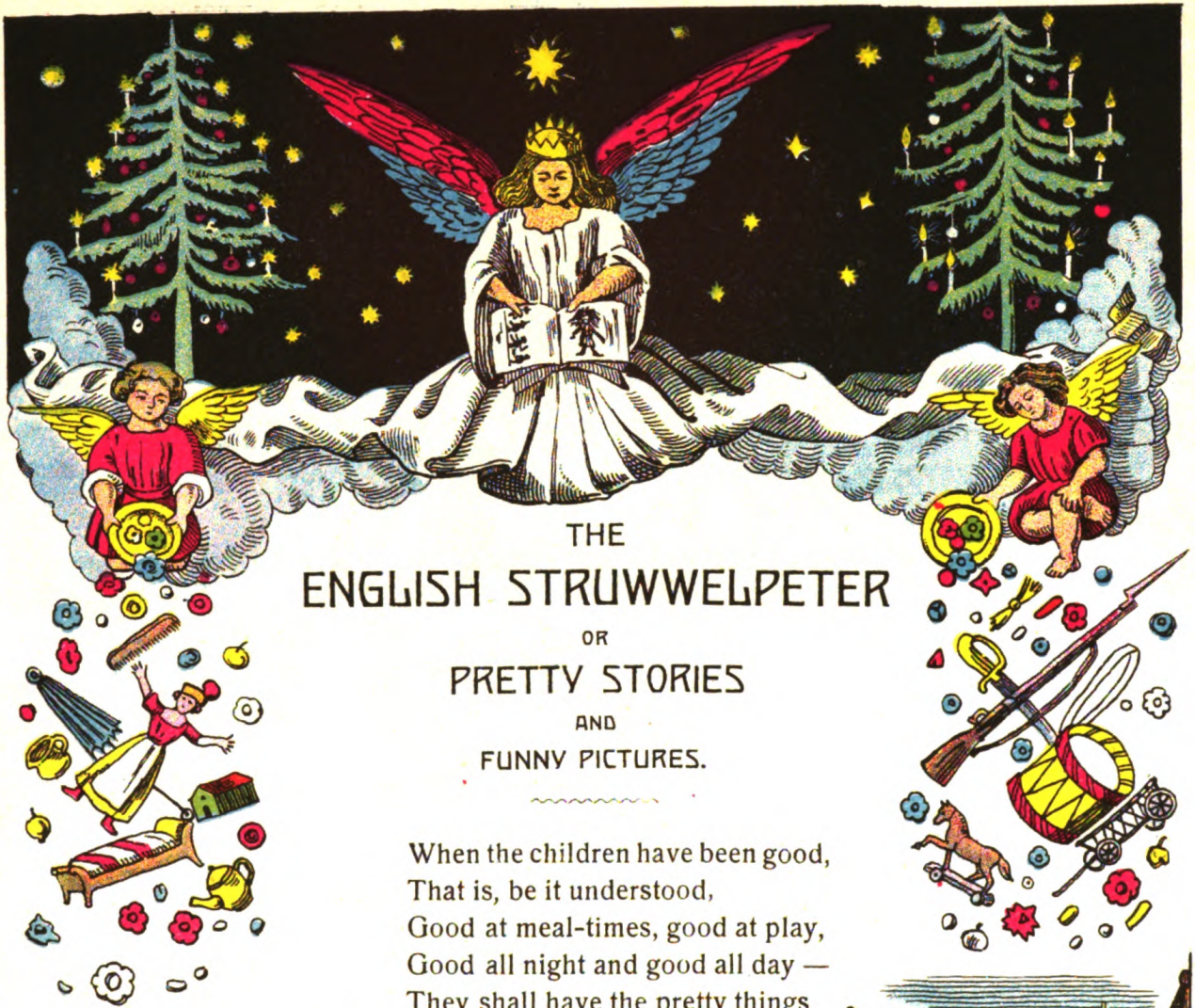
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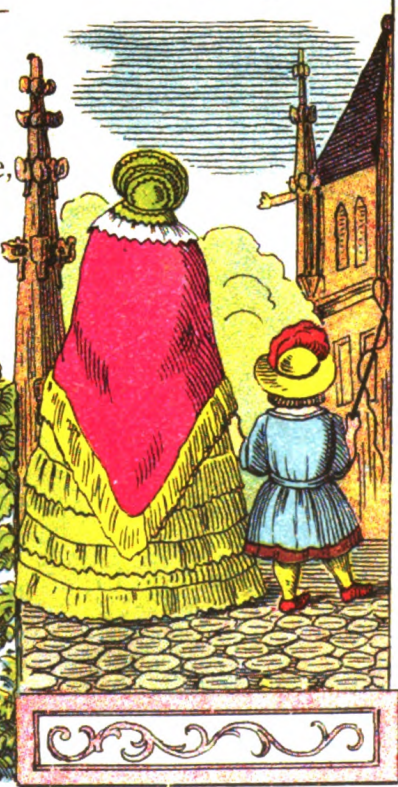
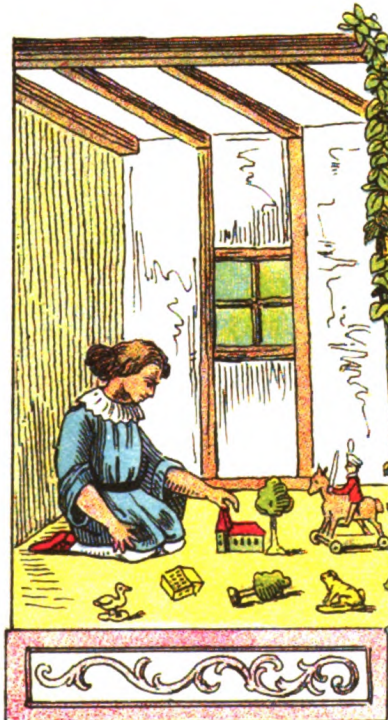






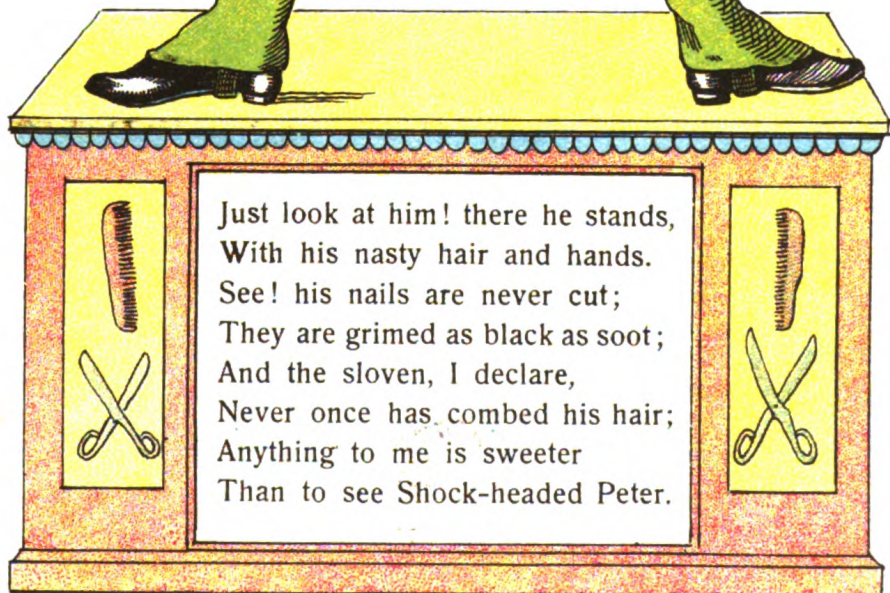
THE  
 ENGLISH STRUWWELPETER  
 OR  
 PRETTY STORIES  
 AND  
 FUNNY PICTURES.

When the children have been good,  
 That is, be it understood,  
 Good at meal-times, good at play,  
 Good all night and good all day —  
 They shall have the pretty things  
 Merry Christmas always brings.  
 Naughty, romping girls and boys  
 Tear their clothes and make a noise,  
 Spoil their pinafores and frocks,  
 And deserve no Christmas-box.  
 Such as these shall never look  
 At this pretty Picture-Book.





## SHOCK-HEADED PETER.

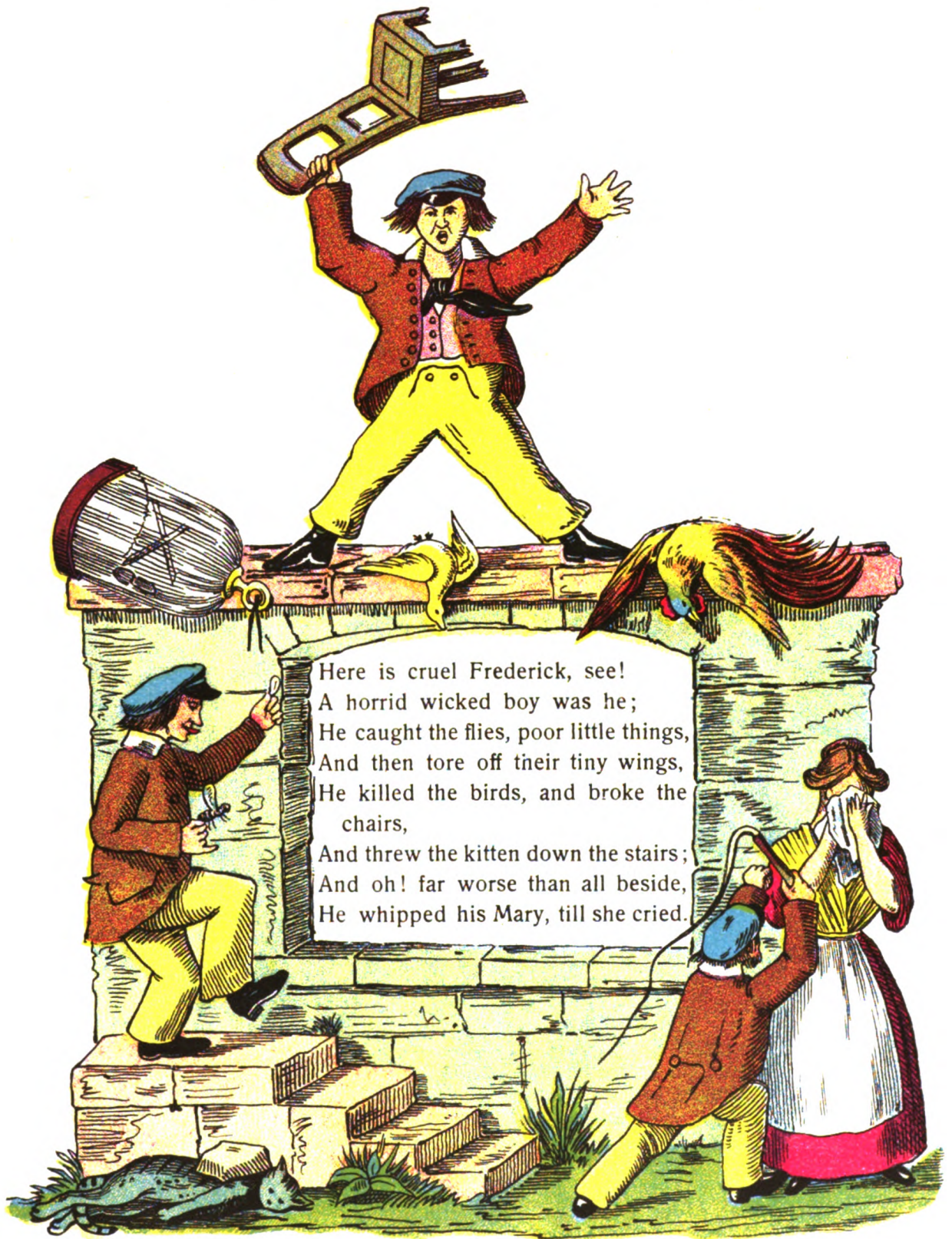


Just look at him! there he stands,  
With his nasty hair and hands.  
See! his nails are never cut;  
They are grimed as black as soot;  
And the sloven, I declare,  
Never once has combed his hair;  
Anything to me is sweeter  
Than to see Shock-headed Peter.



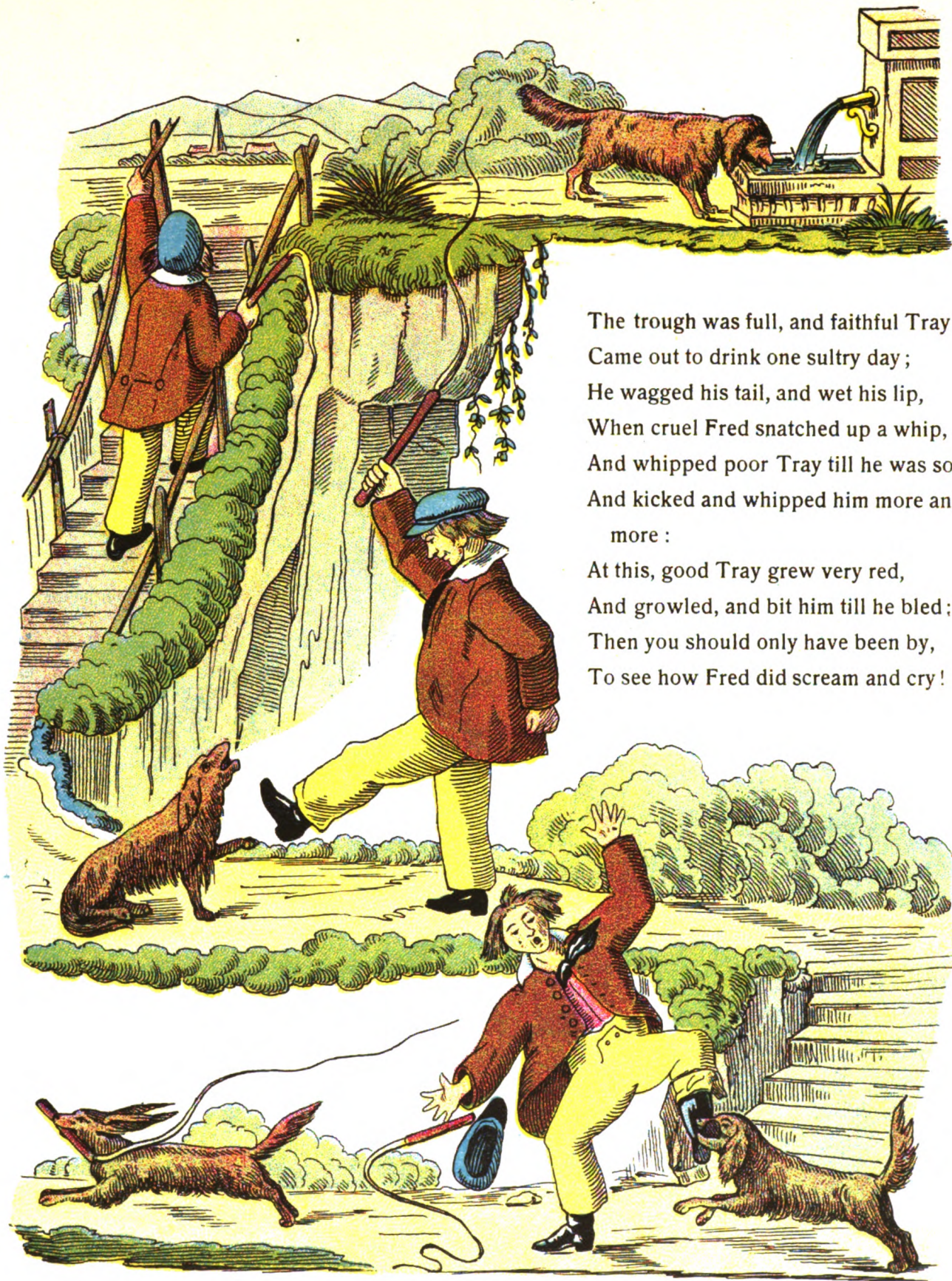


## STORY OF CRUEL FREDERICK.



Here is cruel Frederick, see!  
A horrid wicked boy was he;  
He caught the flies, poor little things,  
And then tore off their tiny wings,  
He killed the birds, and broke the  
chairs,  
And threw the kitten down the stairs;  
And oh! far worse than all beside,  
He whipped his Mary, till she cried.

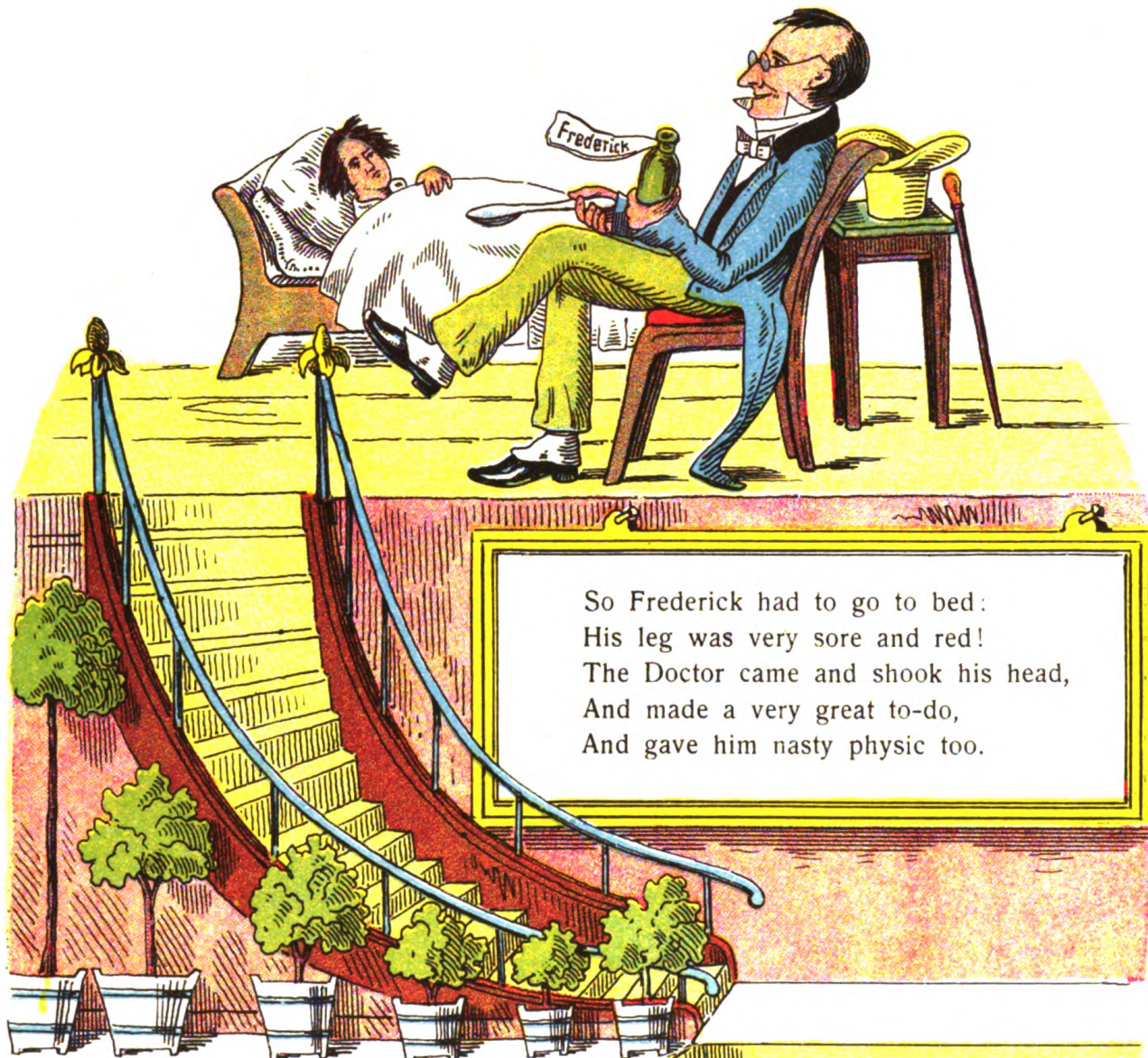




The trough was full, and faithful Tray  
Came out to drink one sultry day ;  
He wagged his tail, and wet his lip,  
When cruel Fred snatched up a whip,  
And whipped poor Tray till he was sore  
And kicked and whipped him more and  
more :

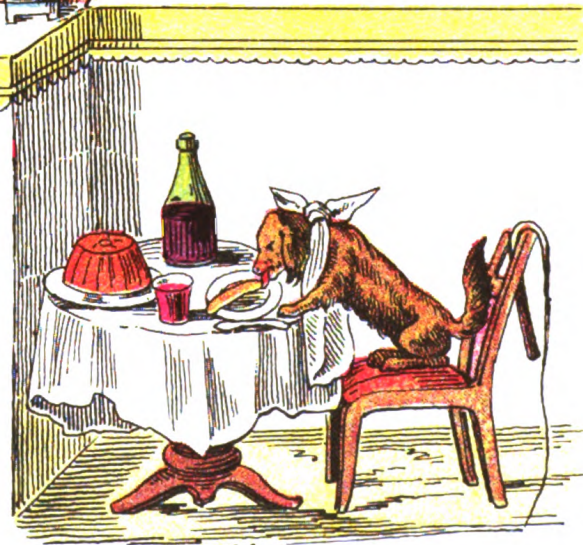
At this, good Tray grew very red,  
And growled, and bit him till he bled ;  
Then you should only have been by,  
To see how Fred did scream and cry !





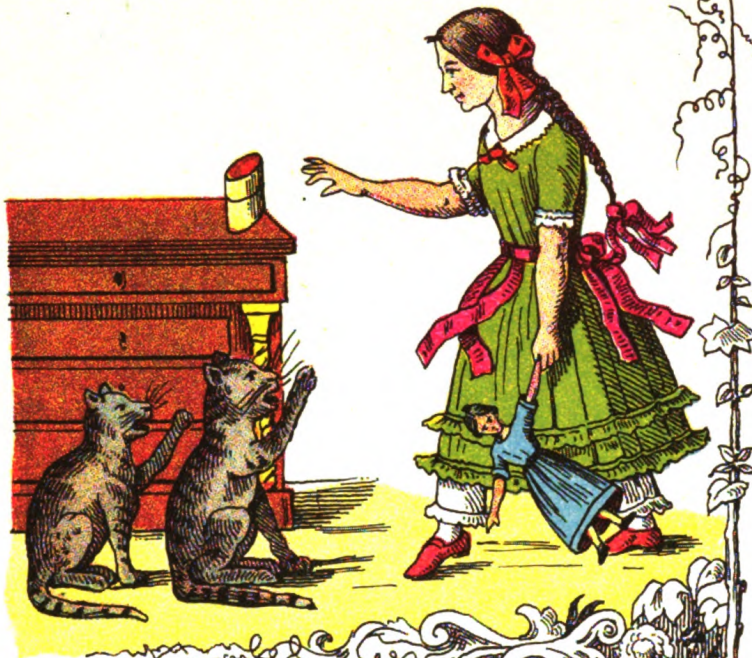
So Frederick had to go to bed :  
His leg was very sore and red!  
The Doctor came and shook his head,  
And made a very great to-do,  
And gave him nasty physic too.

But good dog Tray is happy now ;  
He has no time to say 'Bow-wow !'  
He seats himself in Frederick's chair  
And laughs to see the nice things there :  
The soup he swallows, sup by sup —  
And eats the pies and puddings up.



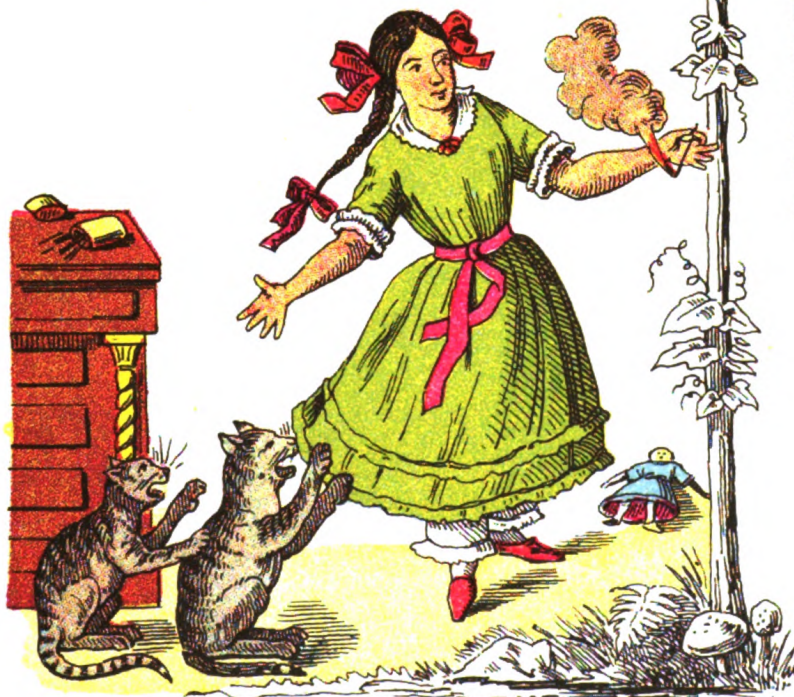


## DREADFUL STORY ABOUT HARRIET AND THE MATCH



It almost makes me cry to tell  
What foolish Harriet befell.  
Mamma and Nurse went out one day  
And left her all alone at play;  
Now, on the table close at hand,  
A box of matches chanced to stand;  
And kind Mamma and Nurse had told  
That, if she touched them, they would scold.  
But Harriet said 'O, what a pity!  
For, when they burn, it is so pretty;  
They crackle so, and spit, and flame:  
Mamma, too, often does the same.'

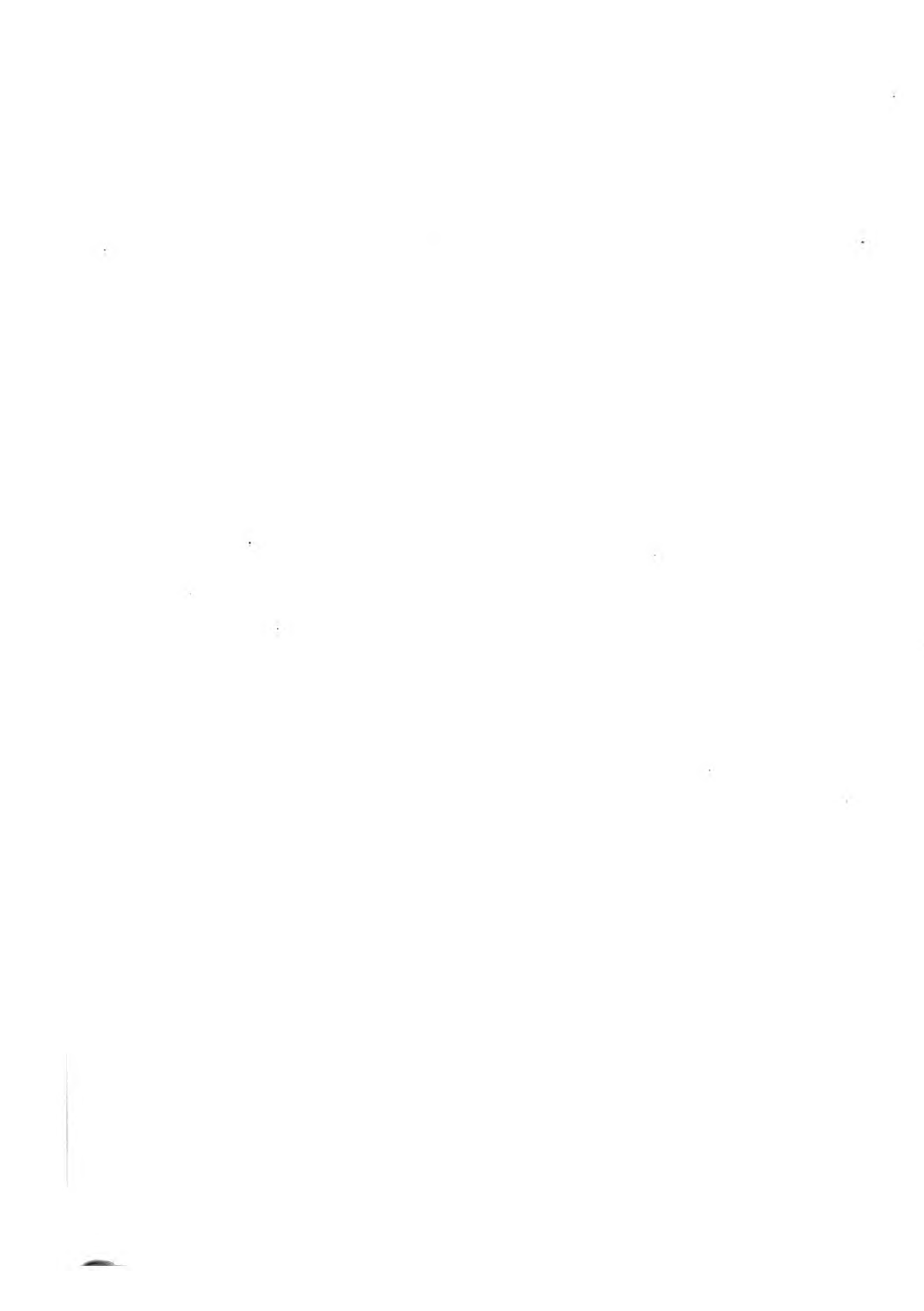
The pussy-cats heard this,  
And they began to hiss,  
And stretch their claws,  
And raise their paws;  
'Me-ow' they said, 'me-ow, me-ow,  
You'll burn to death, if you do so.'



But Harriet would not take advice:  
She lit a match, it was so nice!  
It crackled so, it burned so clear —  
Exactly like the picture here.  
She jumped for joy and ran about  
And was too pleased to put it out.

The pussy-cats saw this  
And said 'Oh, naughty, naughty!  
And stretched their claws,  
And raised their paws:  
'Tis very, very wrong, you know,  
Me-ow, me-o, me-ow, me-o,  
You will be burnt, if you do so.'







And see! oh, what a dreadful thing  
The fire has caught her apron-string  
Her apron burns, her arms, her hair  
She burns all over everywhere.

Then how the pussy-cats did  
What else, poor pussies, could  
They screamed for help, 'twas all  
So then they said 'We'll scream  
Make haste, make haste, me-o  
She'll burn to death, we told

So she was burnt, with all her clothes  
And arms, and hands, and eyes, and nose  
Till she had nothing more to lose  
Except her little scarlet shoes;  
And nothing else but these was found  
Among her ashes on the ground.

And when the good cats sat by  
The smoking ashes, how they  
'Me-ow, me-oo, me-ow, me-oo  
What will Mamma and Nursey  
Their tears ran down their cheeks  
They made a little pond at last



# STORY OF THE INKY BOYS.



As he had often done before,  
The woolly-headed Black-a-moor  
One nice fine summer's day went out  
To see the shops, and walk about;  
And, as he found it hot, poor fellow,  
He took with him his green umbrella,  
Then Edward, little noisy wag,  
Ran out and laughed, and waved his flag;  
And William came in jacket trim,  
And brought his wooden hoop with him,  
And Arthur, too, snatched up his toys  
And joined the other naughty boys.  
So, one and all set up a roar,  
And laughed and hooted more and more,  
And kept on singing, -- only think! --  
'Oh! Blacky, you're as black as ink'.



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Now tall Agrippa lived close by —  
So tall, he almost touched the sky;  
He had a mighty inkstand too,  
In which a great goose-feather grew;  
He called out in an angry tone  
'Boys, leave the Black-a-moor alone!  
For, if he tries with all his might,  
He cannot change from black to white'.  
But ah! they did not mind a bit  
What great Agrippa said of it;  
But went on laughing, as before,  
And hooting at the Black-a-moor.





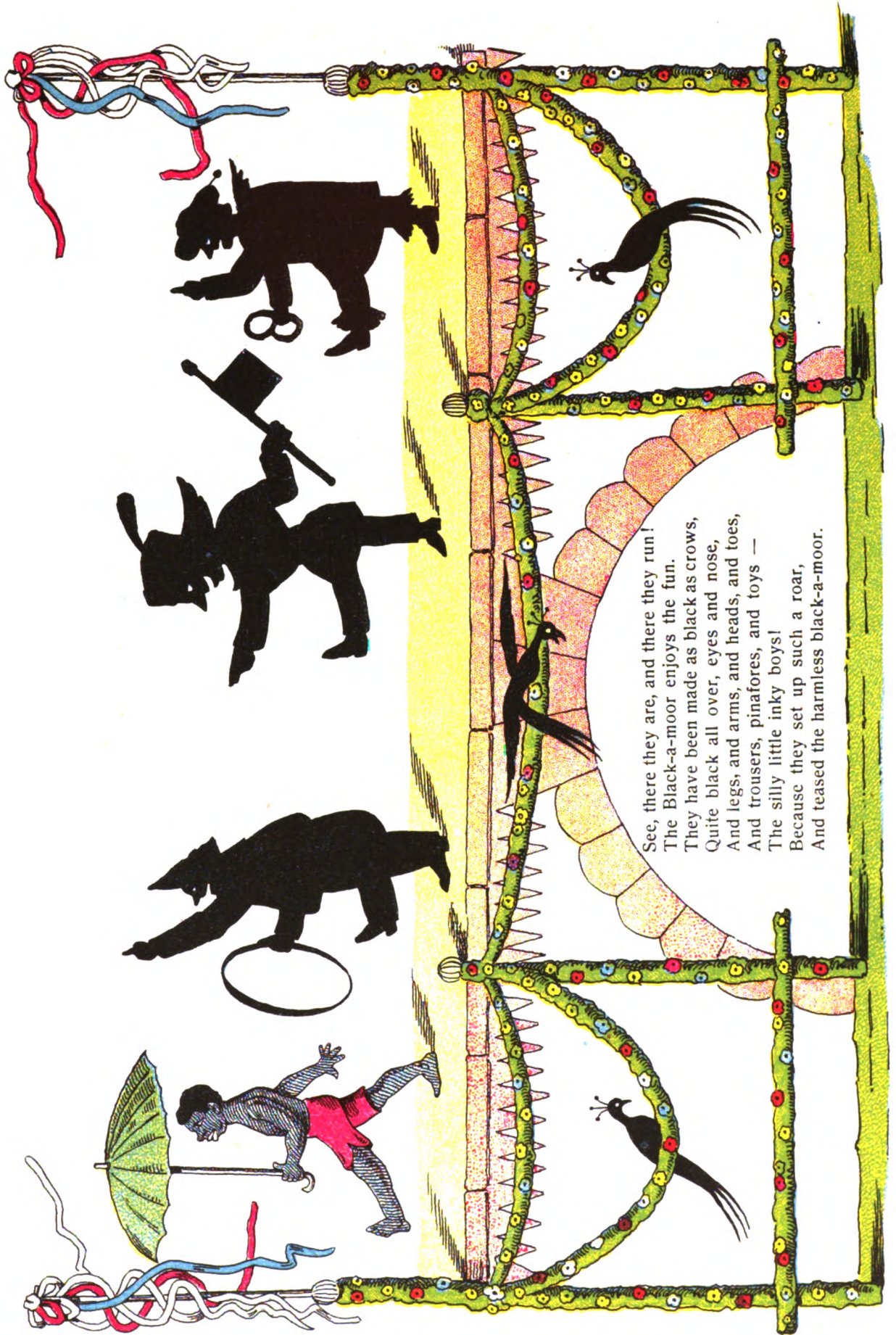
Then great Agrippa foams with rage —  
Look at him on this very page!  
He seizes Arthur, seizes Ned,  
Takes William by his little head;

And they may scream and kick and c  
Into the ink he dips them all;  
Into the inkstand; one, two, three,  
Till they are black, as black can be  
Turn over now, and you shall see.









See, there they are, and there they run!  
 The Black-a-moor enjoys the fun.  
 They have been made as black as crows,  
 Quite black all over, eyes and nose,  
 And legs, and arms, and heads, and toes,  
 And trowsers, pinafores, and toys —  
 The silly little inky boys!  
 Because they set up such a roar,  
 And teased the harmless black-a-moor.



# STORY OF THE MAN THAT WENT OUT SHOOTING.

This is the man that shoots the hares;  
This is the coat he always wears:  
With game-bag, powder-horn and gun  
He's going out to have some fun.

He finds it hard, without a pair  
Of spectacles, to shoot the hare.

The hare sits snug in leaves and grass,  
And laughs to see the green man pass.

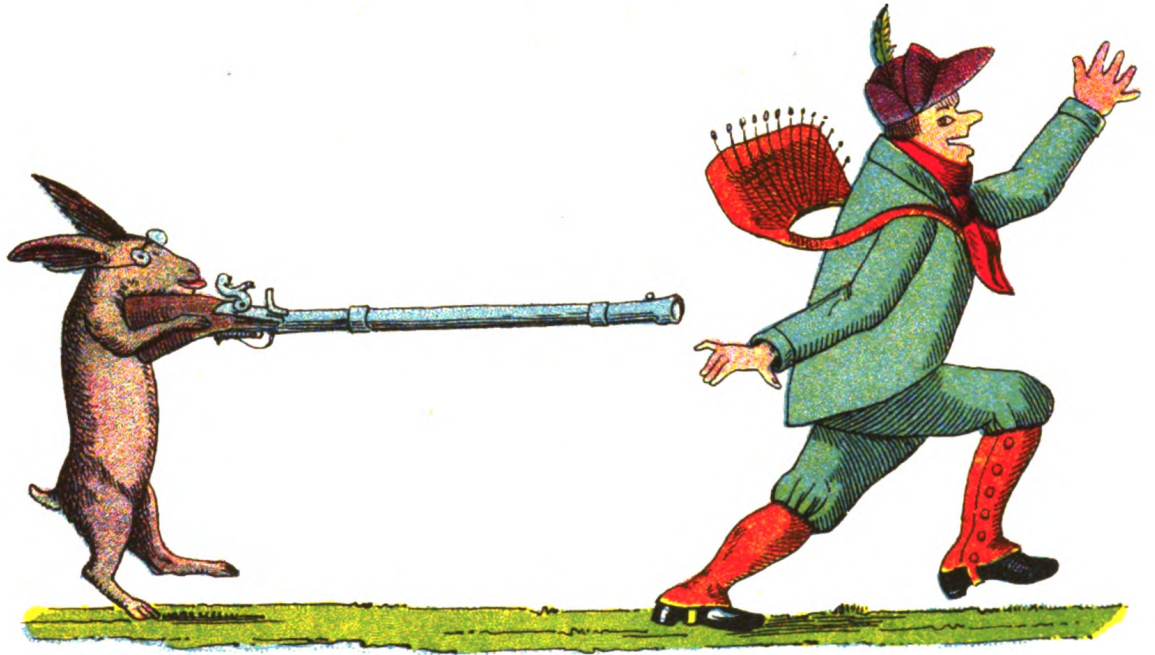


Now, as the sun grew very hot,  
And he a heavy gun had got,  
He lay down underneath a tree  
And went to sleep, as you may see.  
And, while he slept like any top,  
The little hare came, hop, hop, hop,  
Took gun and spectacles, and then  
On her hind legs went off again.



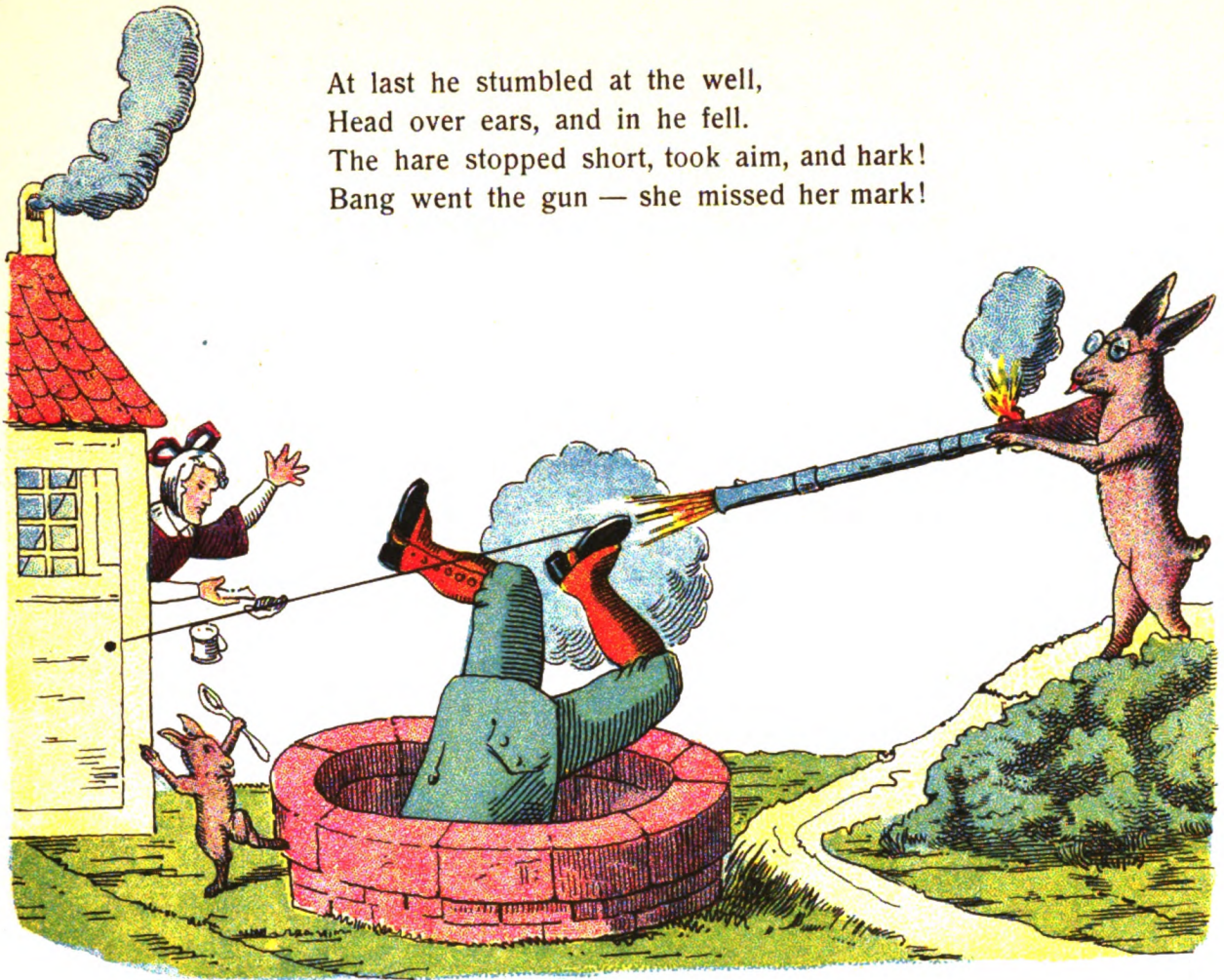


The green man wakes and sees her place  
The spectacles upon her face;  
And now she's trying all she can,  
To shoot the sleepy, green-coat man.  
He cries and screams and runs away;  
The hare runs after him all day  
And hears him call out everywhere:  
'Help! Fire! Help! The Hare! The Hare!'





At last he stumbled at the well,  
Head over ears, and in he fell.  
The hare stopped short, took aim, and hark!  
Bang went the gun — she missed her mark!



The poor man's wife was drinking up  
Her coffee in her coffee-cup;  
The gun shot cup and saucer through;  
'O dear!' cried she, 'what shall I do?'  
There lived close by the cottage there  
The hare's own child, the little hare;  
And while she stood upon her toes,  
The coffee fell and burned her nose.  
'O dear!' she cried, with spoon in hand,  
'Such fun I do not understand.'







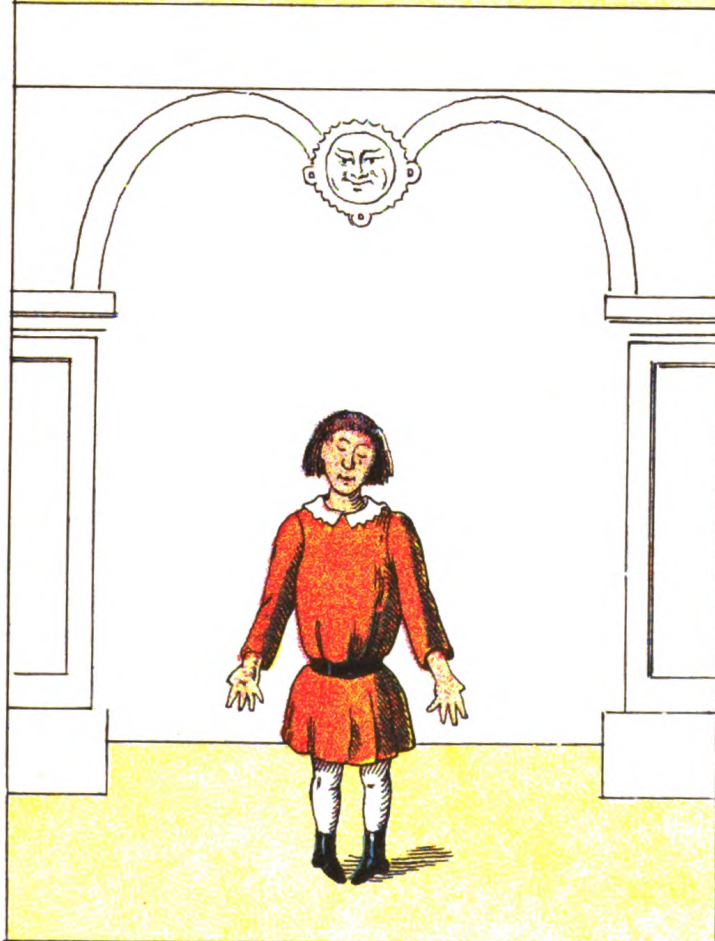
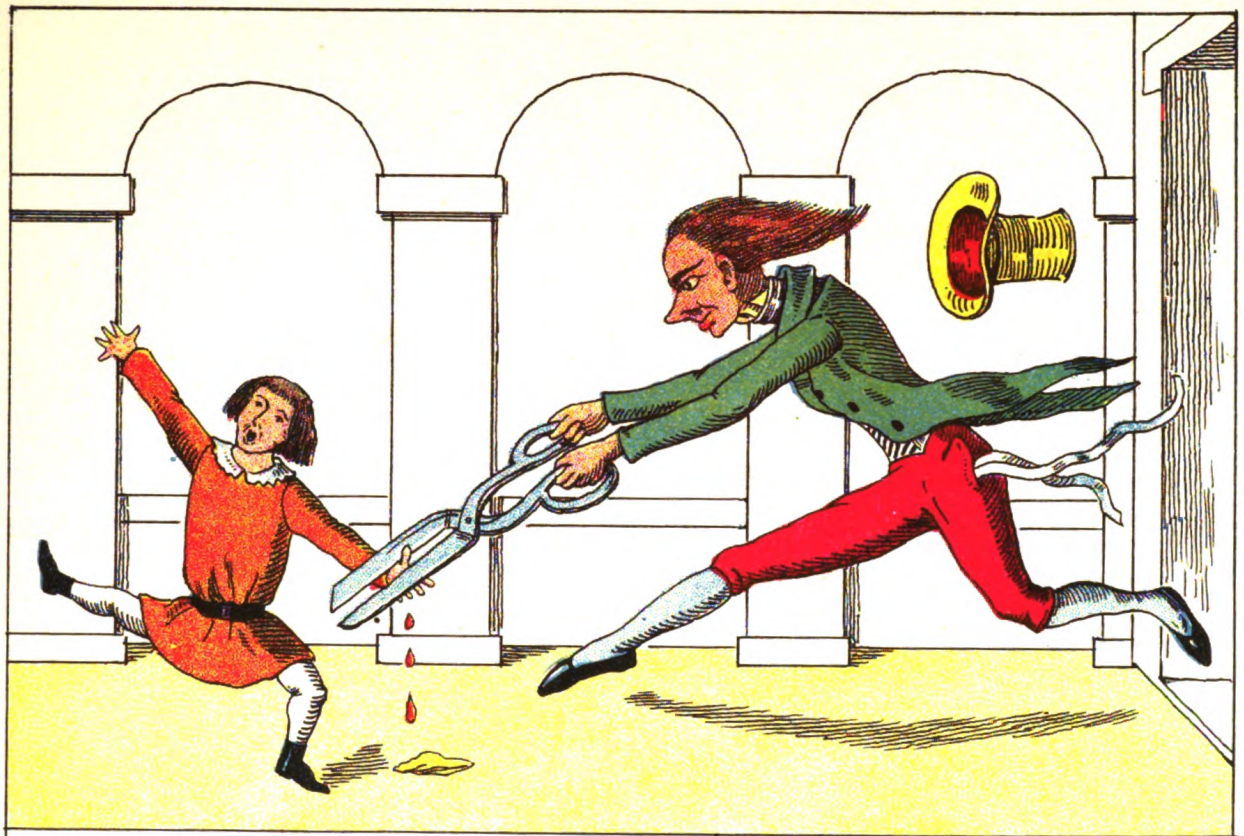
## STORY OF LITTLE SUCK-A-THUMB.

One day Mamma said 'Conrad dear, I must go out and leave you here. But mind now, Conrad, what I say, Don't suck your thumb while I'm away. The great tall tailor always comes To little boys who suck their thumbs. And ere they dream what he's about, He takes his great sharp scissors out, And cuts their thumbs clean off — and then You know, they never grow again.'



Mamma had scarcely turned her back  
The thumb was in, Alack! Alack!



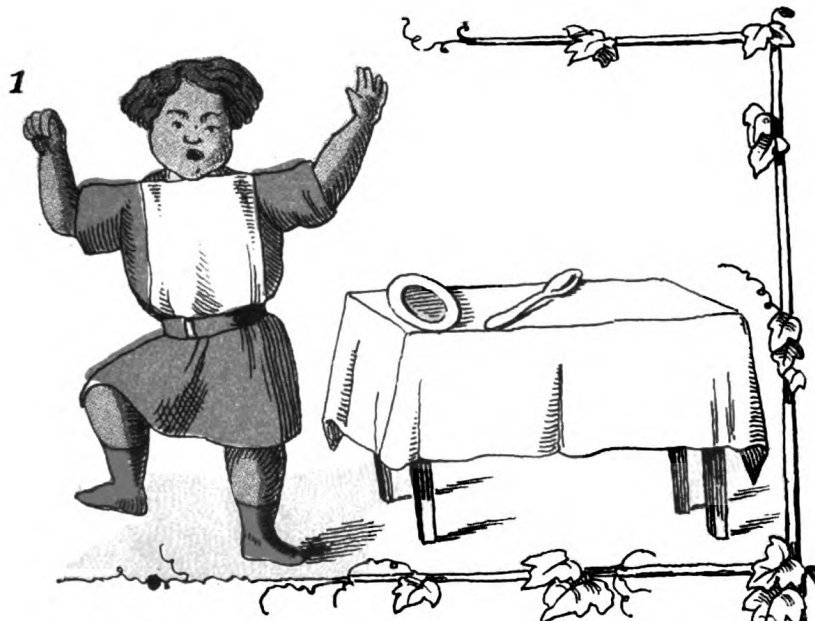


The door flew open, in he ran,  
The great, long, red-legged scissor-man,  
Oh! children, see! the tailor's come  
And caught out little Suck-a-Thumb.  
Snip! Snap! Snip! the scissors go;  
And Conrad cries out 'Oh! Oh! Oh!  
Snip! Snap! Snip! They go so fast,  
That both his thumbs are off at last.

Mamma comes home: there Conrad stands  
And looks quite sad, and shows his hands  
'Ah!' said Mamma 'I knew he'd come  
To naughty little Suck-a-Thumb.'



# STORY OF AUGUSTUS WHO WOULD NOT HAVE ANY SOUP



Augustus was a chubby lad;  
 Fat ruddy cheeks Augustus had  
 And everybody saw with joy  
 The plump and hearty, healthy  
 He ate and drank as he was told  
 And never let his soup get cold  
 But one day, one cold winter's  
 He screamed out 'Take the soup  
 O take the nasty soup away!  
 I won't have any soup to-day.'



Next day, now look, the picture  
 How lank and lean Augustus grew  
 Yet, though he feels so weak and  
 The naughty fellow cries out  
 'Not any soup for me, I say:  
 O take the nasty soup away!  
 I won't have any soup to-day.'



The third day comes: Oh what a  
 To make himself so pale and  
 Yet, when the soup is put on  
 He screams, as loud as he is  
 'Not any soup for me, I say:  
 O take the nasty soup away!  
 I WON'T have any soup to-day'

Look at him, now the fourth day's  
 He scarcely weighs a sugar-plum  
 He's like a little bit of thread,  
 And, on the fifth day, he was —



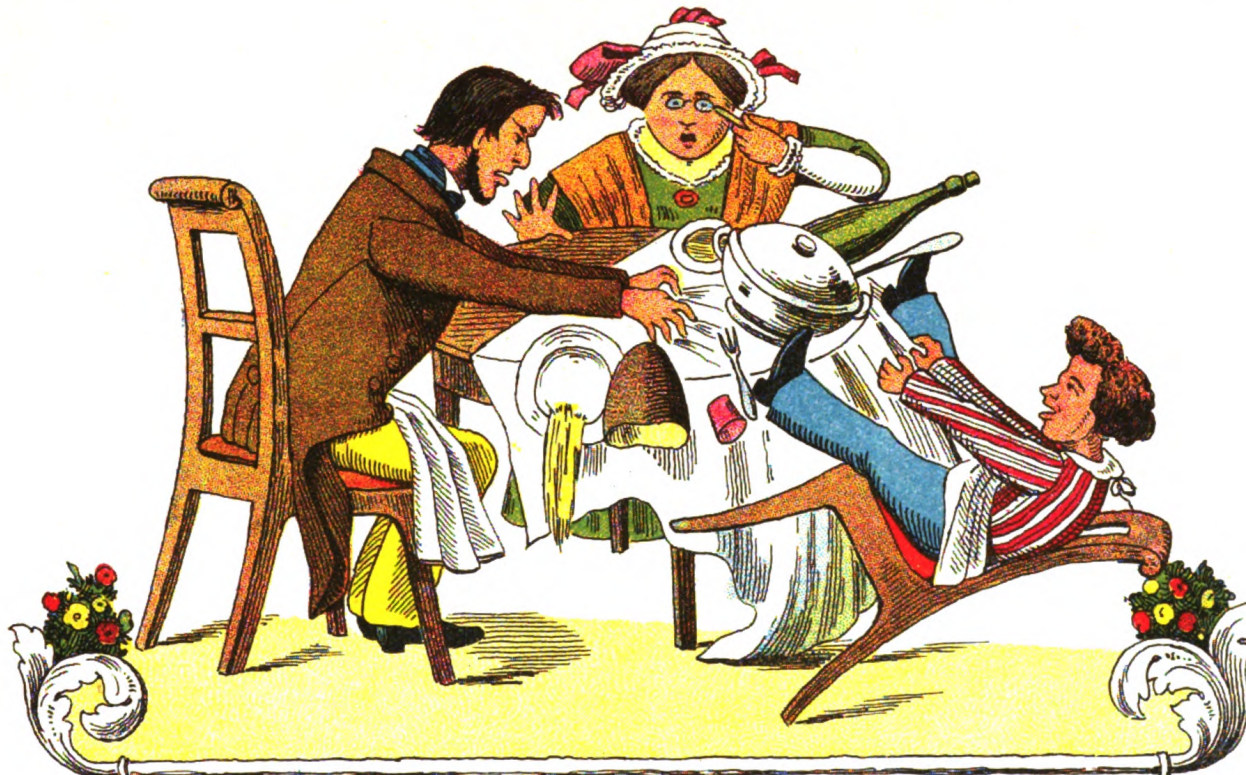
## STORY OF FIDGETY PHILIP.



'Let me see if Philip can  
Be a little gentleman;  
Let me see, if he is able  
To sit still for once at table':  
Thus Papa bade Phil behave;  
And Mamma looked very grave.  
But fidgety Phil,  
He won't sit still;  
He wiggles,  
And giggles,  
And then, I declare,  
Swings backwards and forwards,  
And tilts up his chair,  
Just like any rocking horse —  
'Philip! I am getting cross!'







See the naughty, restless child  
Growing still more rude and wild,  
Till his chair falls over quite.  
Philip screams with all his might,  
Catches at the cloth, but then  
That makes matters worse again.  
Down upon the ground they fall,  
Glasses, plates, knives, forks, and all.  
How Mamma did fret and frown,  
When she saw them tumbling down!  
And Papa made such a face!  
Philip is in sad disgrace.







Where is Philip, where is he?  
Fairly covered up you see!  
Cloth and all are lying on him;  
He has pulled down all upon him.  
What a terrible to-do!  
Dishes, glasses, snapt in two!  
Here a knife, and there a fork!  
Philip, this is cruel work.  
Table all so bare, and ah!  
Poor Papa, and poor Mamma  
Look quite cross, and wonder how  
They shall have their dinner now.

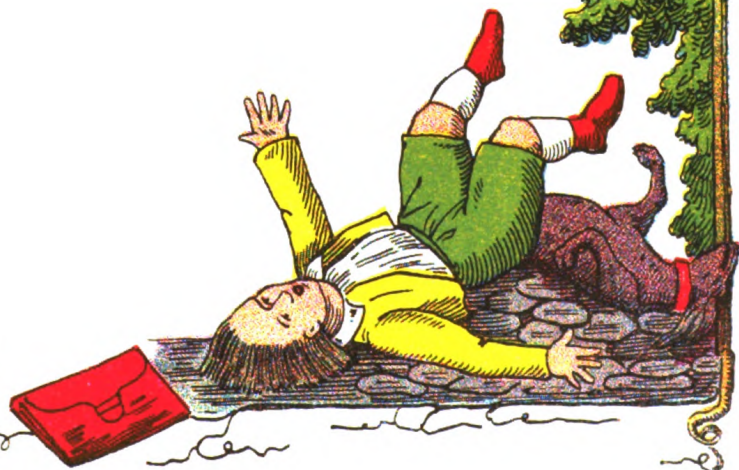


## STORY OF JOHNNY HEAD-IN-AIR.



As he trudged along to school,  
It was always Johnny's rule  
To be looking at the sky  
And the clouds that floated by;  
But what just before him lay,  
In his way,  
Johnny never thought about;  
So that every one cried out  
'Look at little Johnny there,  
Little Johnny Head-In-Air!'

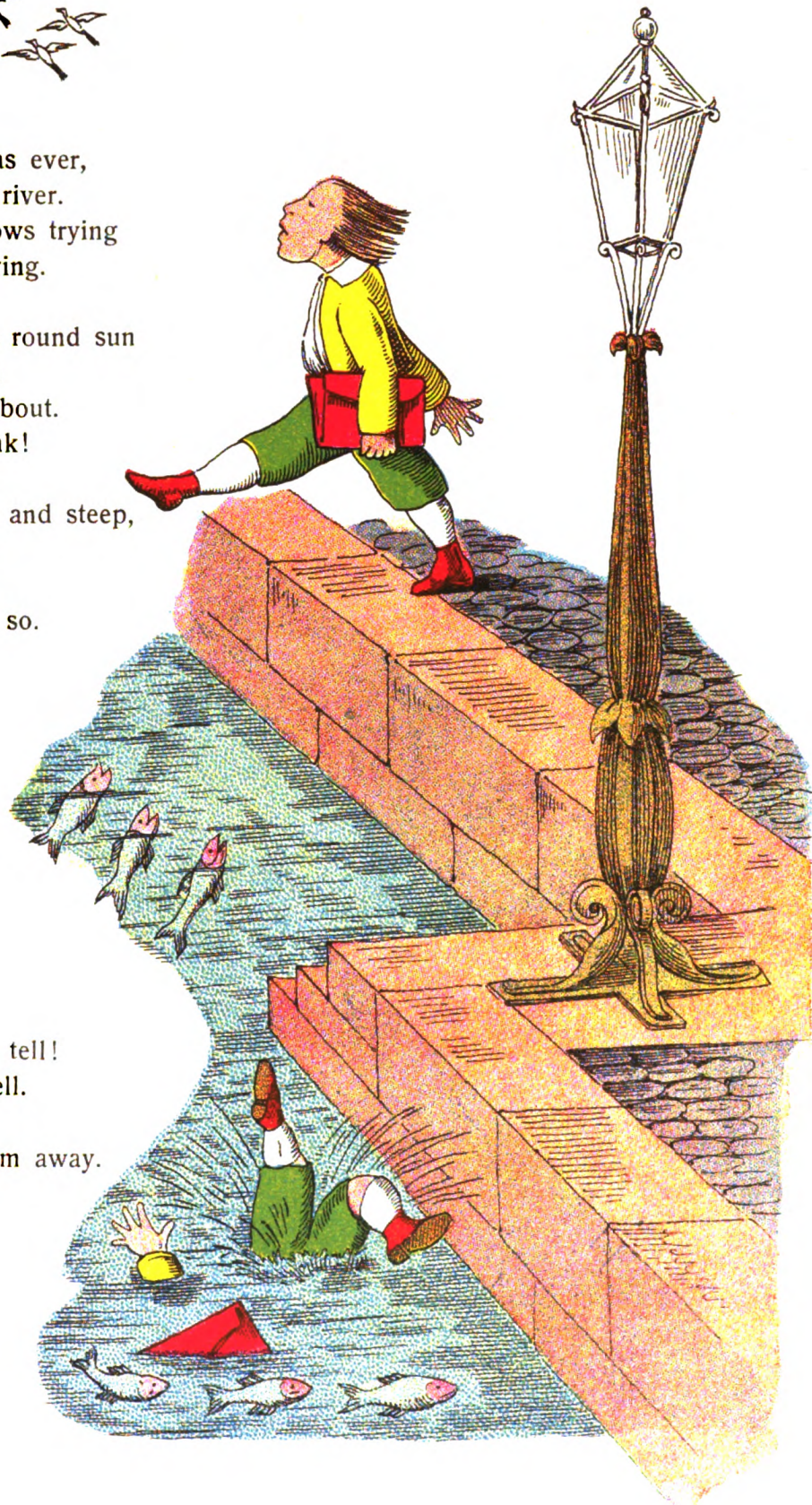
Running just in Johnny's way  
Came a little dog one day;  
Johnny's eyes were still astray  
Up on high,  
In the sky;  
And he never heard them cry  
'Johnny, mind, the dog is nigh!'  
Bump!  
Dump!  
Down they fell, with such a thump,  
Dog and Johnny in a lump!





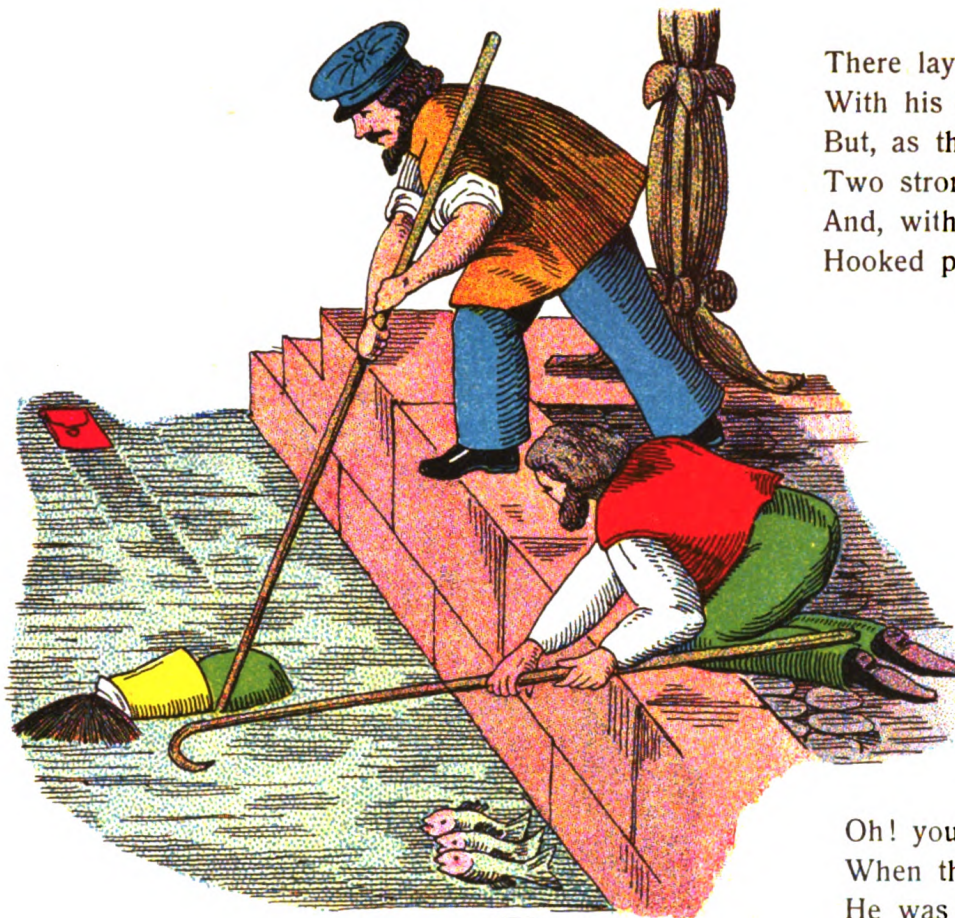
Once, with head as high as ever,  
Johnny walked beside the river.  
Johnny watched the swallows trying  
Which was cleverest at flying.  
Oh! what fun!  
Johnny watched the bright round sun  
Going in and coming out;  
This was all he thought about.  
So he strode on, only think!  
To the river's very brink,  
Where the bank was high and steep,  
And the water very deep;  
And the fishes, in a row,  
Stared to see him coming so.

One step more! oh! sad to tell!  
Headlong in poor Johnny fell.  
And the fishes, in dismay,  
Wagged their tails and swam away.



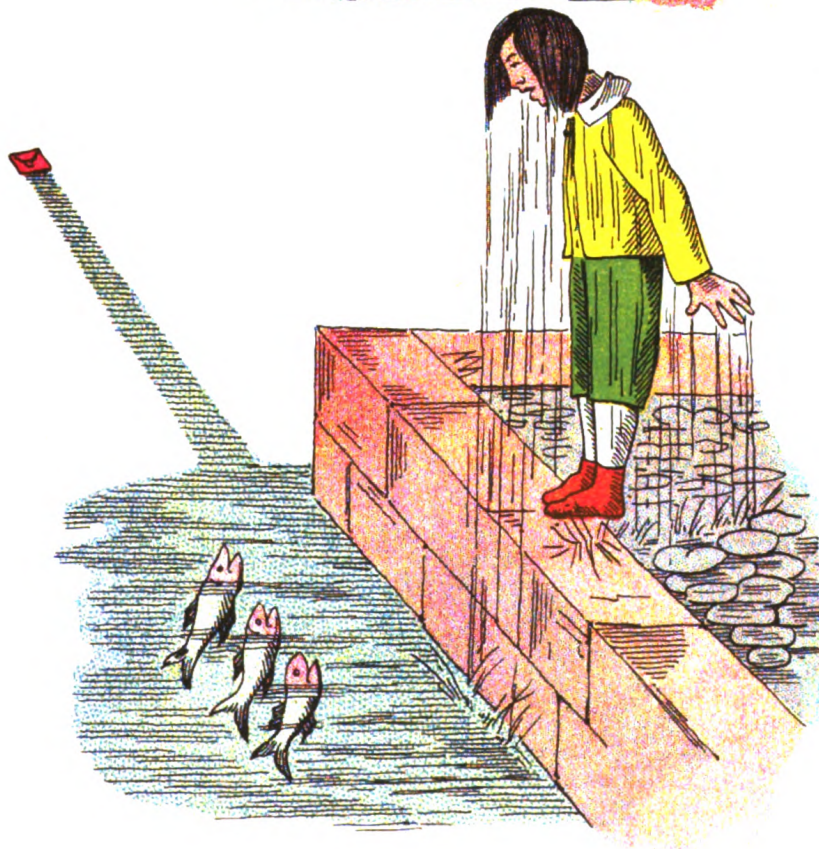






There lay Johnny on his face,  
 With his nice red writing-case;  
 But, as they were passing by,  
 Two strong men had heard him cry  
 And, with sticks, these two strong men  
 Hooked poor Johnny out again.

Oh! you should have seen him shiver  
 When they pulled him from the river  
 He was in a sorry plight!  
 Dripping wet, and such a fright!  
 Wet all over, everywhere,  
 Clothes, and arms, and face, and hair  
 Johnny never will forget  
 What it is to be so wet.



And the fishes, one, two, three,  
 Are come back again, you see;  
 Up they came the moment after,  
 To enjoy the fun and laughter.  
 Each popped out his little head,  
 And, to tease poor Johnny, said  
 'Silly little Johnny, look,  
 You have lost your writing-book!'

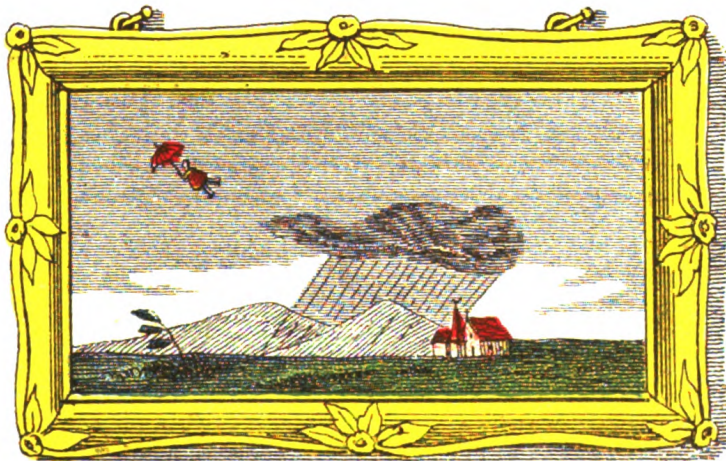


## STORY OF FLYING ROBERT.



When the rain comes tumbling down  
In the country or the town,  
All good little girls and boys  
Stay at home and mind their toys.  
Robert thought 'No, when it pours,  
It is better out of doors.'  
Rain it *did*, and in a minute  
Bob was in it.  
Here you see him, silly fellow,  
Underneath his red umbrella.

What a wind! oh! how it whistles.  
Through the trees and flowers and thistles!  
It has caught his red umbrella:  
Now look at him, silly fellow —  
Up he flies  
To the skies.  
No one heard his screams and cries;  
Through the clouds the rude wind bore him,  
And his hat flew on before him.



Soon they got to such a height,  
They were nearly out of sight.  
And the hat went up so high,  
That it nearly touched the sky.  
No one ever yet could tell  
Where they stopped, or where they fell  
Only this one thing is plain,  
Bob was never seen again!



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