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## PREFACE

IN his last letter to me Caldecott wrote: 'I have been making several attempts at the Giant, and have been cogitating over the Illustrations to "Jack" generally. During the winter I shall be able to show you some of my ideas.'

The following unfinished Sketches are the 'ideas,' which, with Mrs. Caldecott's kind permission, have been reproduced.

H. T.



TO MY FATHER,  
IN RECOGNITION OF WHAT THIS BOOKLET OWES TO HIM,  
AND TO MY NEPHEWS,  
'GOLDEN-HAIR'D' ALLY, CHARLIE, AND MICHAEL,  
WHO HAVE SO FAR CONDESCENDED  
AS TO HONOUR IT WITH THEIR APPROBATION.



## JACK AND THE BEAN-STALK

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in a beehive,  
Hardly a handstir a day did he work. To squander her  
earnings  
Seem'd to the poor widow hard, who raved and scolded  
him always.  
Nought in her house was left ; not a cheese, not a loaf,  
not an onion ;  
Nought but a cow in her yard, and that must go to the  
market.  
" Sell me the cow," cried she ; then he sold it, gad ! for a  
handful——  
Only to think !——of beans. She shied them out thro'  
the window,  
Cursing him : hied to her bed, there slept, but awoke in  
amazement,

## JACK AND THE BEAN-STALK

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Seeing a huge bean-stalk, many leaves, many pods, many  
flowers,

Rise to the clouds more tall than a tall California pine-  
tree ;

High as a lark was Jack, scarce seen, and climbing away  
there.

“Where an’ O where,”\* he shrill’d ; she beheld his boots  
disappearing ;

Pod by pod Jack arose, till he came to a pod that alarm’d  
him.

Bridge-like this long pod stretch’d out, and touch’d on an  
island

Veil’d in vapour. A shape from the island waved him a  
signal,

Waved with a shining hand, and Jack with an humble  
obeisance

Crawl’d to the shape, who remark’d, “I gave those beans  
to ye, darling.

I am a fairy, a friend to ye, Jack ; see yonder a Giant  
Lives, who slew your own good father, see what a fortress !  
Enter it, have no fear, since I, your fairy, protect you.”

Jack march’d up to the gate, in a moment pass’d to the  
kitchen

\* “Where an’ O where is my Highland laddie gone ?”

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ment:

"Oh! what a cramp'd-up, small, unscsquipedian object!"  
Then from afar came steps, heavy tramps, as a pavior  
hamm'ring;

Out of her huge moon-cheeks the redundant peony faded,  
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Popt him aghast in among her saucepans' grimy recesses.  
Then strode in, with a loud heavy-booted thunder of heel-  
taps,

He with a tiger at heel—her Giant, swarthy, colossal:

"I smell flesh of a man; yea, wife, tho' he prove but a  
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'Tis but a young elephant, my sweetest lord, not a biped."

Down he crook'd his monstrous knees, and rested his hip-  
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Dropt him an egg, pure gold, a refulgent, luminous  
oval,—

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Gorged his enormous meal, fell prone, and lost recollection.  
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upheavals :

Then to the chamber above both dame and tiger ascended.  
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behold me,”

Airily Jack stole forth, and seized the plump, money-  
laying,

Pricess, mystical hen ; ran forth, sped away to the bean-  
stalk,

Heard from afar, then near, heavy tramps, as a pavior  
hamm'ring,

Sprang down pod by pod, with a bounding, grasshopper  
action,

Left the Colossus aghast at an edge of his own little  
island,

Lighted on earth, whom she, that bare him, fondly  
saluting,

Dropt a maternal tear, and dried that tear with her  
apron,



## JACK AND THE BEAN-STALK

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Seeing him home and safe ; and after it, all was a hey-day,  
Lots of loaves, and tons of cheeses, a barnful of onions ;  
Cows and calves, and creams, and gold eggs piled to the  
ceilings :

Horses, goats, and geese, and pigs, and pugs by the  
hundred.

Ah ! but he found in a while his life of laziness irk-  
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"Climb me," the bean-stalk said with a whisper. Jack,  
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Swarm'd to the wonderful isle once more, and high  
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Led by the fairy return'd to the fortress, pass'd to the  
kitchen,

Unseen, hied him again to the saucepans' grimy recesses,  
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Toasted a constrictor, which roll'd in vast revolutions.

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Wrought, were alive). Then he shouted aloud, "Wife,  
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Gorged his elongate meal ; the snake in warm revolutions,  
Making his huge bulk swell, disappear'd like Man's  
macaroni :

After, he yaw'n'd and snored, fell prone, and lost recol-  
lection.

So Jack seized the melodious harp, and bolted. A  
murmur

"Master, master, a rascal, a rascal !" rang thro' the harp-  
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Quickly the monster awoke, and wielding a cudgel,—  
an oak tree,—

Chased little Jack with a shout of mighty, maniacal  
anger ;

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“Haste mother, haste mother, oh! mother, haste, and  
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"JACK."

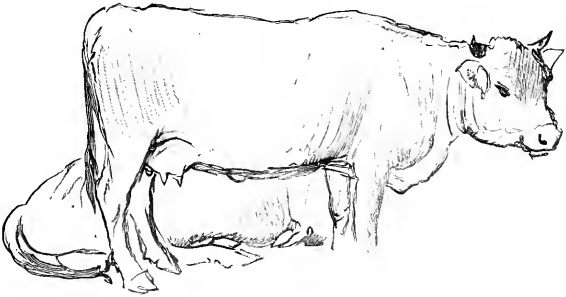
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Only to think !——of beans.







She shied them out thro' the window,  
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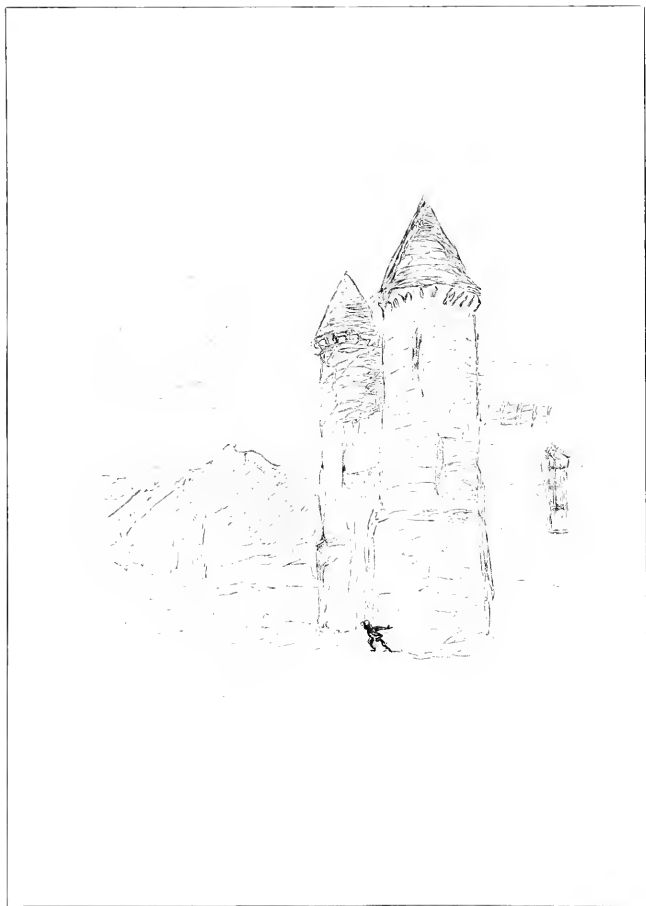
“ I AM A FAIRY.”

A shape from the island waved him a signal,  
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“HER GIANT.”

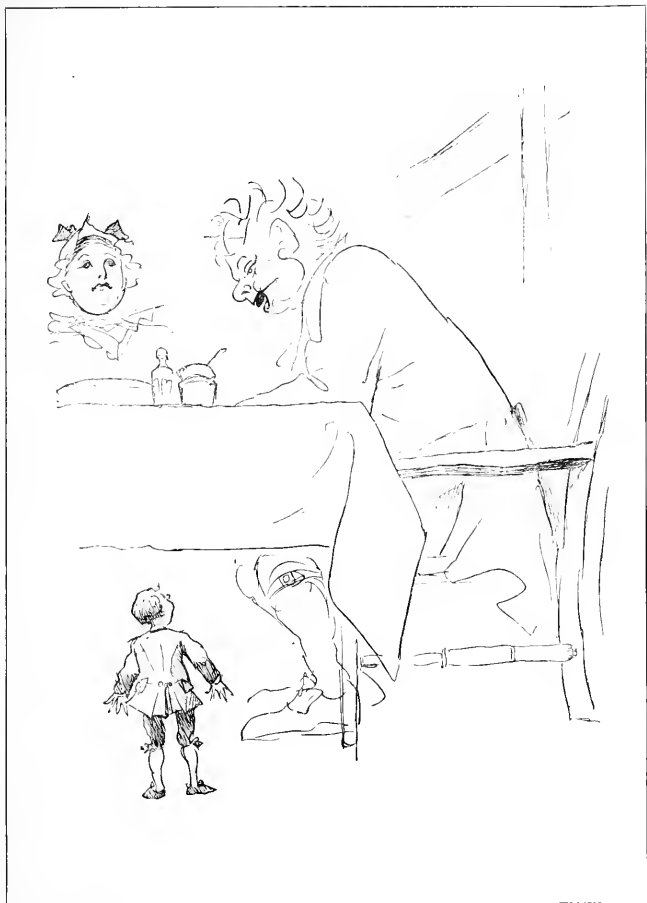


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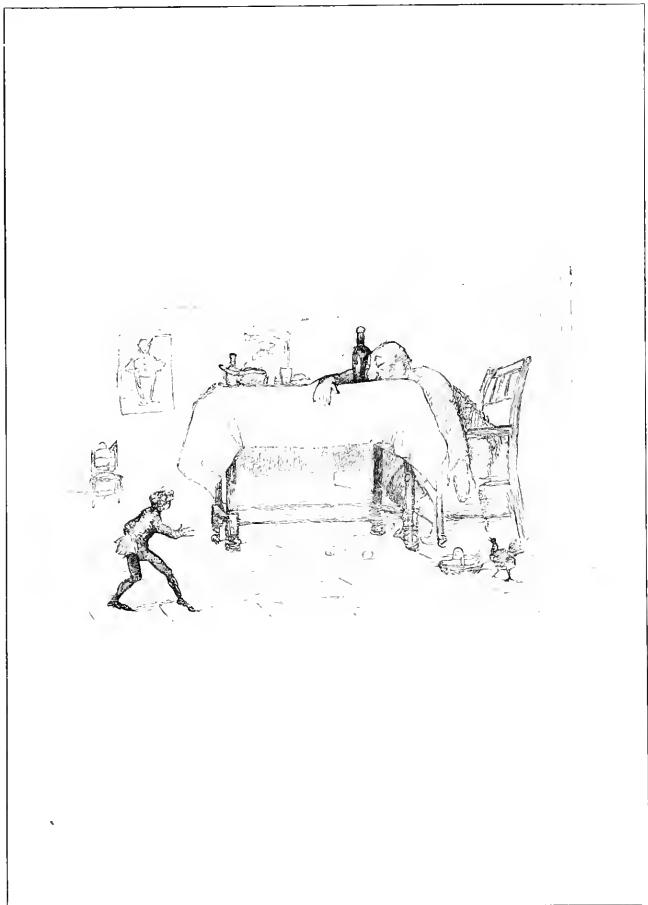


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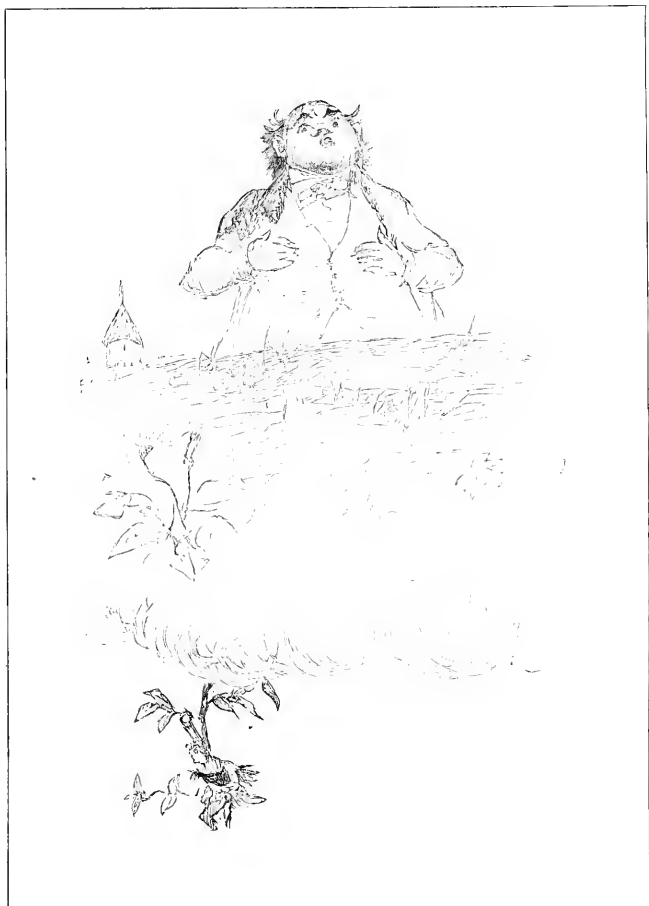


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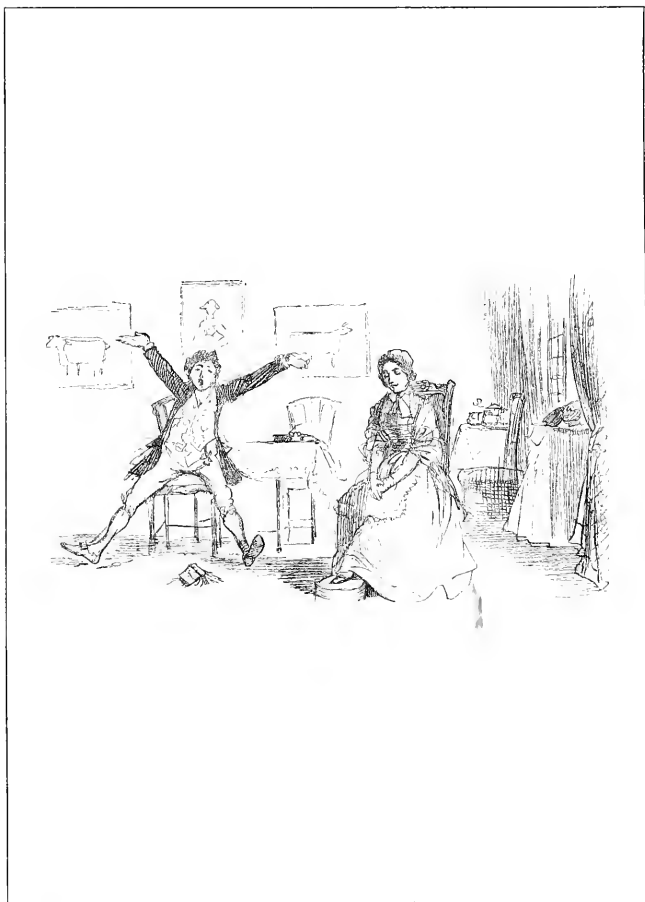
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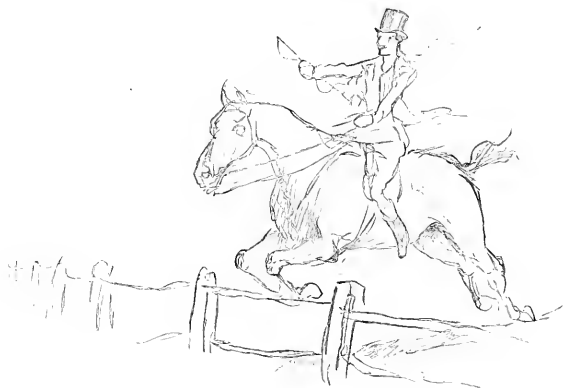
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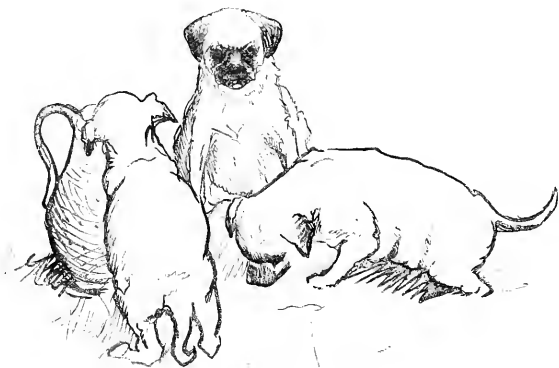
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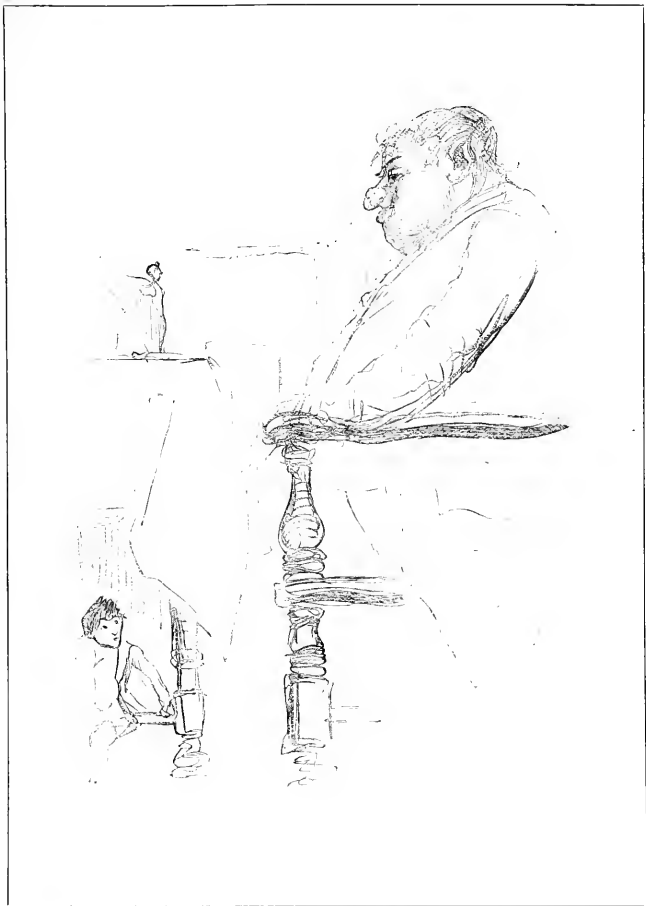


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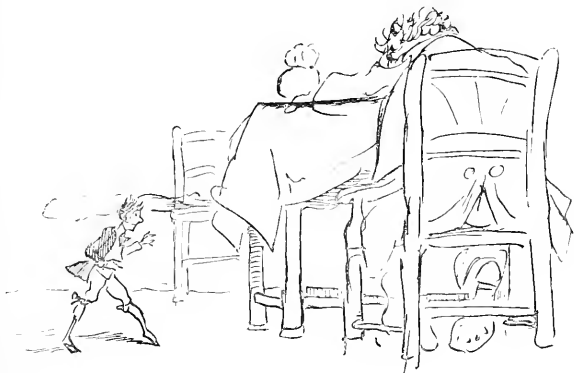


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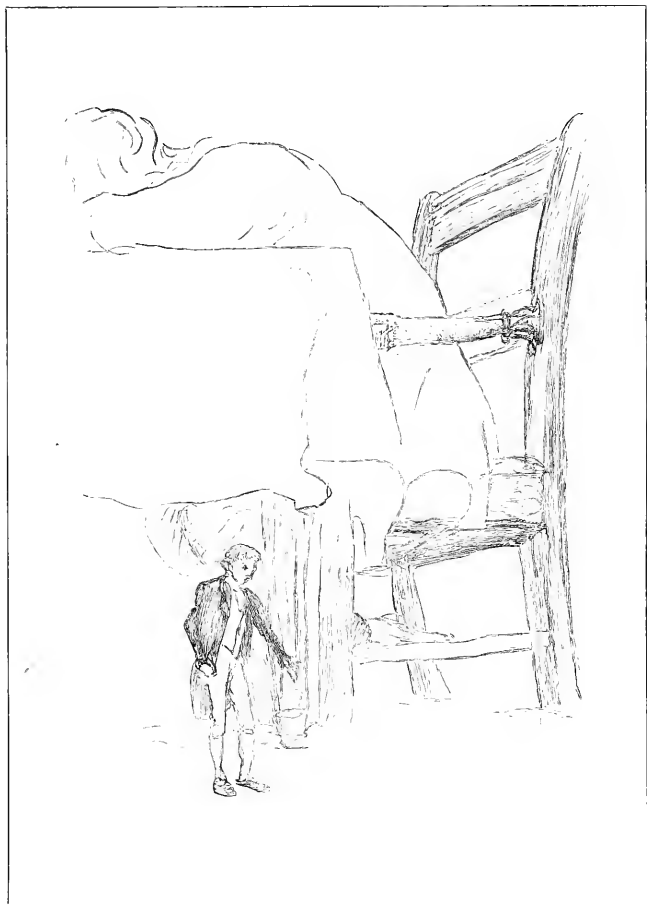
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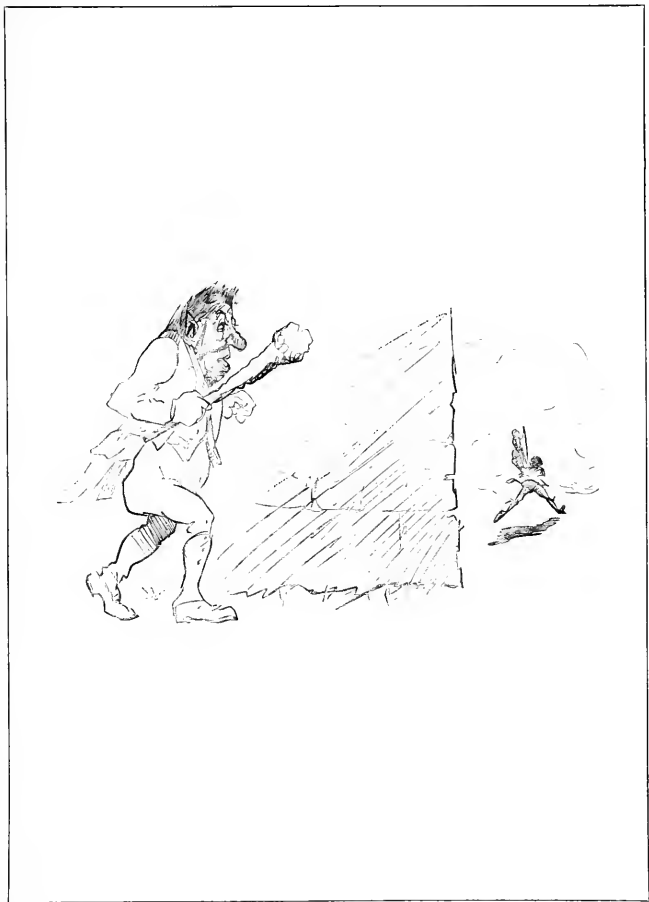


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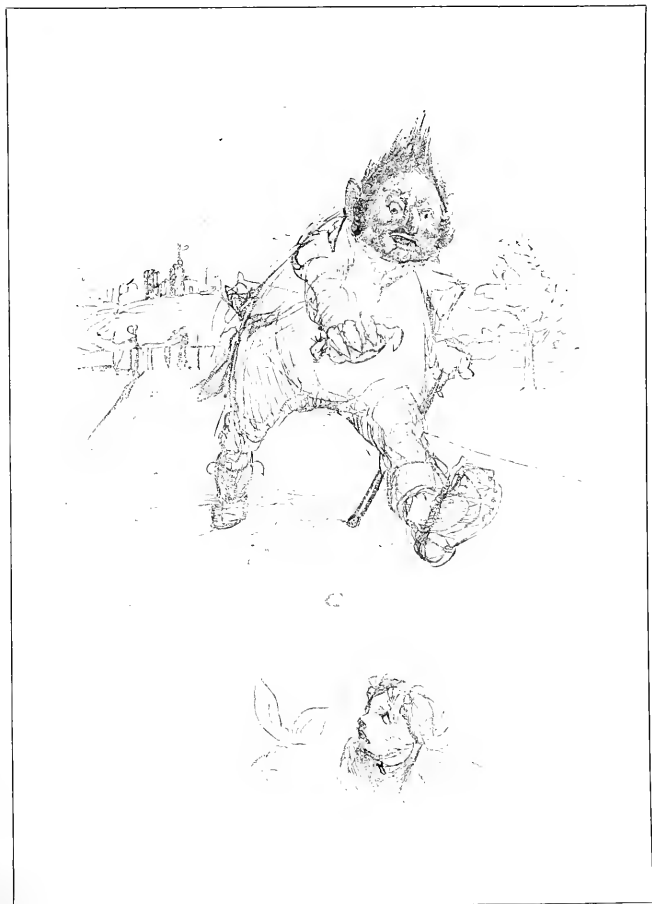
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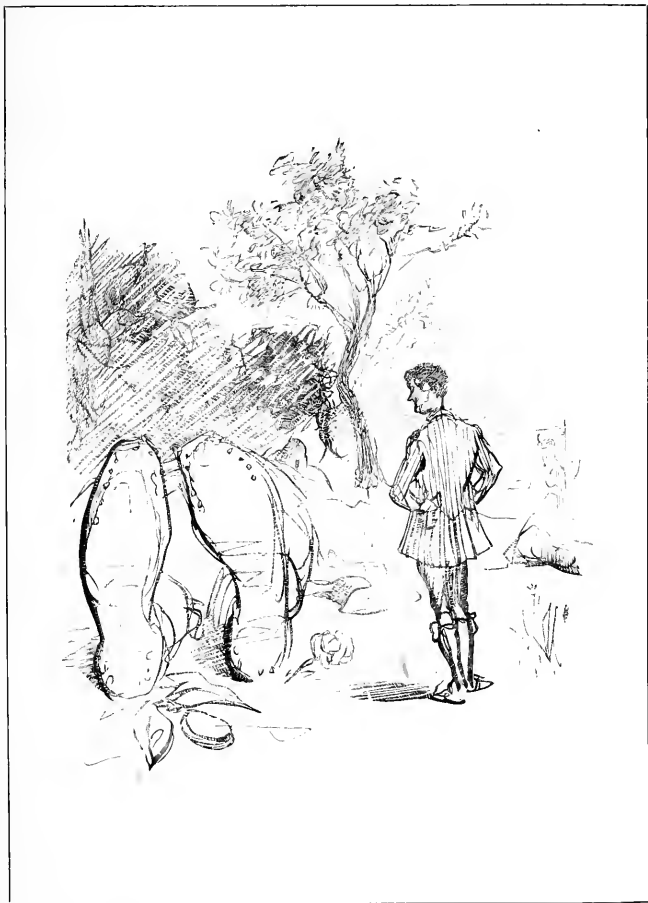
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