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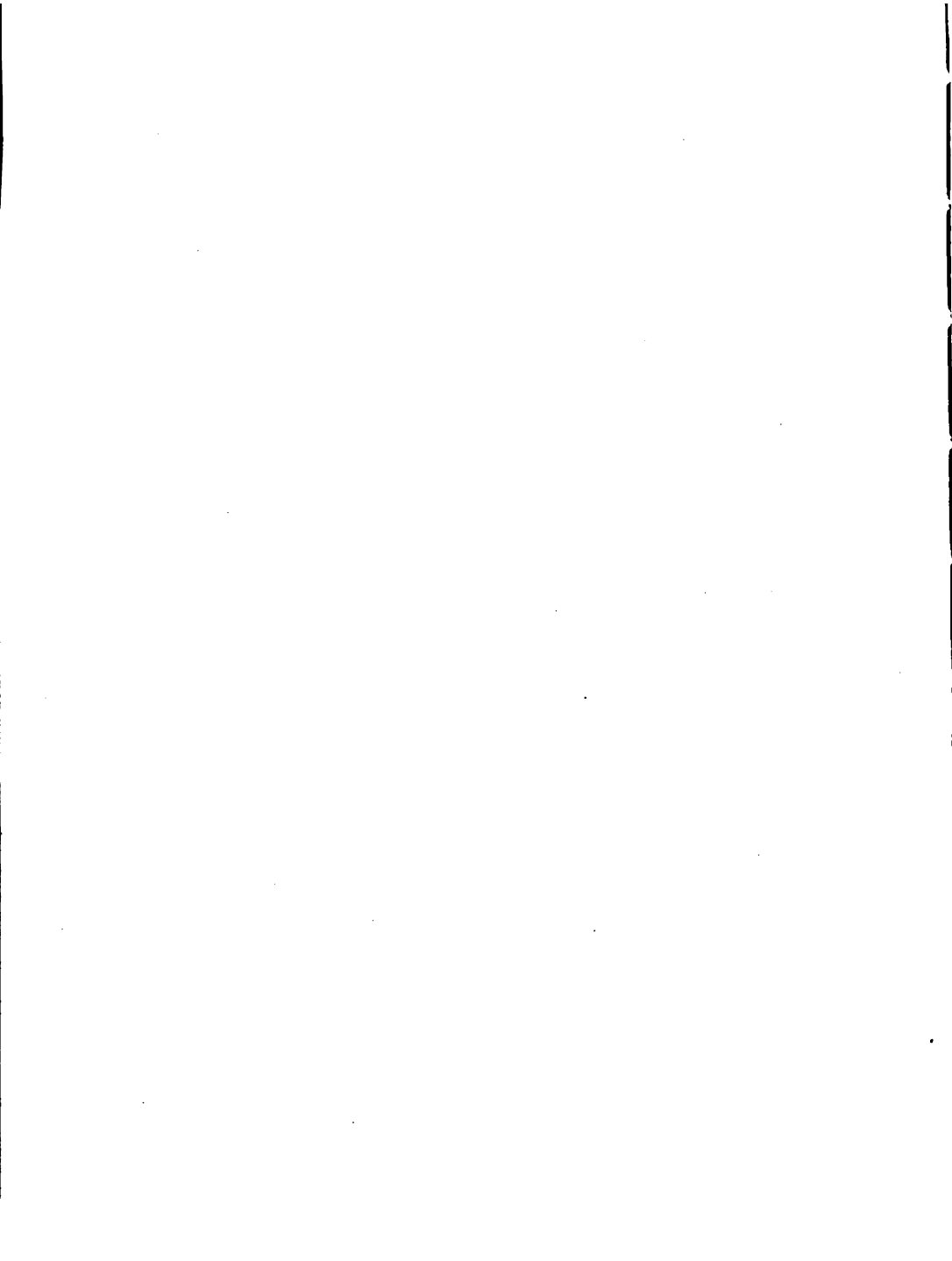
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PREFACE

For years the most progressive educators have been urging that only good literature should be used in school readers. Some authors of primers have thought it impossible to provide such material within the vocabulary that beginners can learn with ease. Others have used a little real literature with a large amount of unrelated and uninteresting material specially prepared for the sake of word repetition and phonic drill.

Experience proves that all children are interested in and enjoy the simple folk tales, which are the literary products of many minds and have survived the centuries, because they represent certain universal human experiences and satisfy certain common needs of childhood. Through countless repetitions, from one generation to another, they have assumed a form marked by simplicity and a unique literary charm.

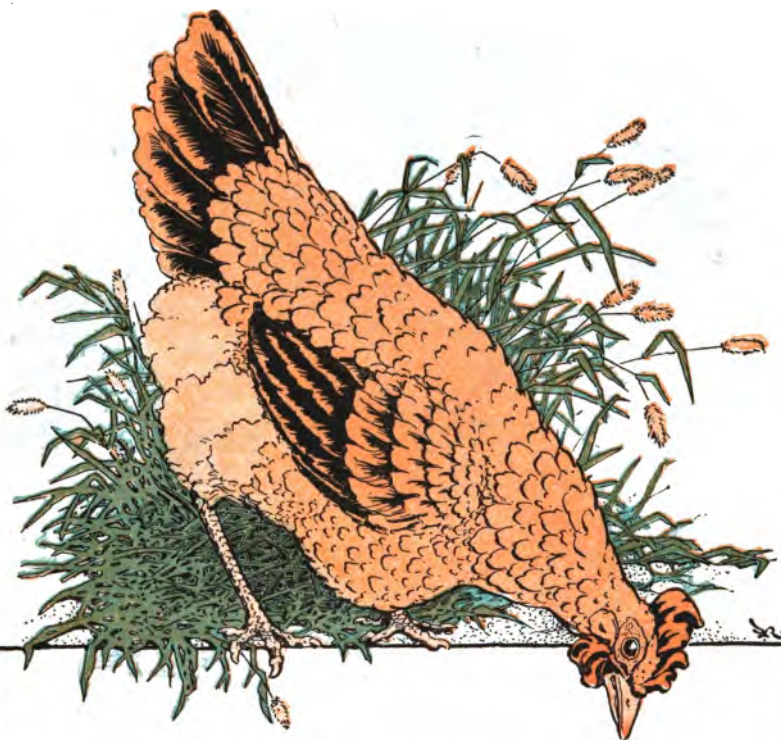
After years of careful work we present some of these tales so as to utilize the child's love for the stories and make an easy road to reading. Avoiding the long struggle through forced interest, and the devious byways of artificial methods, we start the child at once into the realm of good, appropriate literature.

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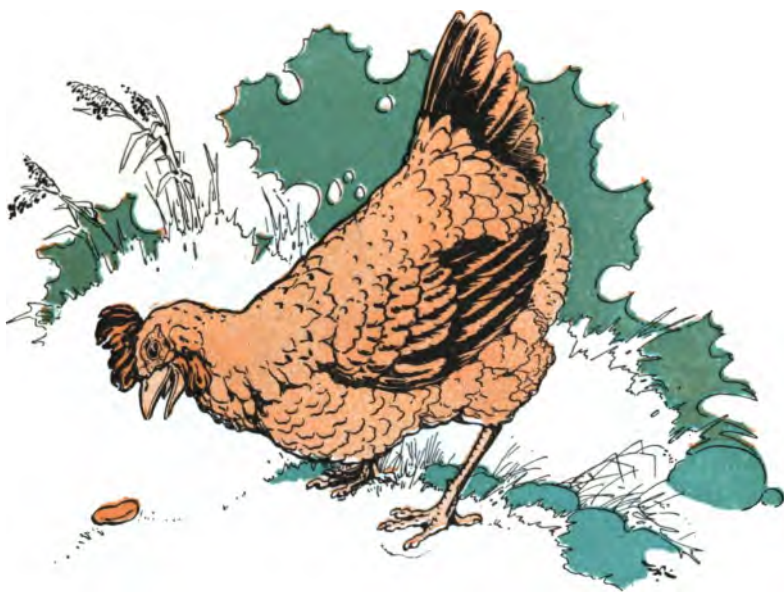
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**TO LITTLE CHILDREN
LEARNING TO READ**



The Little Red Hen



seed

wheat

The little red hen found a seed.

It was a little seed.

The little red hen found a seed.

It was a wheat seed.



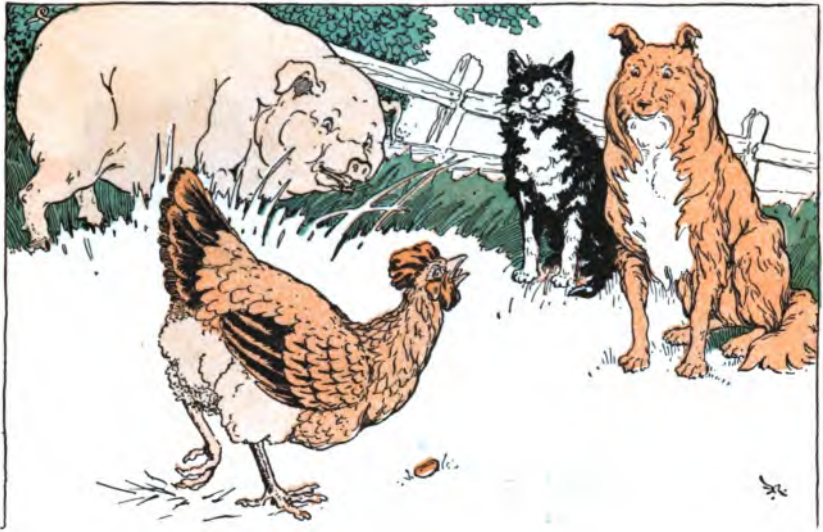
plant

The little red hen found a seed.

It was a wheat seed.

The little red hen said,

“Who will plant the seed?”



pig

cat

dog

The little red hen said,

“Who will plant the seed?”

The pig said, “Not I.”

The cat said, “Not I.”

The dog said, “Not I.”

The little red hen said, “I will.”



cut

then

The little red hen said,

“Who will cut the wheat?”

The pig said, “Not I.”

The cat said, “Not I.”

The dog said, “Not I.”

The little red hen said,

“I will then.”

And she did.



thresh

The little red hen said,

“Who will thresh the wheat?”

The pig said, “Not I.”

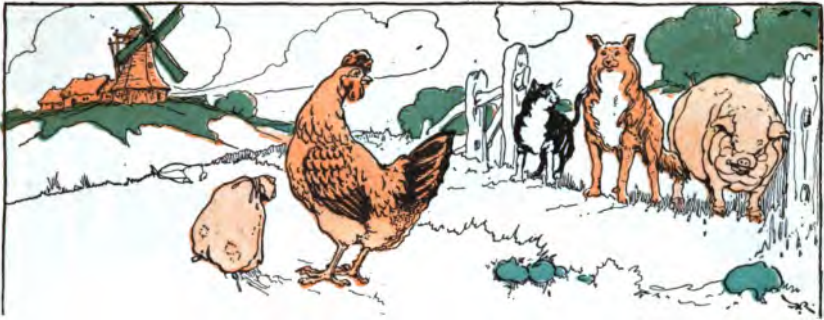
The cat said, “Not I.”

The dog said, “Not I.”

The little red hen said,

“I will then.”

And she did.



grind

The little red hen said,

“Who will grind the wheat?”

The pig said, “Not I.”

The cat said, “Not I.”

The dog said, “Not I.”

The little red hen said,

“I will then.”

And she did.



make

bread

The little red hen said,

“Who will make the bread?”

The pig said, “Not I.”

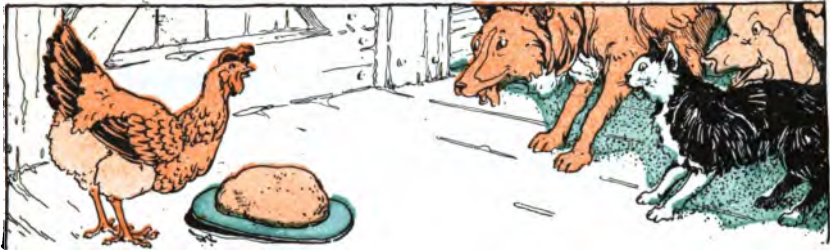
The cat said, “Not I.”

The dog said, “Not I.”

The little red hen said,

“I will then.”

And she did.



eat

The little red hen said,
“Who will eat the bread?”

The pig said, “I will.”

The cat said, “I will.”

The dog said, “I will.”

The little red hen said,
“You shall not eat the bread.
I will eat it.”

And she did.

REVIEW STORY

The little red hen found a seed.
It was a wheat seed.

She said,

“Who will plant the wheat?
Who will cut the wheat?
Who will thresh the wheat?
Who will grind the wheat?
Who will make the bread?”

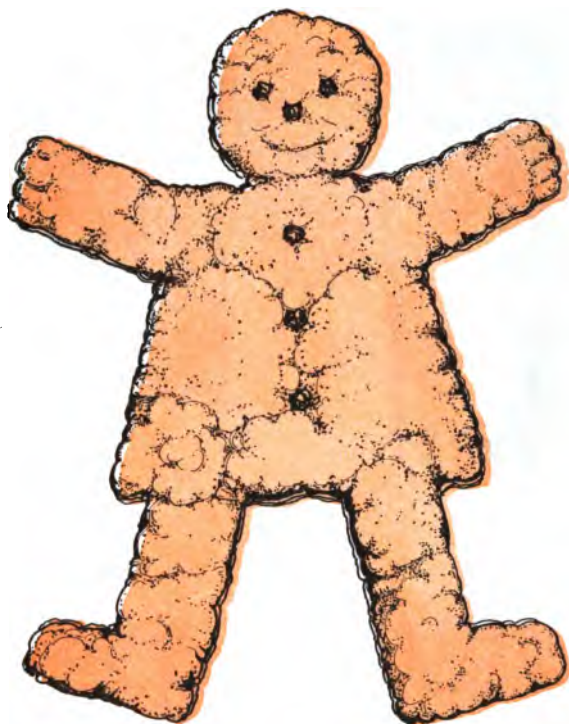
The pig said, “I will not.”

The cat said, “I will not.”

The dog said, “I will not.”

The little red hen said,

“Then you shall not eat the bread.”



The Gingerbread Boy



man



woman

There was a little old woman.

There was a little old man.

The little old woman had a cat.

The little old man had a pig.



wanted

The little old woman wanted a boy.

The little old man wanted a boy.

The little old woman said,

“I will make a gingerbread boy.”

So she made a gingerbread boy.



ran

away

The gingerbread boy ran away.

He ran away

from the little old woman,

He ran away

from the little old man,

He ran, and he ran, and he ran.



met

The gingerbread boy met a cat.

He said,

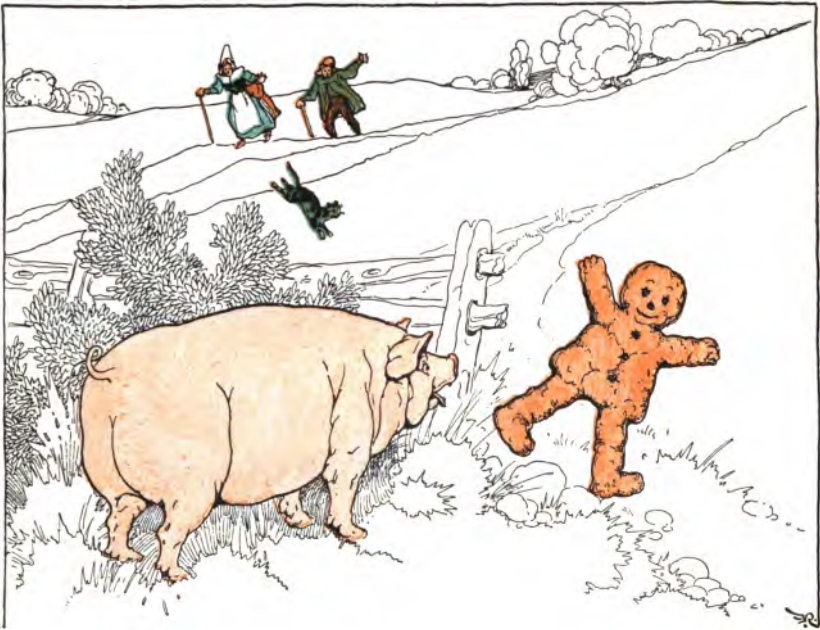
“I am a gingerbread boy,

I am, I am, I am.

I ran away

from the little old woman,

I ran away
from the little old man,
I can run away from you,
I can, I can, I can.”
And he ran, and he ran, and he ran.



The gingerbread boy met a pig.

He said,

“I am a gingerbread boy,

I am, I am, I am.

I ran away

from the little old woman,

I ran away

from the little old man,

I ran away from the cat,

I can run away from you,

I can, I can, I can.”

And he ran, and he ran, and he ran.





The gingerbread boy met a dog.

He said,

“I am a gingerbread boy,

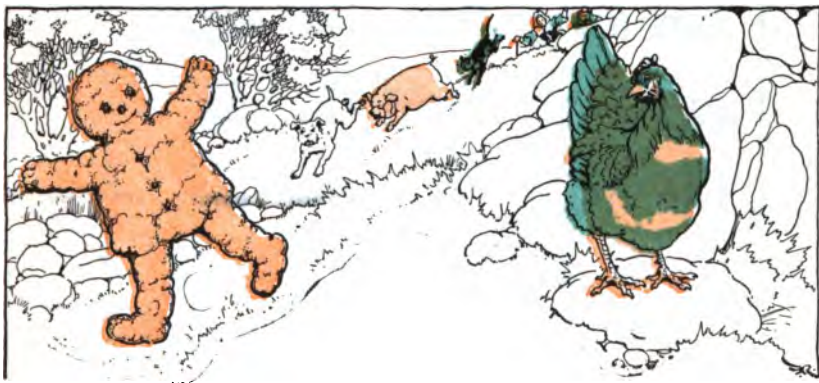
I am, I am, I am.

I ran away

from the little old woman,

I ran away
from the little old man,
I ran away from the cat,
I ran away from the pig,
I can run away from you,
I can, I can, I can.”

And he ran, and he ran, and he ran.



The gingerbread boy met a hen.

He said,

“I am a gingerbread boy,

I am, I am, I am.

I ran away

from the little old woman,

I ran away

from the little old man,

I ran away from the cat,

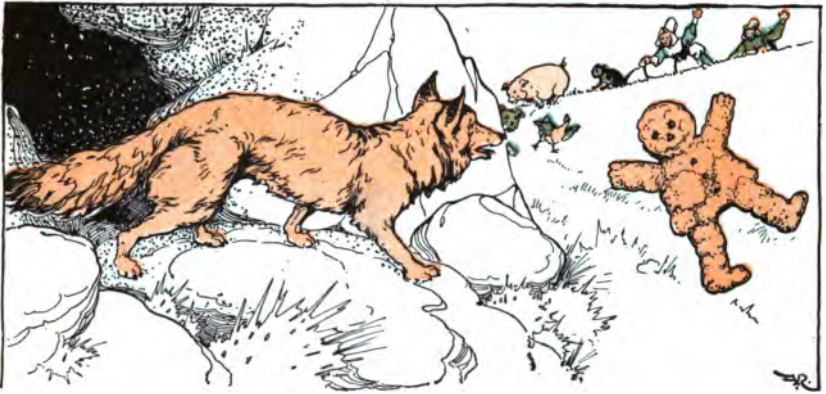
I ran away from the pig,

I ran away from the dog,

I can run away from you,

I can, I can, I can.”

And he ran, and he ran, and he ran.



fox

The gingerbread boy met a fox.

He said,

“I am a gingerbread boy,

I am, I am, I am.

I ran away from the hen,

I ran away from the dog,

I ran away from the pig,

I ran away from the cat,

I ran away
from the little old woman,

I ran away
from the little old man,

I can run away from you,

I can, I can, I can.”

And he ran, and he ran, and he ran.

The fox said,

“You can run away
from the little old woman,

You can run away
from the little old man,

You can run away from the pig,

You can run away from the dog,



You can run away from the cat,
You can run away from the hen,
But you can not run away
from the fox.

I shall eat you.”

And he did.

There was a little old woman.

There was a little old man.

The little old woman wanted a boy.

The little old man wanted a boy.

So she made a gingerbread boy.

The gingerbread boy ran away.

He ran away

from the little old woman,

He ran away

from the little old man,

He ran away from the pig,

He ran away from the cat,

He ran away from the dog,

He ran away from the hen.

He did not run away from the fox.



The Old Woman and the Pig



sixpence

An old woman found a sixpence.

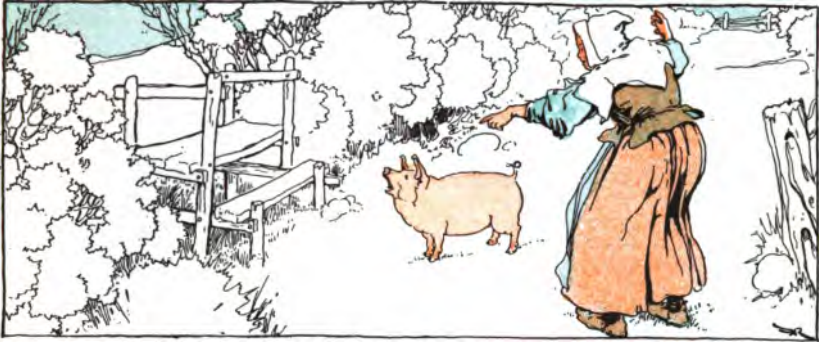
She wanted a pig.

She said,

“I can get a pig.

I can get a pig with the sixpence.”

And she did.



stile

The pig came to a stile.

The old woman said,

“Pig, pig, get over the stile.”

The pig said,

“I won’t get over the stile.”

And he ran away.

He ran away

from the old woman.



bite

home

The old woman met a dog.

She said,

“Dog, dog, bite pig.

Pig won’t get over the stile,

And I can not get home to-night.”

The dog said,

“I won’t bite pig.”



stick

beat

The old woman met a stick.

She said,

“Stick, stick, beat dog.

Dog won’t bite pig,

Pig won’t get over the stile,

And I can not get home to-night.”

The stick said,

“I won’t beat dog.”



fire

burn

The old woman met a fire.

She said,

“Fire, fire, burn stick.

Stick won't beat dog,

Dog won't bite pig,

Pig won't get over the stile,

And I can not get home to-night.”

The fire said,

“I won't burn stick.”



water

quench

The old woman met some water.

She said,

“Water, water, quench fire.

Fire won't burn stick,

Stick won't beat dog,

Dog won't bite pig,

Pig won't get over the stile,

And I can not get home to-night.”

The water said,

“I won’t quench fire.”



ox

drink

The old woman met an ox.

She said,

“Ox, ox, drink water.

Water won’t quench fire,

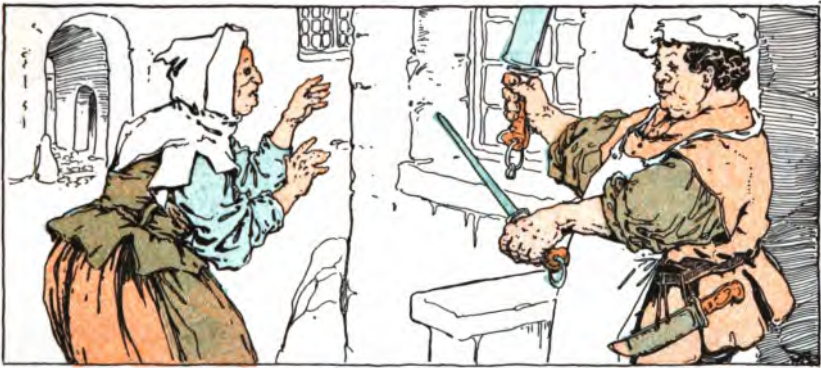
Fire won’t burn stick,

Stick won’t beat dog,

Dog won’t bite pig,

Pig won't get over the stile,
And I can not get home to-night."

The ox said,
"I won't drink water."



butcher

kill

The old woman met a butcher.

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,
Pig won't get over the stile,
And I can not get home to-night."

The butcher said,
"I won't kill ox."



rope

hang

The old woman met a rope.

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,

Pig won't get over the stile,

And I can not get home to-night.”

The rope said,

“I won't hang butcher.”



rat

gnaw

The old woman met a rat.

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,
Pig won't get over the stile,
And I can not get home to-night."

The rat said,

"Get me some cheese,
And I will gnaw the rope."

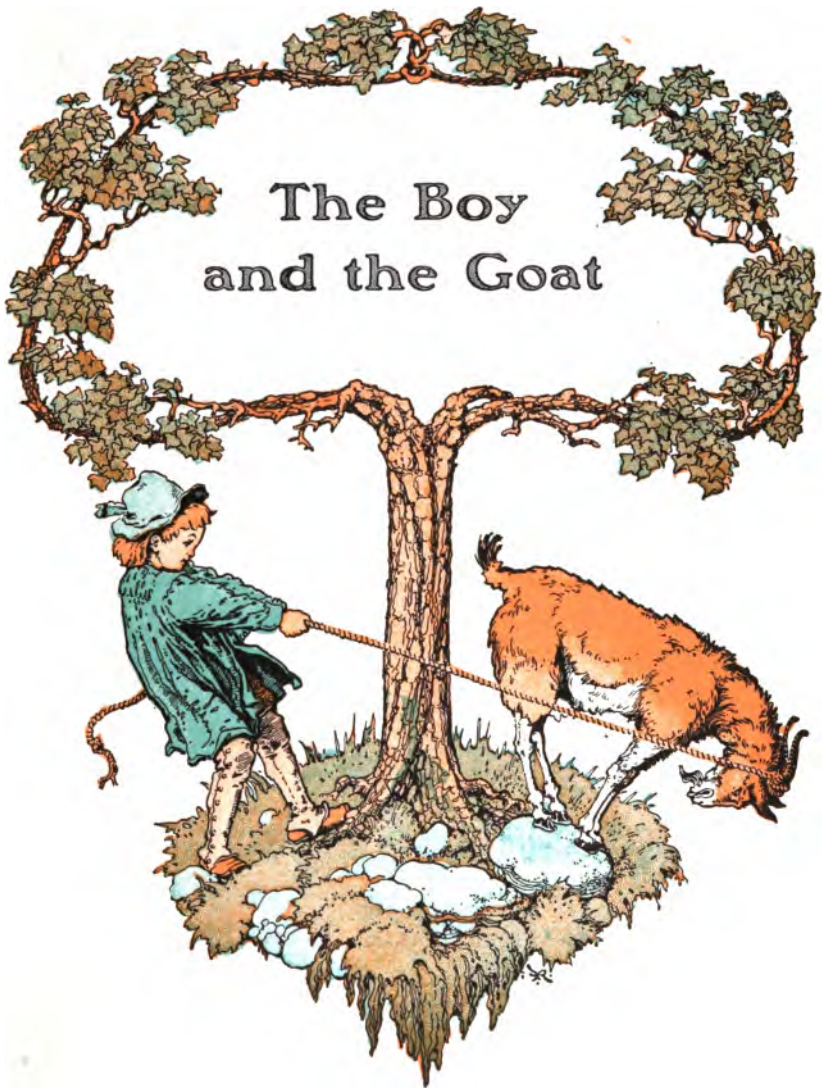


The old woman got some cheese.
She gave it to the rat.

The rat began to gnaw the rope,
The rope began to hang 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 pig got over the stile,
And the old woman
got home that night.



The Boy
and the Goat





woods

grass

A little boy had a goat.

The goat ran away.

He ran into the woods.

He found some grass.

He wanted to eat the grass.



would

cry

The little boy wanted to go home.

The goat would not go home.

The little boy said,

“I can not go home.

My goat ran into the woods.

He will not go home.”

Then the boy began to cry.



rabbit

because

A rabbit came by.

He said,

“Why do you cry, little boy?”

The boy said,

“I cry because my goat ran away.

He ran into the woods.

He will not go home.”



after

The rabbit said,

“Do not cry, little boy.

I can make the goat go home.”

The rabbit ran into the woods.

He ran after the goat.

The goat would not go home.

Then the rabbit began to cry.



squirrel

cries

A squirrel came by.

He said,

“Why do you cry, little rabbit?”

The rabbit said,

“I cry because the little boy cries.

The little boy cries

because the goat will not go home.”



The squirrel said,

“Do not cry, little boy.

I can make the goat go home.”

The squirrel ran into the woods.

He ran after the goat.

The goat would not go home.

Then the squirrel began to cry.



A fox came by.

He said,

“Why do you cry, little squirrel?”

The squirrel said,

“I cry because the rabbit cries.

The rabbit cries

because the boy cries.

The boy cries

because the goat will not go home.”



The fox said,

“Do not cry, little boy.

I can make the goat go home.”

The fox ran into the woods.

He ran after the goat.

The goat would not go home.

Then the fox began to cry.



bee

flew

A little bee flew by.

It said,

“Why do you cry, little fox?”

The fox said,

“I cry because the squirrel cries.

The squirrel cries

because the rabbit cries.

The rabbit cries

because the boy cries.

The boy cries

because the goat will not go home.”



laughed

The little bee said,

“Do not cry, little boy.

I can make the goat go home.”

The fox laughed and said,

“I can not make the goat go home.

Can a little bee make it go home?”

Then the fox laughed and laughed.



buzz

sting

The little bee flew into the woods.
It said, “Buzz, buzz.”

The goat said,

“A bee can sting. I will run.”

The goat ran home.

Then the little boy laughed.

He said, “Thank you, little bee.”



The Pancake



seven

children

An old woman had seven children.
She made a big pancake.

The children said,

“We want that big pancake.”

The pancake heard the children.

It said,

“The children shall not eat me.”

And it rolled away.



stop

rolled

The old woman ran after the pancake.

The seven children ran after it.

The old woman said,

“Stop, pancake.

My children want to eat you.”

The pancake said,

“I can not stop for you.”

And it rolled away.



saw

good-day

An old man saw the pancake.

He said,

“Good-day, pancake.”

“Good-day, old man,” said the pancake.

“Stop,” said the old man.

“Do not go so fast.

I want to eat you.”

The pancake said,

“I did not stop for the old woman,
I did not stop for the seven children,
I can not stop for you.”

And it rolled away.

It rolled, and it rolled, and it rolled.



A hen saw the pancake.

She said,

“Good-day, pancake.”

“Good-day, hen,” said the pancake.

“Stop, pancake,” said the hen.

“Do not go so fast.

I want to eat you.”

The pancake said,

“I did not stop for the old woman,

I did not stop

for the seven children,

I did not stop for the old man,

I can not stop for you.”

And it rolled away.

It rolled, and it rolled, and it rolled.



cock

A cock saw the pancake.

He said,

“Good-day to you, pancake.”

“Good-day, cock,” said the pancake.

“Stop,” said the cock.

“Do not go so fast.

I want to eat you.”

The pancake said,

“I did not stop for the old woman,

I did not stop

for the seven children,

I did not stop for the old man,

I did not stop for the hen,

I can not stop for you.”

And it rolled away.

It rolled, and it rolled, and it rolled.



A boy saw the pancake.

“Stop, stop,” said the boy.

“You are a big pancake.

I want to eat you.”

The pancake said,

“I did not stop for the old woman,

I did not stop

for the seven children,

I did not stop for the old man,
I did not stop for the hen,
I did not stop for the cock,
I can not stop for you.”

And it rolled away.

It rolled, and it rolled, and it rolled.



A dog saw the pancake.

“Stop, stop,” said the dog.

“You are a big pancake.

I want to eat you.”

The pancake said,

“I did not stop for the old woman,

I did not stop

for the seven children,

I did not stop for the old man,

I did not stop for the cock,

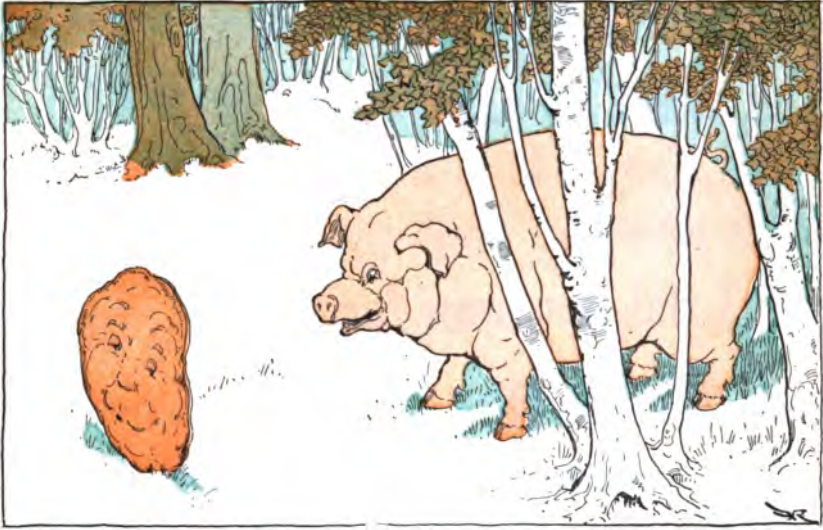
I did not stop for the hen,

I did not stop for the boy,

I can not stop for you.”

And it rolled away.

It rolled, and it rolled, and it rolled.



woods

The pancake came to the woods.

A pig saw the pancake.

“Good-day to you,” said the pig.

“Good-day,” said the pancake.

“Do not go so fast,” said the pig.

“I will go into the woods with you.”



brook

swim

The pancake said, "I thank you.

I will go with you."

So they went into the woods.

They came to a brook.

The pig said,

"I can swim over the brook."

"I can not swim," said the pancake.

"I can not go into the water."



good

snout

The pig said,

“Get on my snout,

And I will swim over with you.”

The pancake got on the pig’s snout.

The pig said, “Ouf, ouf!

You are a good pancake.”

And he ate it up.



Chicken Little



tail

fell

sky

Chicken Little was in the woods.

A seed fell on his tail.

Chicken Little said,

“The sky is falling.

I will run.”



Henny Penny

Chicken Little met Henny Penny.

He said,

“The sky is falling, Henny Penny.”

Henny Penny said,

“How do you know, Chicken Little?”

Chicken Little said,

“Some of it fell on my tail.”

“We will run,” said Henny Penny.

“We will run and tell the king.”



Turkey Lurkey

They met Turkey Lurkey.

Henny Penny said,

“The sky is falling, Turkey Lurkey.”

“How do you know, Henny Penny?”

“Chicken Little told me.”

“How do you know, Chicken Little?”

“I saw it with my eyes.

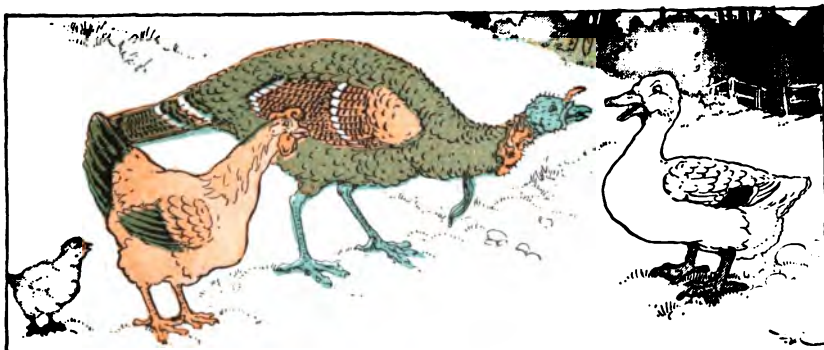
I heard it with my ears.

Some of it fell on my tail.”

Turkey Lurkey said,

“We will run.

We will run and tell the king.”



Ducky Lucky

They met Ducky Lucky.

Turkey Lurkey said,

“The sky is falling, Ducky Lucky.”

“How do you know, Turkey Lurkey?”

“Henny Penny told me.”

“How do you know, Henny Penny?”

“Chicken Little told me.”

“How do you know, Chicken Little?”

“I saw it with my eyes.

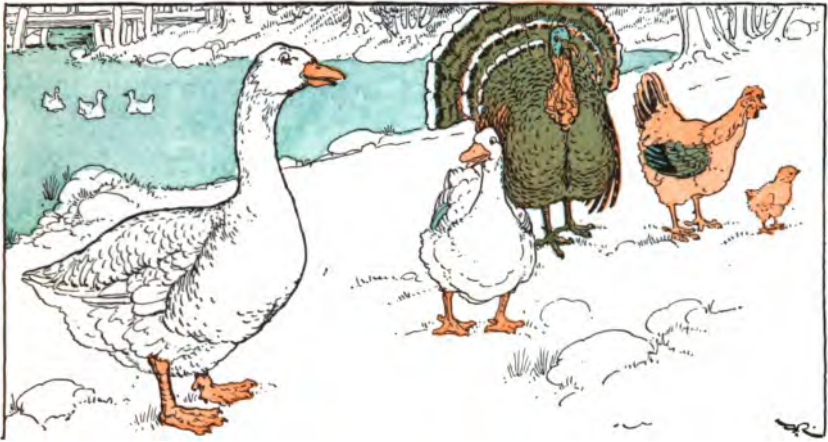
I heard it with my ears.

Some of it fell on my tail.”

Ducky Lucky said,

“We will run.

We will run and tell the king.”



Goosey Loosey

They met Goosey Loosey.

Ducky Lucky said,

“The sky is falling, Goosey Loosey.”

“How do you know, Ducky Lucky?”

“Turkey Lurkey told me.”

“How do you know, Turkey Lurkey?”

“Henny Penny told me.”

“How do you know, Henny Penny?”

“Chicken Little told me.”

“How do you know, Chicken Little?”

“I saw it with my eyes.

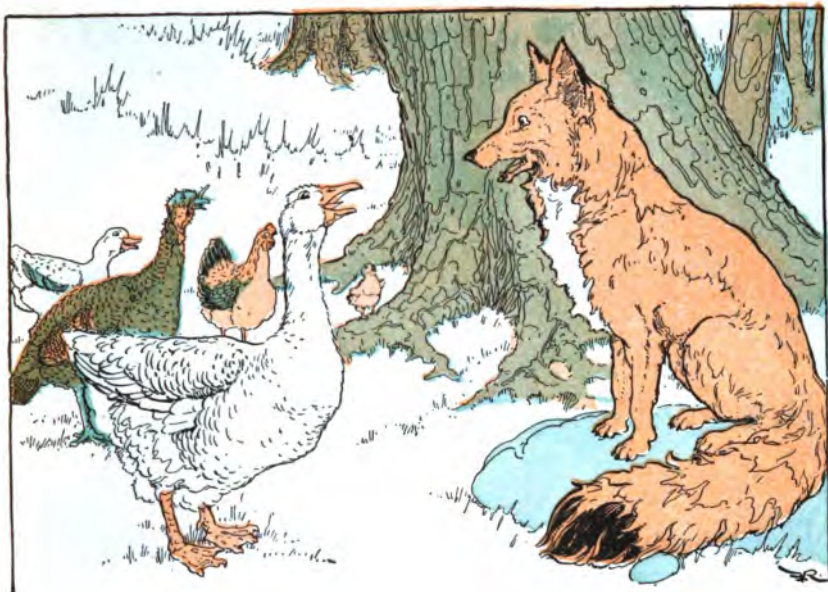
I heard it with my ears.

Some of it fell on my tail.”

Goosey Loosey said,

“We will run.

We will run and tell the king.”



Foxy Loxy

They met Foxy Loxy.

Goosey Loosey said,

“The sky is falling, Foxy Loxy.”

“How do you know, Goosey Loosey?”

“Ducky Lucky told me.”

“How do you know, Ducky Lucky.”

“Turkey Lurkey told me.”

“How do you know, Turkey Lurkey?”

“Henny Penny told me.”

“How do you know, Henny Penny?”

“Chicken Little told me.”

“How do you know, Chicken Little?”

“I saw it with my eyes.

I heard it with my ears.

Some of it fell on my tail.”



den

Foxy Loxy said,

“We will run.

We will run into my den,

And I will tell the king.”

They ran into Foxy Loxy’s den,

But they did not come out again.

REVIEW STORY

Chicken Little was in the woods.

A seed fell on his tail.

He met Henny Penny and said,

“The sky is falling.

I saw it with my eyes.

I heard it with my ears.

Some of it fell on my tail.”

He met Turkey Lurkey, Ducky Lucky,

and Goosey Loosey.

They ran to tell the king.

They met Foxy Loxy.

They ran into his den,

And they did not come out again.



Three Billy Goats Gruff



once

great

Once there were three billy goats.
There was Little Billy Goat Gruff.
There was Big Billy Goat Gruff.
And there was

Great Big Billy Goat Gruff.



bridge

hillside

The goats' home was by a bridge.

Over the bridge was a hillside.

There was grass on the hillside.

The billy goats wanted the grass.

They wanted to eat it.

They wanted to get fat.

Little Billy Goat Gruff said,

“I will go over the bridge.”



troll

under

Great Big Billy Goat said,

“A big troll is under the bridge.

Trolls eat billy goats.”

Little Billy Goat Gruff said,

“The troll will not eat me.

Trolls do not eat little billy goats.”



went

trips

Little Billy Goat Gruff went
on the bridge.

The bridge said, "Trip-trip."

The troll said,

"Who trips over my bridge?"

"Little Billy Goat Gruff trips
over the bridge."

“Why do you trip over my bridge?”

“I want to eat the grass
on the hillside.”

“You shall not trip over my bridge.
I will eat you.”

“Do not eat me.
Big Billy Goat Gruff will come.
You can eat him.”

“Go on, then,” said the troll.

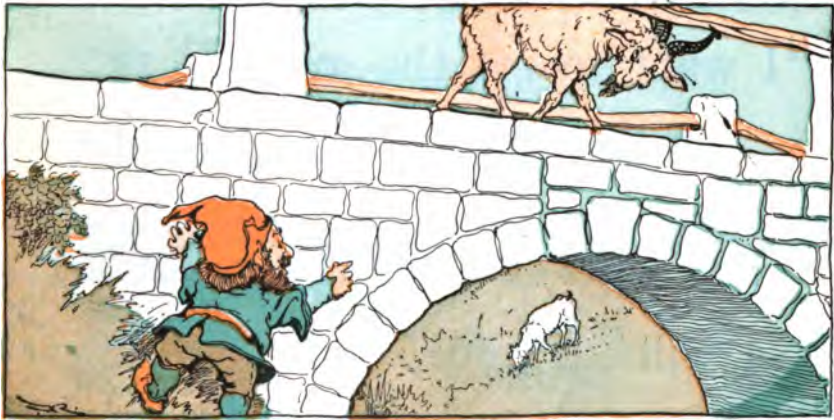
“Trip-trip, trip-trip, trip-trip.”

And little Billy Goat Gruff went
to the hillside.

Big Billy Goat Gruff said,

“The troll did not eat little Billy.

I will go over the bridge.”



Big Billy Goat Gruff went
on the bridge.

“Trip-trip, trip-trip,” said the bridge.

The troll said,

“Who trips over my bridge?”

“Big Billy Goat Gruff trips
over the bridge.”

“Why do you trip over my bridge?”

“I want to eat the grass
on the hillside.”

“You shall not eat the grass.
I will eat you.”

“Do not eat me.
Great Big Billy Goat Gruff is big.
He will come over the bridge.
You can eat him.”

“Go on, then,” said the troll.

“Trip-trip, trip-trip, trip-trip.”

And Big Billy Goat Gruff went
to the hillside.

Great Big Billy Goat Gruff said,
“I will go over the bridge.
I can make the troll run.”



horns

Great Big Billy Goat Gruff went
on the bridge.

The bridge said,

“Trip-trip, trip-trip, trip-trip.”

The troll said,

“Who trips over my bridge?”

“Great Big Billy Goat Gruff trips
over the bridge.”

“Why do you trip over my bridge?”

“I want to eat the grass
on the hillside.”

“You shall not trip over my bridge.
I will eat you.”

Great Big Billy Goat Gruff said,

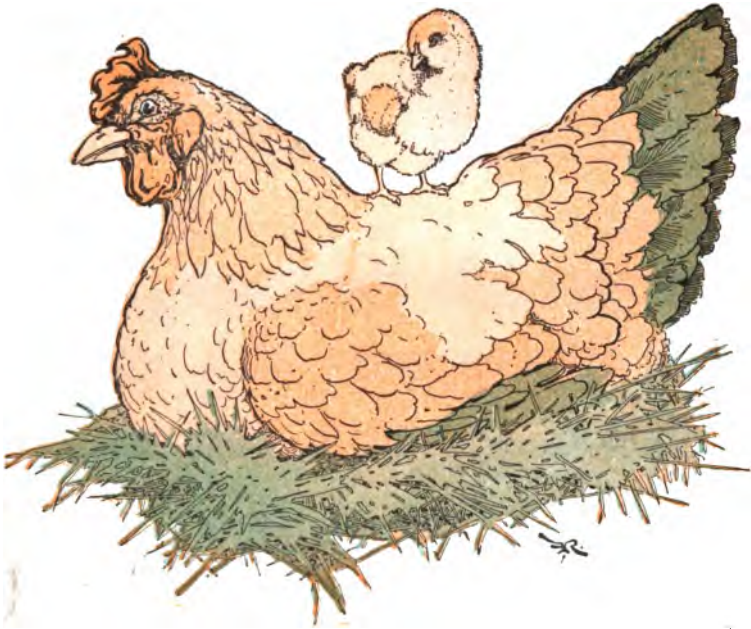
“Come from under the bridge.
I want to see you.
I want you to see me.
I want you to see my big horns.”



The troll came from under the bridge.
He saw Great Big Billy Goat Gruff.
He saw his big horns.

Great Big Billy Goat Gruff ran
at the troll with his horns.
The troll fell into the water.
Then Great Big Billy Goat Gruff
went to the hillside.
The billy goats ate the grass.
And they got fat.





Little Tuppens



her

them

A hen went into the woods.

A little chicken went with her.

The chicken was little Tuppens.

Little Tuppens found some seeds.

The old hen said,

“Do not eat the big seeds.”

Little Tuppens wanted the big seeds.

So he ate them.



spring

choking

The hen saw little Tuppens choking.
She ran to the spring.

She said,

“Please give me some water,
Little Tuppens is choking.”

The spring said,

“Get me a cup.

Then I can give you some water.”



oak-tree

shake

The old hen ran to the oak-tree.

She said,

“Please give me a cup.

I want to get some water,

Little Tuppens is choking.”

The oak-tree said,

“Shake me.

Then I can give you a cup.”



shoes

The old hen ran to the little boy.

She said,

“Please shake the oak-tree.

I want a cup.

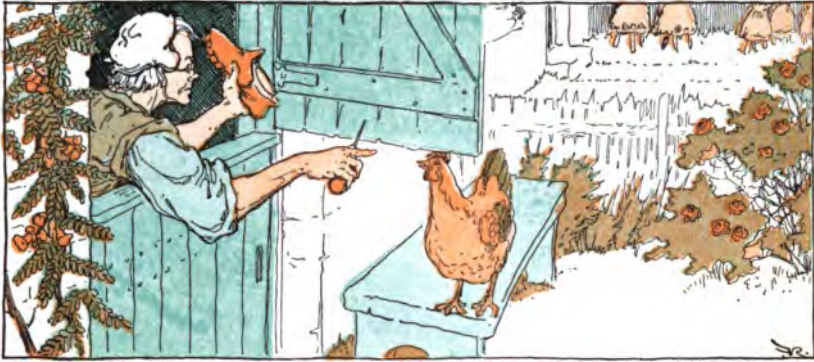
Then I can get some water,

Little Tuppens is choking.”

The little boy said,

“Get me some shoes.

Then I can shake the oak-tree.”



shoemaker

leather

The old hen ran to the shoemaker.

She said,

“Please make some shoes.

I want them for the little boy.

Then he will shake the oak-tree,

The oak-tree will give me a cup,

The spring will give me some water.

I want it for little Tuppens.

He is choking.”

The shoemaker said,
“Get me some leather.
Then I can make some shoes.”



cow

corn

The old hen ran to the cow.
She said,
“Please give me some leather.
I want it for the shoemaker.
Then he will make some shoes,
The boy will shake the oak-tree,

The oak-tree will give me a cup,
The spring will give me some water.
I want it for little Tuppens.
He is choking.”

The cow said,

“Get me some corn.

Then I can give you some leather.”



farmer

plow

The old hen ran to the farmer.

She said,

“Please give me some corn.

I want it for the cow.

The cow will give me some leather,

The shoemaker will make some shoes,

The boy will shake the oak-tree,

The oak-tree will give me a cup,

The spring will give me some water.

I want it for little Tuppens.

He is choking.”

The farmer said,

“Get me a plow.

Then I can give you some corn.”





blacksmith

iron

The old hen ran to the blacksmith.

She said,

“Please make me a plow.

I want it for the farmer.

Then he will give me some corn,

The cow will give me some leather,

The shoemaker will make some shoes,

The boy will shake the oak-tree,



The oak-tree will give me a cup,
The spring will give me some water.
I want it for little Tuppens.
He is choking.”

The blacksmith said,
“Get me some iron.
Then I can make a plow.”



dwarfs

The old hen ran to the dwarfs.

She said,

“Please give me some iron.

I want it for the blacksmith.

Then he will make a plow,

The farmer will give me some corn,

The cow will give me some leather,

The shoemaker will make some shoes,

The boy will shake the oak-tree,

The oak-tree will give me a cup,

The spring will give me some water.

I want it for little Tuppens.

He is choking.”



help

ground

The dwarfs wanted to help
little Tuppens.

They went into the ground.

They got the red iron.

They gave it to the hen.

The hen gave it to the blacksmith.

The blacksmith made a plow,

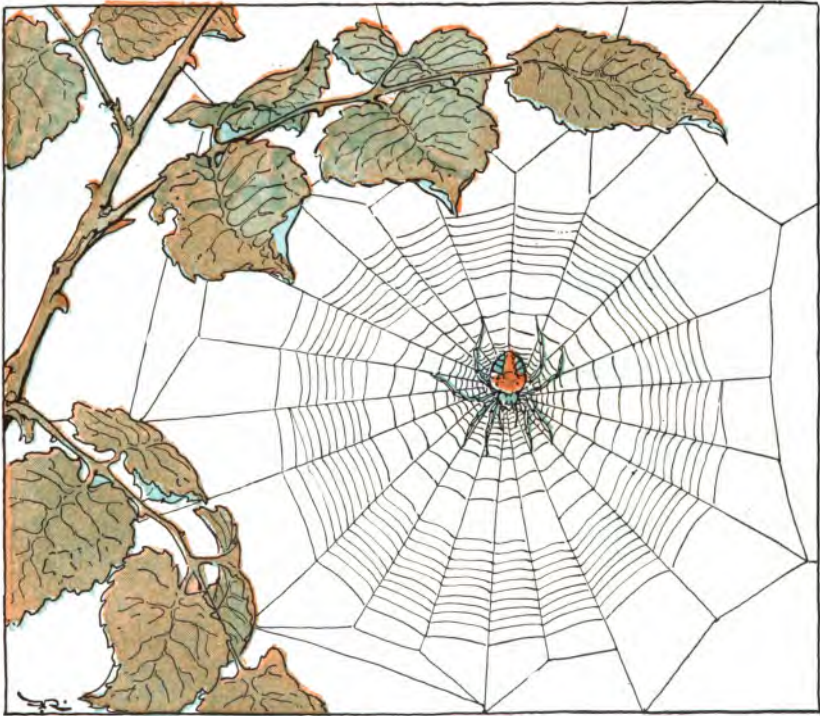
The farmer gave some corn,

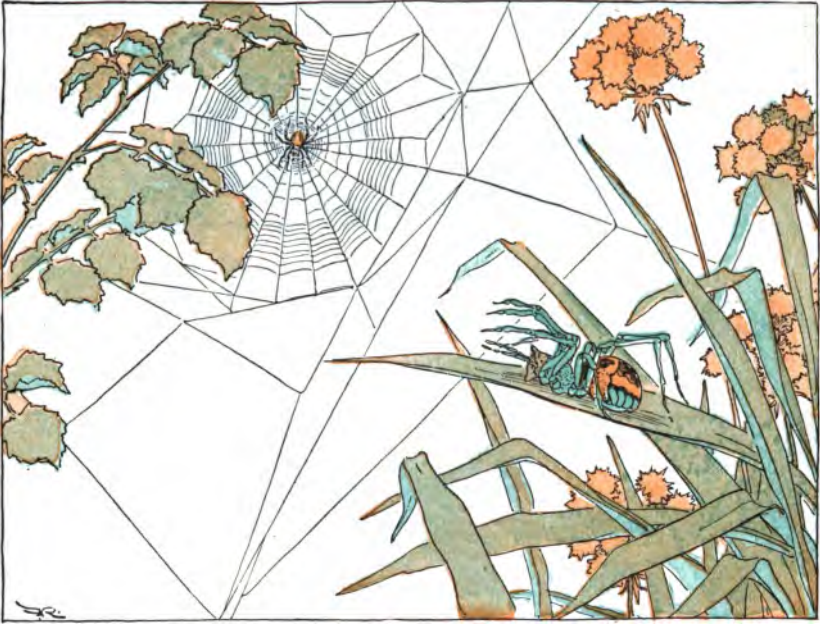
The cow gave some leather,
The shoemaker made some shoes,
The boy shook the oak-tree,
The oak-tree gave a cup,
The spring gave some water.
The hen gave the water
to little Tuppens.
Then little Tuppens ate little seeds.





Little Spider's First Web





spinning

swing

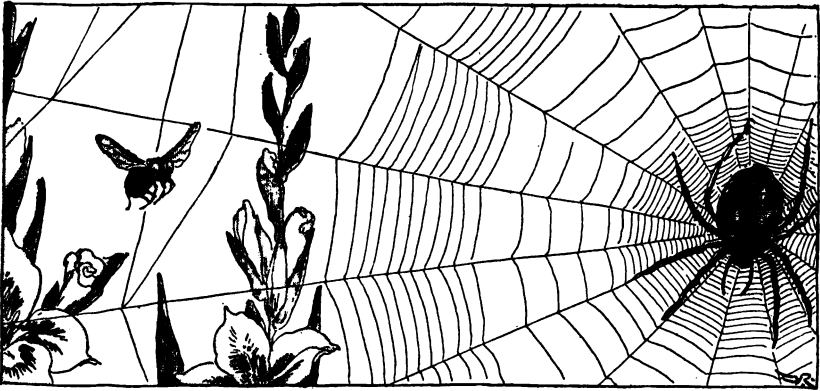
A big spider saw a little spider.

The little spider was spinning a web.

It was her first web.

The big spider got on his web.

And he began to swing.



fly

buzz

A fly saw the big spider on his web.

He said,

“Why do you swing, big spider?”

“I swing because little spider
is spinning her first web.”

The fly said,

“Then I will buzz.

I will buzz and buzz.”



hum

A bee heard the fly buzz.

She said,

“Why do you buzz, little fly?”

“I buzz because little spider
is spinning her first web.”

The bee said,

“Then I will hum.

I will hum and hum.”



cricket

chirp

A cricket heard the bee hum.

He said,

“Why do you hum, little bee?”

“I hum because little spider
is spinning her first web.”

The cricket said,

“Then I will chirp.

I will chirp and chirp.”



ant

An ant heard the cricket chirp.

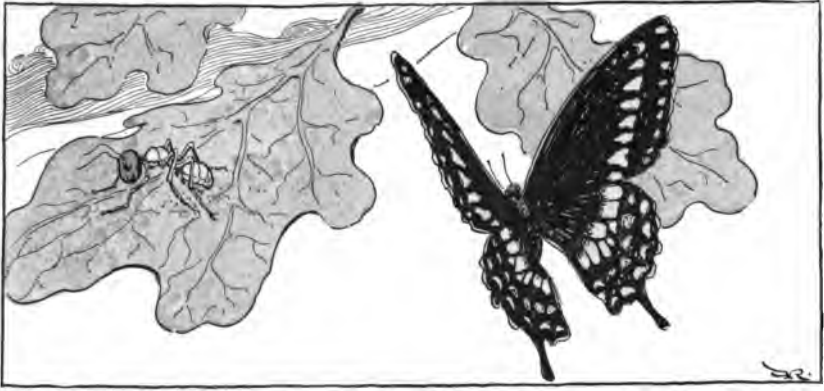
She said,

“Why do you chirp, cricket?”

“I chirp because little spider
is spinning her first web.”

The ant said,

“Then I will run to and fro.
I will run and run.”



butterfly

A butterfly saw the ant run to and fro.

She said,

“Why do you run to and fro?”

“I run because little spider

is spinning her first web.”

The butterfly said,

“Then I will fly.

I will fly and fly.”



bird

sing

A bird saw the butterfly.

She said,

“Why do you fly, butterfly?”

“I fly because little spider
is spinning her first web.”

The bird said,

“Then I will sing.

I will sing and sing.

I will make the children happy.”



The children heard the bird sing.

They saw the butterfly fly.

They saw the ant run to and fro.

They heard the cricket chirp.

They heard the bee hum.

They heard the fly buzz.

They saw the big spider
swing on his web.

They saw the little spider
spinning her first web.

The children were happy.



**ALPHABET
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ALPHABET

A a
B b
C c
D d
E e
F f
G g
H h
I i
J j
K k
L l
M m

N n
O o
P p
Q q
R r
S s
T t
U u
V v
W w
X x
Y y
Z z

WORD LIST

This list includes all of the 208 words in the "Reading-Literature Primer," arranged by pages in the order of their appearance.

1	will	6	12
the	plant	thresh	there
little		7	old
red	4	grind	woman
hen	pig	8	he
	not	make	man
2	I	bread	had
found	cat		
a	dog	9	13
seed		eat	wanted
it	5	you	so
was	cut	shall	made
wheat	then		
	and	11	14
3	she	gingerbread	ran
said	did	boy	away
who			from

15	won't	kill	woods
met			grass
am	28	34	
	bite	rope	41
16	home	hang	go
can	to-night		would
run		36	my
	29	rat	cry
21	stick	gnaw	
fox	beat		42
		37	rabbit
23	30	me	by
but	fire	cheese	why
	burn	got	do
26		gave	because
an	31		
sixpence	water	38	43
get	quench	began	after
with	some	that	
		night	44
27	32		squirrel
came	ox	39	cries
to	drink	goat	
stile		40	48
over	33	40	bee
	butcher	into	flew

49	good-day	tail	73
laughed	fast	sky	Foxy Loxy
50	57	is	75
buzz	cock	falling	den
sting	63	67	out
thank	brook	Henny Penny	again
51	swim	how	76
pancake	64	know	three
52	on	of	Billy
seven	snout	68	Gruff
children	ouf	Turkey Lurkey	78
big	good	tell	once
we	are	King	were
want	ate	they	great
heard	up	told	79
rolled	65	69	hillside
53	chicken	Ducky Lucky	fat
stop	66	eyes	bridge
for	fell	ears	80
54	his	71	troll
saw		Goosey Loosey	under

81	give	98	105
went	cup	blacksmith	fly
trip	92	99	106
87	oak-tree	iron	hum
see	shake	dwarfs	
horns	93	101	107
88	shoes	help	cricket
at	94	ground	butterfly
89	shoemaker	102	chirp
Tuppens	95	shook	108
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her	cow	spider's	fro
them	96	first	110
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choking	farmer	104	sing
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please	plow	swing	happy

SUGGESTIONS

Briefly expressed, reading is getting thought from the printed page. Oral reading is the much more complex process of getting thought and expressing it to others.

It is a part of the plan of this book that each story be told to the children with much fuller detail, as in the original, before beginning the study of it in the book. Children readily get the brief sentences as given here, and the word-getting follows.

The recognition of words is necessary to getting the thought, but word-recognition or mere word-naming is not reading. Drill upon the words is essential in the early stage of learning to read, though this study of words should be made a separate lesson, or at least kept distinct from the reading of the story.

The drill in word-recognition may be conducted in different ways:

1. The child may say the words aloud.
2. Some other child may tell him the words.
3. If necessary the teacher may tell him.
4. The publishers provide large word cards to be held before the class, one at a time, for recognition; or, a number of the cards may be placed in view from which the children pick out words as named by classmates or teacher; or two children may try to find the words first as the teacher names them.

5. The little word cards prepared for seat work may be used for sentence building, or for drill by having pupils put all the same words together.

Both spelling and phonics are aids in learning words. A daily period of fifteen or twenty minutes should be allowed for each.

After these word drills the child may read the thought orally. If he cannot read it another child may do so, or it may be necessary for the teacher to aid by questions, or even to read the sentence for the child. Never let the child drawl out the sentence. If he cannot read it freely he needs more word study, or more help in getting the thought. Whether the child has the thought may be tested by asking him to tell what he has read silently before attempting the oral reading.







