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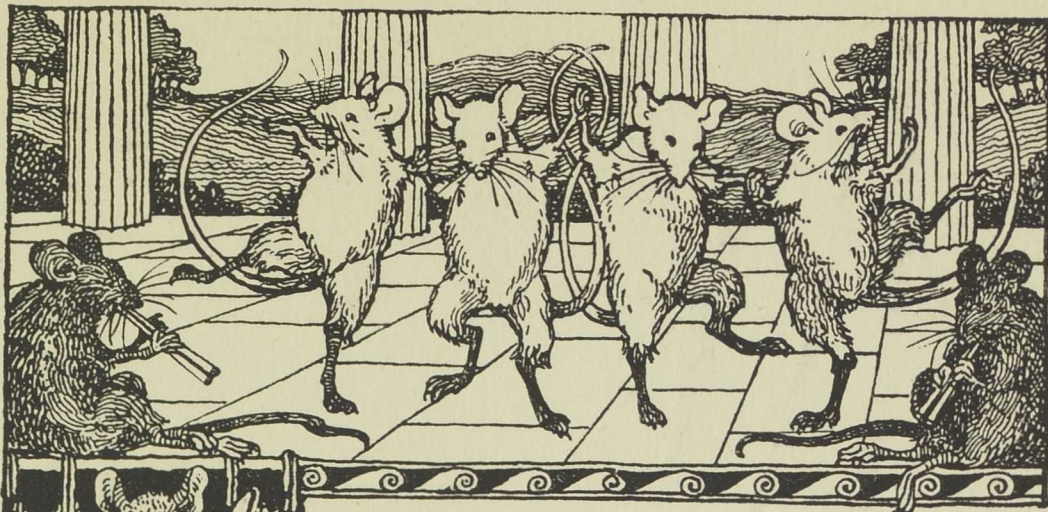
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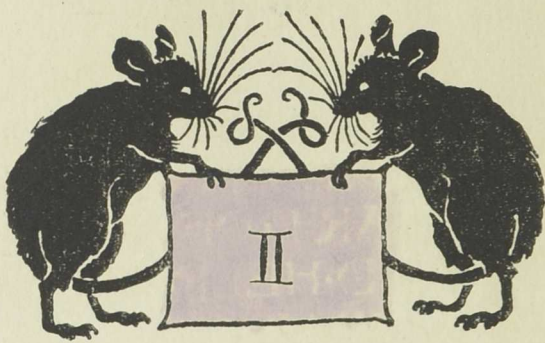
CRITICS HAVE LONG SINCE FORBID
 DEN VS TO SUPPOSE THAT THE
 FROGS EVER CHANTED IN HOMER'S
 OWN VERSE, BUT THEY ARE NOT YET AGREE
 AMONG THEMSELVES TO VCHING WHOM WE
 SHOVL RECOGNIZE AS HIS BVRESQVING IMITA
 TOR PIGRÉS, BROTHER OF QVEEN ARTEMISIA
 IS SEEMINGLY A NOT VNLKELY AVT MOR FOR
 THE BATRACHOMYOMACHIA, HIS CLAIM BEING
 VPHELD BY SVCH A SCHOLAR AS BAVMEISTER,
 WHILE PROFESSOR MAHAFY, THOVGM
 POINTING OVT THAT IT IS WEAKENED THROVGH
 THE ASCRIPTION OF THE MARGITES TO THE
 SAME OBSCVRE POET, CONSIDERS HIS AVT MOR
 SMIP NOT IMPROBABLE BV TRATHER DOVBTFL
 THIS IS PERMAPS THE STRONGEST CONJEC
 TVRE ON THE QVESTION THAT WE CAN
 OFFER ANY READER WHO CARES TO
 MAKE A QVAIN TANCE WITH AN ATTEMPT
 AT RENDERING THE MOST ANCIENT
 OF GREEK MOCK-HEROICS INTO THE
 MEASVRE OF THE MOST CHARMING OF
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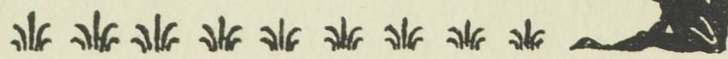
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AND · HELP · ACCORD · IN · SI-
NGING ·
THE · SONG · I · WRIT · NOT ·
LONG · AGO ·
O · ER · KNEE · PROPT · TAB-
LETS · BENDING · LOW ·
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ED · SHOVL · WIDELY · FLOW ·
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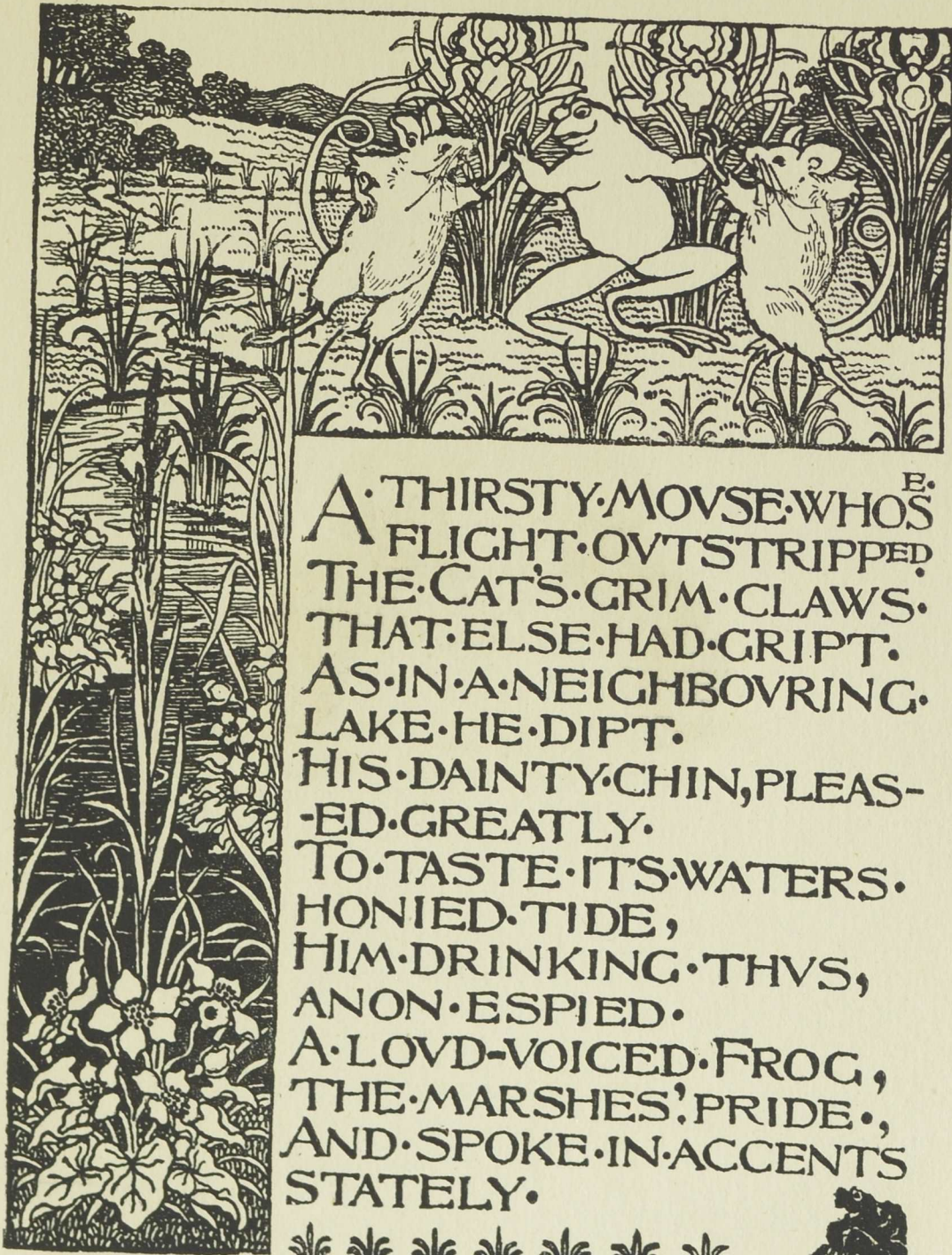




A TALE OF BOVNDLESS
STRIFE AND JAR,
WITH MARTIAL CLANG-
-OVR ECHOING FAR:
HOW VALIANT MICE WENT
FORTH TO WAR
'GAINST FROG-HOSTS
HOARSE AND BRINDLED
IN DEEDS OF PROWESS
FAIN TO EXCEL
THE FEATS OF EARTH-
-BORN GIANTS FELL
THAT WONDERING MOR-
-TALS WONT TO TELL
AND THVS THE FEVD
WAS KINDLED







A THIRSTY·MOUSE·WHOS^{E.}
A FLIGHT·OVTSTRIPPED
THE·CAT'S·GRIM·CLAWS·
THAT·ELSE·HAD·GRIPT.
AS·IN·A·NEIGHBOVRING·
LAKE·HE·DIPT.
HIS·DAINTY·CHIN,PLEAS-
-ED·GREATLY·
TO·TASTE·ITS·WATERS·
HONIED·TIDE,
HIM·DRINKING·THVS,
ANON·ESPIED·
A·LOVD-VOICED·FROG,
THE·MARSHES'·PRIDE.,
AND·SPOKE·IN·ACCENTS
STATELY.



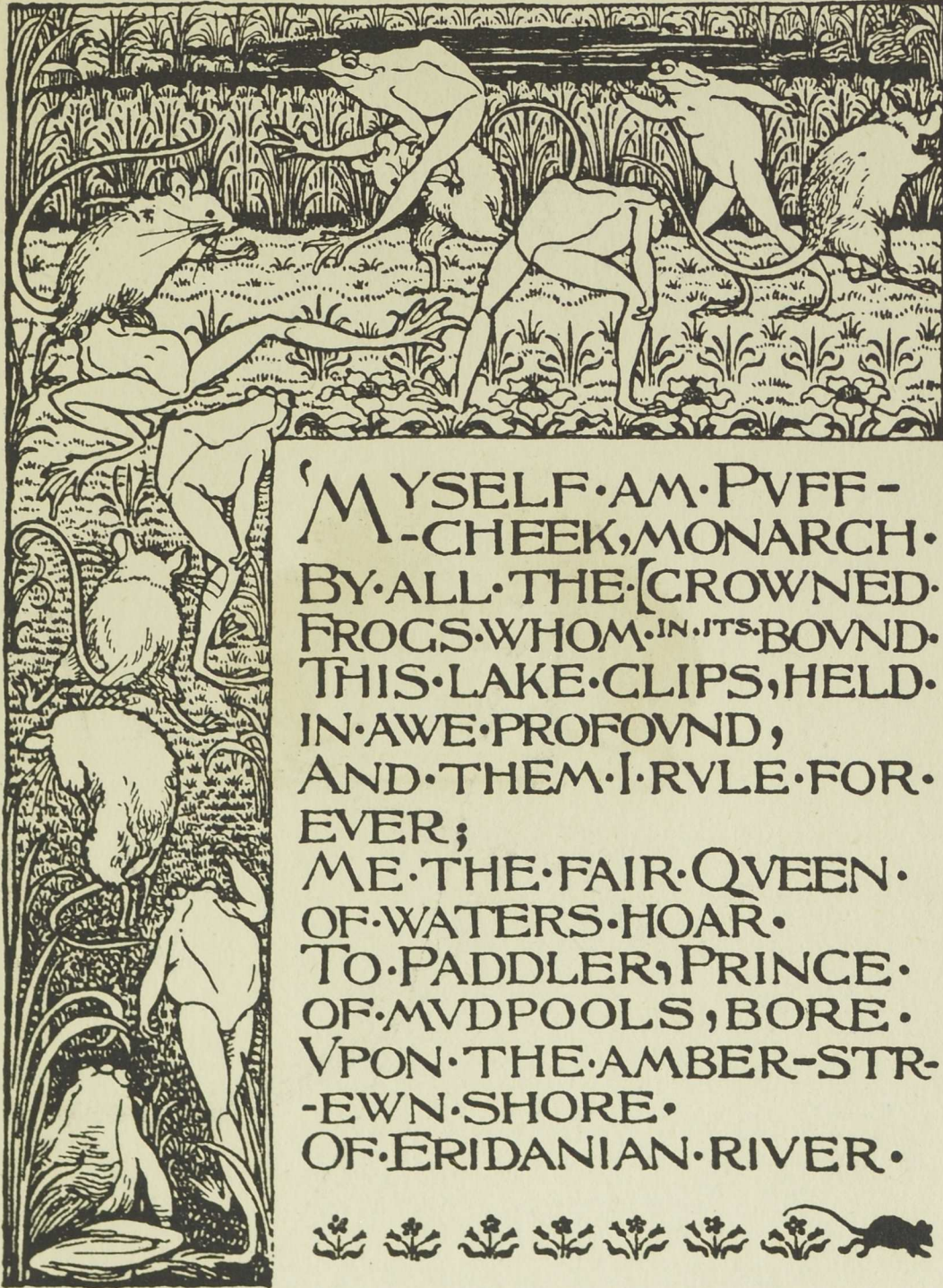




'HO·STRANGER,WHO·
AND·WHENCE·ART·THOU·
SAY·WHO·THY·SIRE?·BE·
HEEDFUL·NOW·
AND·ALL·I·ASK·WITH·TR-
-UTH·AVOW,
LEST·I·DECEIVING·FIND
THEE;
FOR·THEE,IF·WORTHY·
PROVED,I'LL·BEAR·
VNTO·MY·HOME·FAST·
BY,AND·THERE·
WITH·MANY·A·GOODLY·
GIFT·AND·RARE·
IN·FRIENDSHIP·I·WILL·
BIND·THEE·



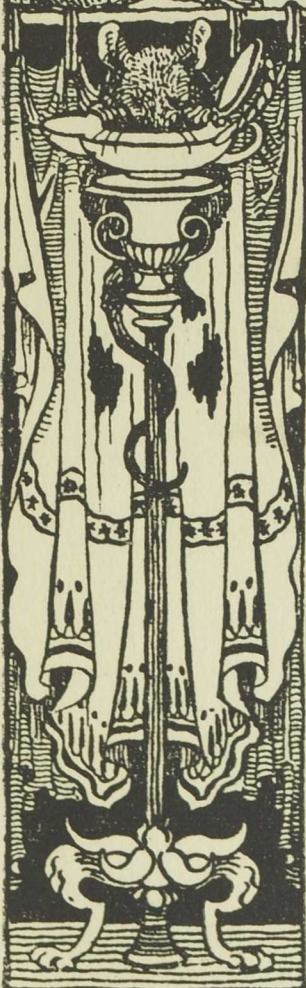
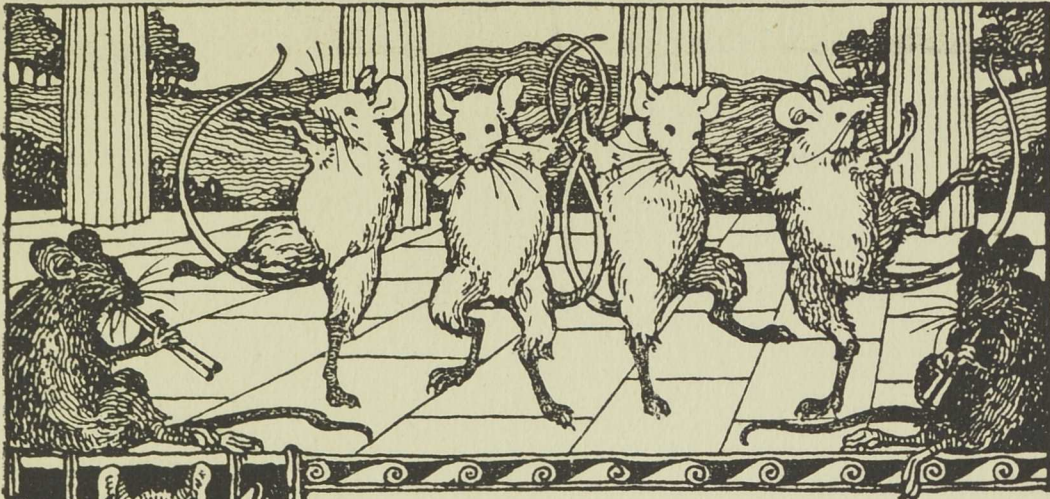




'MYSELF·AM·PVFF-
-CHEEK, MONARCH·
BY·ALL·THE·[CROWNED·
FROGS·WHOM·IN·ITS·BOVND·
THIS·LAKE·CLIPS, HELD·
IN·AWE·PROFOVND,
AND·THEM·I·RVLE·FOR·
EVER;
ME·THE·FAIR·QVEEN·
OF·WATERS·HOAR·
TO·PADDLER, PRINCE·
OF·MVDPOOLS, BORE·
VPON·THE·AMBER-STR·
-EWN·SHORE·
OF·ERIDANIAN·RIVER·








AND·THEE·ABOVE·TMY·
MATES·EXTOLLED·
FOR·STRENGTH·AND·
BEAVTY·I·BEMOLD,
A·SCEPTRED·KING,·A·
WARRIOR·BOLD·
ON·FIELDS·OF·FIGHT·
VNDAVNTED·
BVT·MASTE·THEE·NOW,
AND·SPEEDILY·
DECLARE·TO·ME·TMY·
LINEAGE·MIGH·
ME·SAID;·TMEN·GRAB·
-CRUMB·MADE·REPLY,
AND·IN·THESE·WORDS
ME·VANNTED:








W MY · SEEKEST · THOU,
FOR SOOTH, TO · KNOW ·
MY · RACE · AND · NAME,
BOTH · FAMED, I · TROW,
'MONGST · GODS · ABOVE,
AND · MEN · BELOW,
AND · BIRDS · IN · HEAVEN ·
THAT · MOVER? 
I, GRABCRUMB · MIGHT,
FOR · FATHER · CLAIMED
GNAWCRVST · GREAT ·
-SOVLED; MY · MOTMER ·
OF · ROYAL · STOCK, (CAME ·
LICKMEAL · MER · NAME,
MER · SIRE · THE · KING ·
HAMLOVER ·







'ME·IN·SEQVESTERED·
 CELL·SME·BORE,
 AND·THERE·WITH·FOOD
 A·PLENTEOUS·STORE,
 RIPE·FIGS,AND·NUTS,
 AND·DÄINTIES·MORE·
 OF·DIVERS·KINDS·SME·
 FED·ME· 
 AND·NEVER·ONCE·IN·
 FIERCEST·FIGHT·
 COULD·DEÄTM·ITSELF·
 MY·SOVL·ÄFFRIGHT,
 BVT·MID·THE·THICKEST·
 FRÄY·ÄRIGHT·
 MY·DÄVNTLESS·SPRITE·
 HÄTH·LED·ME·







NOR·MĀN, THOVGH·HU-
N-GE·HIS·SIZE, I·DREĀD,
BVT·BOLDLY·LEĀPING·
ON·MIS·BED,
WHILE·SLVMBER·HOLDS
MIS·MEĀVY·HEĀD,
I·NIBBLE·ĀT·HIS·FINGE-
(RS),
OR·SOMETIMES·SEIZE·
MIM·BY·THE·MEEL,
YET·NOT·Ā·PĀNG·THĀT·
MĀN·DO·TH·FEEL;
ĀND·SLEEP, THĀT·DID·
HIS·EYELIDS·SEĀL,
FOR·ĀLL·MY·BITING·
LINGERS·



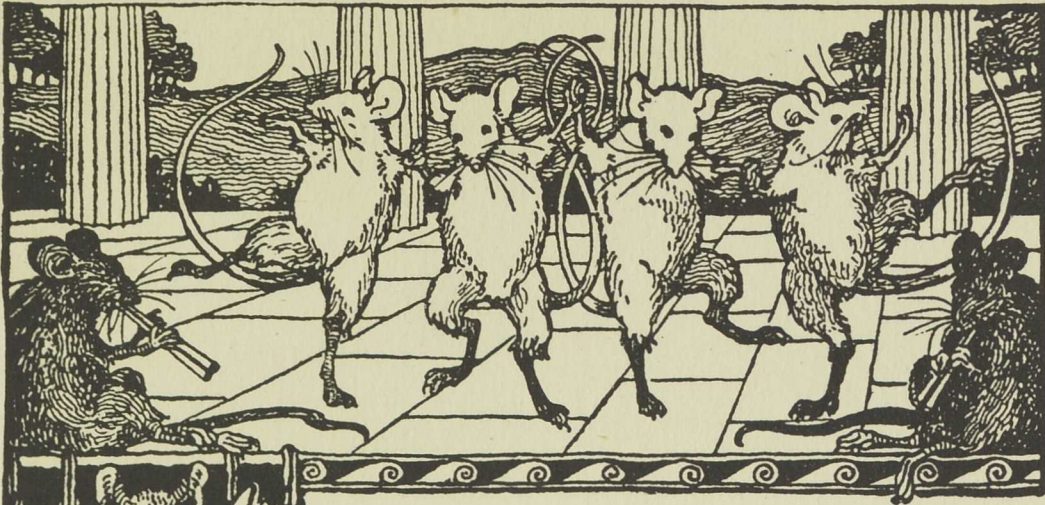




BVT. OF. ALL. THINGS.
BENEATH. THE. SUN,
TWO. MORE. THAN. AUGHT.
I. FEAR. AND. SMYNN:
ONE. IS. THE. WHEELING
MANK, AND. ONE.
THE. CAT, THAT. MONS-
-TER. HIDEOVS;
THESE. TWAIN. TO. ME.
MUCH. WOE. HAVE. BROUGHT,
AND. EKE. THE. TRAP, WITH
WAILING. FRAUGHT,
WHERE. MANY. A. RYEFVL
DEED. IS. WROGHT.
BY. CRAFTY. WILES. IN-
-SIDIOUS. ■







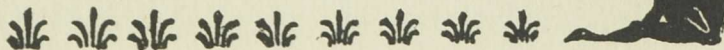
BVT·MOS·TME·PEER-
 B-ING·CĀT·FEĀR·I,
 BECĀVSE, TME·MOLE -
 MOVTM·LVRKING·NIGM,
 IN·POVNCING·ON·TME·
 PĀSSER-BY·
 SME·MORRIBLY·EXCEL-
 LETM·
 CĀN·WE, WHOM·NĀTVRE·
 DOTM·ĀSSIGN·
 SVCM·DEVIOVS·LOTS,
 BE·FRIENDS·^{FOR}TMINE·
 Ā·WĀTERY·LIFE·DECREES
 BVT·MINE·
 TO·GNĀW·MEN'S·GOODS
 IMPELLETM·








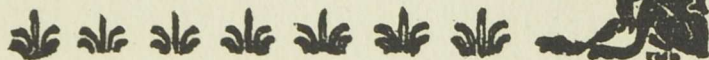
NOR·SCAPE·MY·KEEN-
NER·SIGMT·AND·SMELL
THRICE·LVSCIOVS·LOAVES
FVLL-ORBED, TMATSWELL
IN·WICKER·BASKET·ROW-
-DED·WELL,
NOR·DELICATE·WAFER·
SPREADING·
MER·BROADENING·BOR-
-DER·MEMS, FOR·TMESSE·
ARE·ALL·BEDECKT·WITM·
PLENTEVOVS·CMEESE·
AND·SESAME·VPON·THE
BREEZE·
CELESTIAL·ODOVRS·
SMEDDING;



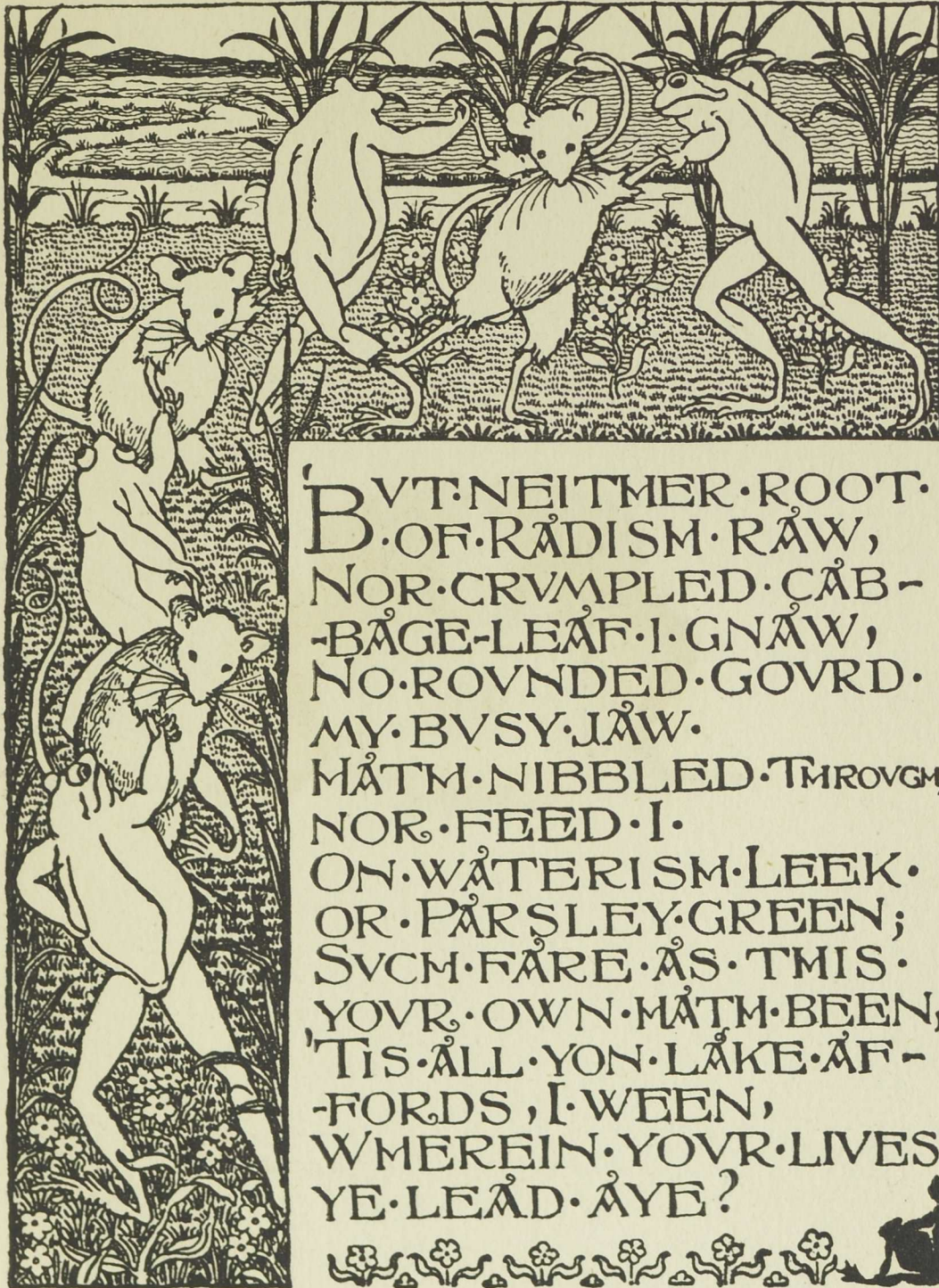




'MAM-SLICE, NOR·LIV-
MERS·IN·THEIR·VEST·
OF·SNOW·WHITE·FAT,
NOR·CHEESE·NEW·PREST,
NOR·MONEY-CAKE, THAT
E'EN·THE·BLEST·
YEARN·AFTER, NOTHING
SCORNING; 
NOR·AVGMT·THAT·SKIL
-FUL·COOKS·PREPARE·
FOR·MORTALS·FEASTS
WITH·TOIL·AND·CARE,
WITH·SVNDRY·SPICES·
RICH·AND·RARE·
THEIR·POTS·AND·
PANS·ADORNING·



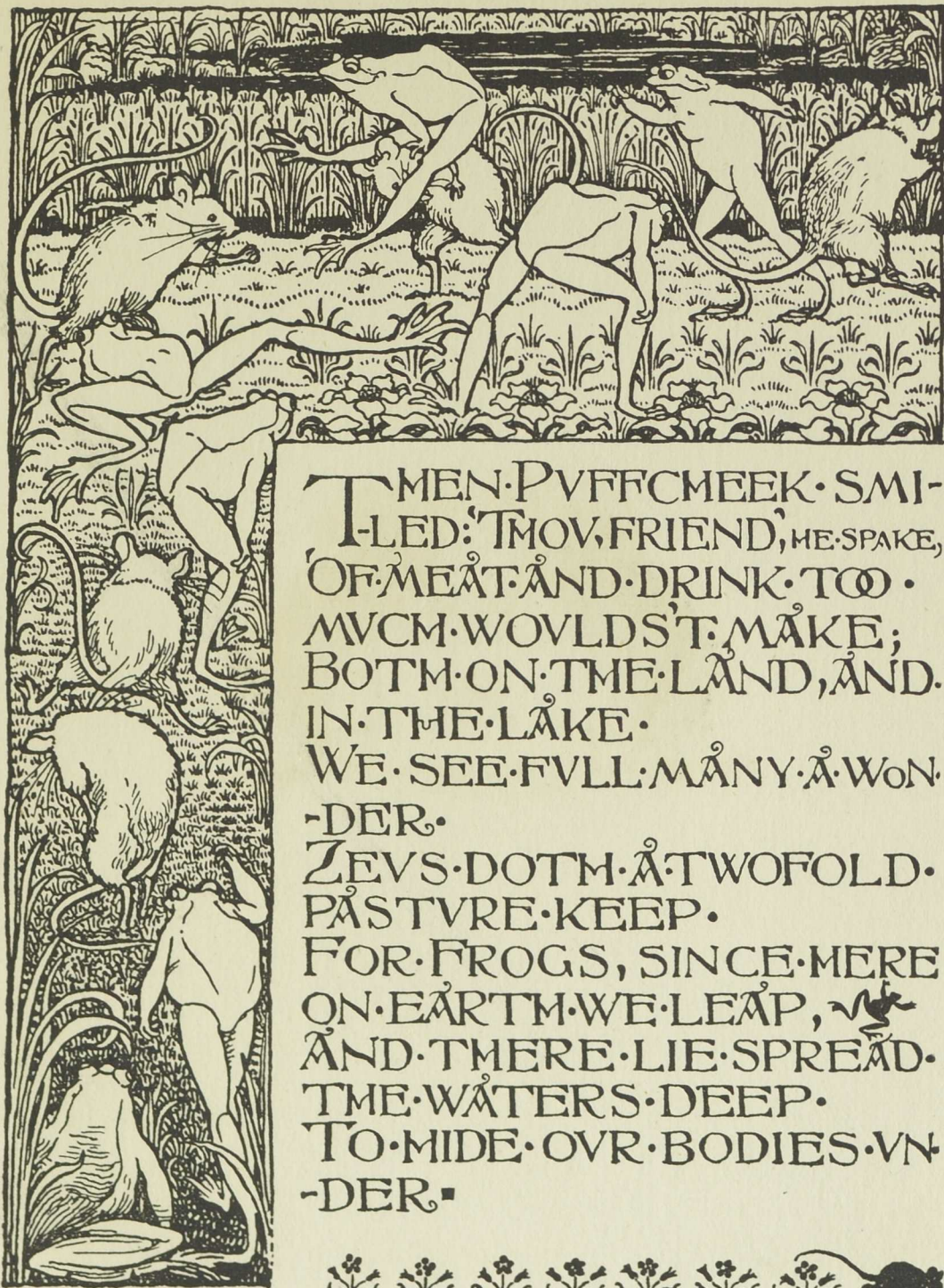





'BVT·NEITMER·ROOT·
B·OF·RĀDISM·RĀW,
NOR·CRUMPLED·CĀB-
BĀGE·LEAF·I·GNĀW,
NO·ROVNDĒD·GOVRD·
MY·BVSY·JĀW·
MĀTM·NIBBLED·THROVGH,
NOR·FEED·I·
ON·WĀTERISM·LEEK·
OR·PĀRSLEY·GREEN;
SVCH·FĀRE·ĀS·THIS·
YOVR·OWN·MĀTM·BEEN,
'TIS·ĀLL·YON·LĀKE·ĀF-
FORDS, I·WEEN,
WMEREIN·YOVR·LIVES
YE·LEĀD·ĀYE?



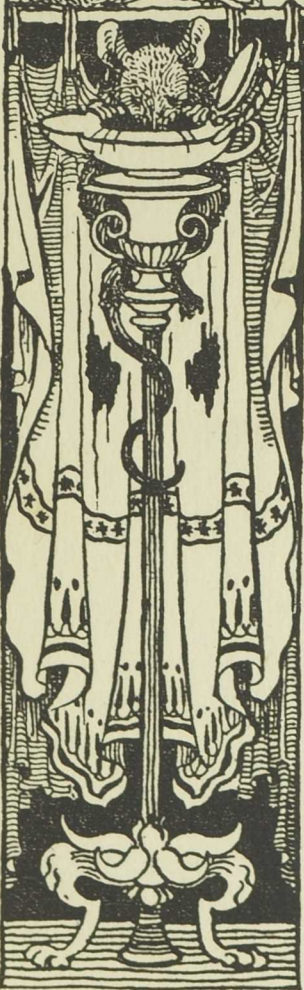




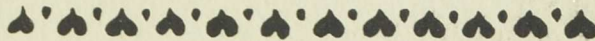
T MEN PVFFCMEEK · SMI-
TLED: TMOV, FRIEND, HE · SPAKE,
'OF MEAT · AND · DRINK · TOO ·
MVCM · WOVLDS 'T · MAKE;
BOTM · ON · TME · LAND, AND
IN · TME · LAKE ·
WE · SEE · FVLL · MÅNY · Å · WON-
-DER ·
ZEVS · DOTM · Å · TWOFOLD ·
PÅSTVRE · KEEP ·
FOR · FROGS, SINCE · MERE
ON · EÅRTM · WE · LEAP, 
ÅND · TME · THERE · LIE · SPREAD ·
TME · WÅTERS · DEEP ·
TO · MIDE · OVR · BODIES · VN-
-DER ·







BUT WOULD'ST THOU MOVE EKE
 THESE MARVELS VIEW,
 THAT WERE AN EASY THING
 TO DO -
 COME, MOUNT MY BACK,
 CLING CLOSE THERETO,
 SO NEED'ST THOU MOVE DREAD
 NO DANGER;
 FOR TO MY HOME IN HIGH
 CONTENT
 I'LL BEAR THEE STRAIGHT
 IF THOU CONSENT.
 THUS PUFFCHEEK SAID,
 AND LOWLY BENT
 BEFORE THE WILLING
 STRANGER.







AND ME, WITH BOTM MÅ
M-ND S GRÅSPING TIGMT.
THE FROG'S SOFT TMRoAT,
VPVAVLTED LIGHT,
AND AT THE FIRST, WHILE
STILL IN SIGHT.
OF NEIGHBOVRING MÅR-
BOVRS KEEPING,
IT SEEMED Å JOYFVL RI-
DE TO MIM,
WELL PLEÅSED TO FEEL
KING PVFFCMEEK SWIM;
BVT WHEN THE WAVES
ÅLL DÅRK AND GRIM
PLÅSHED OER MIM SORE-
LY WEEPING,








ME·CMID·REPENTANCE·
 M·STEADING·NAVGHT,
 AND·TORE·MIS·HAIR·LI-
 -KE·ONE·DISTRÁVGHT,
 EACH·SHRINKING·FOOT
 THAT·DRYNESS·SOVGT
 BENEATH·MIS·BODY·SQ-
 -VEEZING;
 HEART·SMÁKED·WITH·
 FEAR·BY·STRÁNGE^{NESS}·BRED,
 HE·LONGED·ONCE·MORE·
 TME·EARTH·TO·TREAD,
 AND·FÁINTLY·GROÁNED·
 FOR·ICY·DREÁD·
 MIS·VERY·SOVL·WÁS·FR-
 -EEZING·

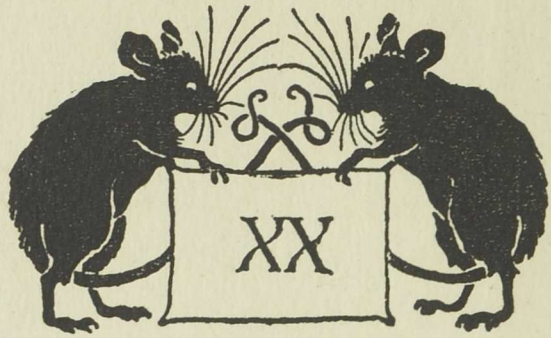






AND THROUGH THE TIDE ·
HIS OVTSTRETCHED TAIL ·
HE LIKE A STEERING OAR
LET TRAIL, 
WHILE HEAVEN WITH PR-
AYERS HE DID ASSAIL ·
FOR HELP SOON LAND-
WARD GUIDING;
BVT STILL THE DARK ·
WAVES OER HIM SWEPT,
AND LOVD AND LONG HE
WAILED AND WEPT,
NOR SILENCE THEN FROM
SPEECH HE KEPT,
BVT SPOKE HIS FORTV-
NE CHIDING :





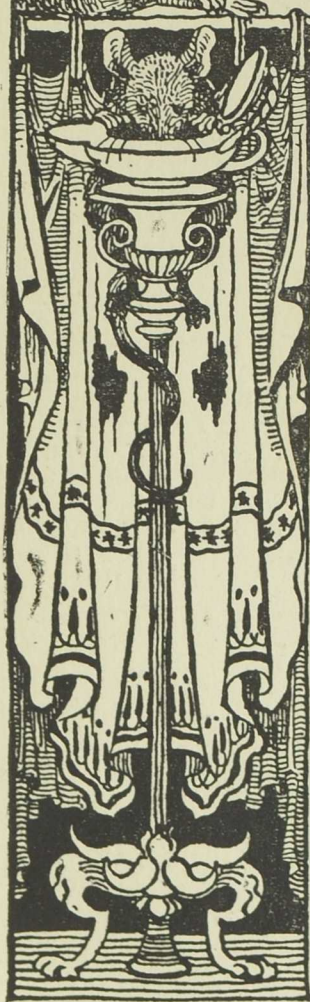
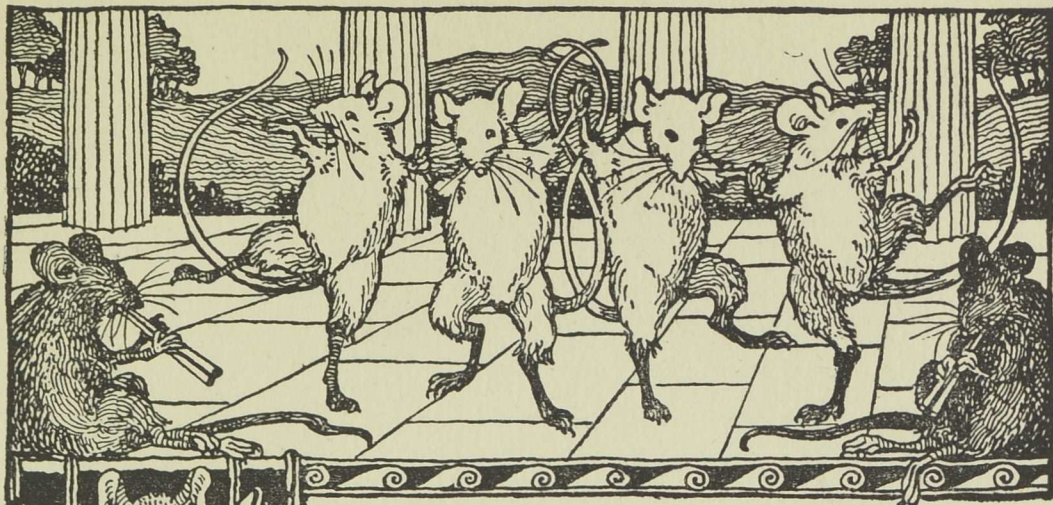


NOT THUS, METHINKS,
 THE BILLOWS OER
 HIS LOAD OF LOVE THE
 WHITE BULL BORE,
 WHO BROUGHT EVROPA
 TO THE SHORE
 OF KRETE RENOWNED
 IN STORY;
 NOT LIKE THIS FROG, WHO
 NOW ALACK,
 SPEEDS HOME WITH ME
 VPON HIS BACK,
 HIS PALE SHAPE SPREAD-
 ING ON HIS TRACK
 ACROSS THE WATERS
 HOARY?



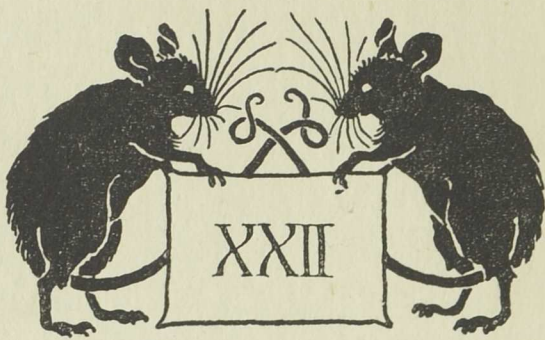







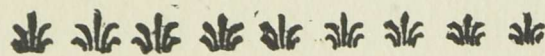
BVT·NOW·AN·AWFUL·SI-
 B·GHT·APPEARED,
 A·SIGHT·THAT·STOVT-
 -EST·HEARTS·HAD·FEARED;
 A·WATER-SNAKE·HIS·
 HEAD·VPREARED·
 ABOVE·THE·LAKE·FIERCE·
 -FROWNING;
 WHICH·PVFF·CHEEK·DID·
 ANON·PERCEIVE,
 AND·DIVED·HIS·OWN·ES-
 -CAPE·TO·ACHIEVE·
 INTENT,NOR·THOUGHT
 IT·SHAME·TO·LEAVE·
 HIS·NOBLE·COMRADE·
 DROWNING·







DOWN·TO·THE·DARK·
DLAKE'S·DEPTHS·ME·SLID,
WHERE,·SAVED·FROM·
BITTER·DEATH,·ME·MID·
BVT·ON·HIS·BACK·THE·
WAVES·AMID·
FELL·GRABCRUMB,·THVS·
DESERTED, 
AND·CLENCHED·HIS·HÅ-
·NDS,·AND·SQVEAKED·AMAIN·
AND·OFTIMES·SANK,
AND·OFT·AGAIN·
ROSE·WILDLY·KICKING
ALL·IN·VAIN,
MIS·DOOM·WAS·VNAVER-
·TED·







FOR·WETTED·MĀIRS,
FĀ·BVRDEN·GREĀT,
SOON·DRĀGGED·MĪM·
DOWNWĀRD·BY·THEIR·WEIGHT
ĀT·LĀST·ME·CRIED,
WHILE·CRVEL·FĀTE·
HIS·SPEEDY·END·WĀS·
BRINGING:
DEEM·NOT·FĀLSE·FROG
THY·WILES·CĀN·SHVN·
THE·FVLL·REWĀRD·THY·
DEEDS·MĀVE·WON,
MĒ·FROM·THY·BĀCK,
SHIPWRECKED·VNDONE
ĀS·FROM·Ā·ROCK·LEDGE
FLINGING·

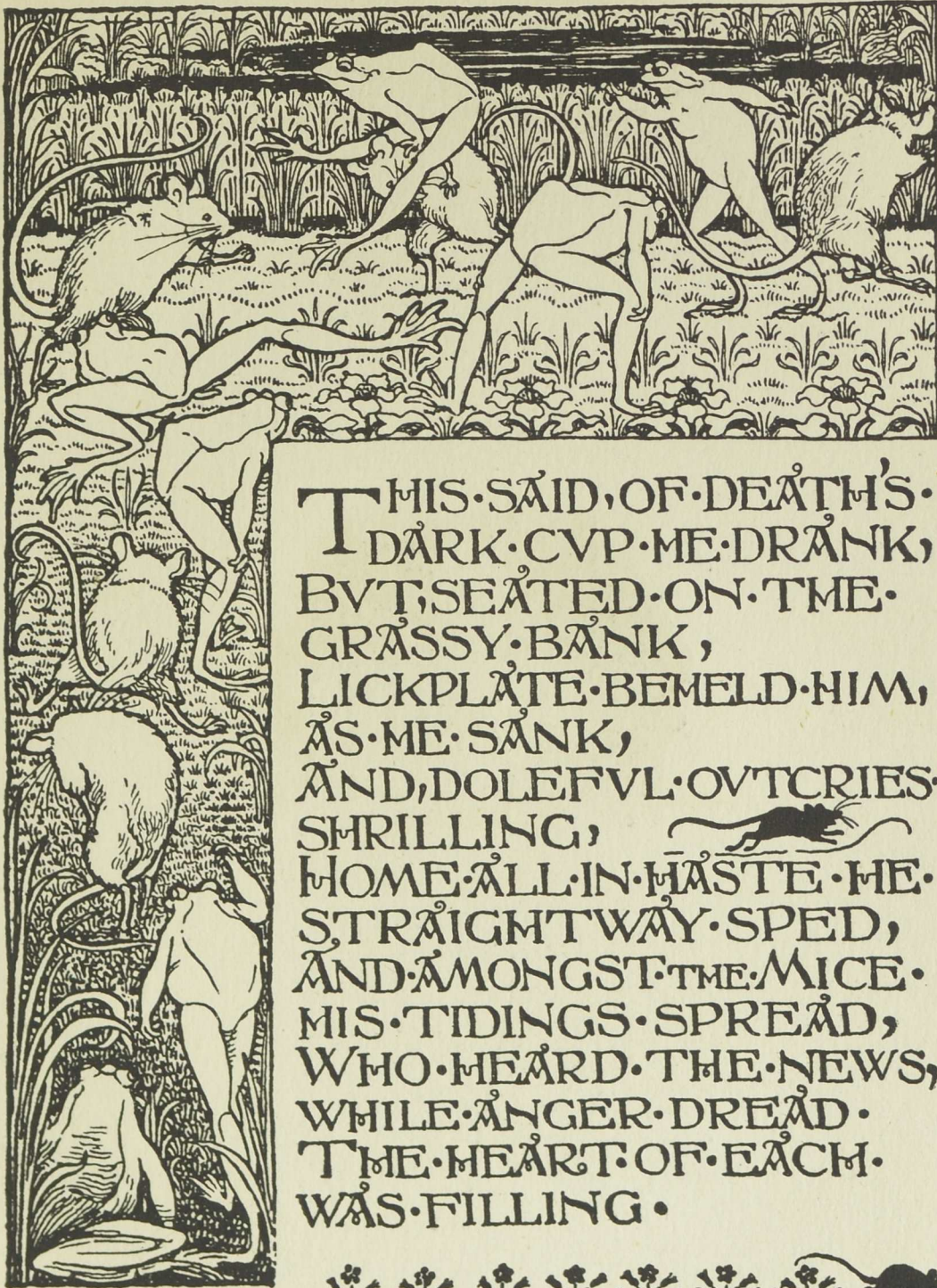





'NOT ON DRY LAND THOU
 CAITIFF WIGHT,
 IN WRESTLING, RACE, OR
 TOILSOME FIGHT,
 HAD'ST THOU SURPASSED
 MY MATCHLESS MIGHT,
 BUT HERE, MY STEPS BE-
 TRAYING,
 HAST ME INTO THE WAT-
 ER THRUST.
 YET GOD QVITES ALL;
 FOR THIS THOU MUST
 TO MICE TROOPS MAKE
 ATONEMENT JUST,
 NOR SMALT THOU SHVN
 THEIR SLAYING?



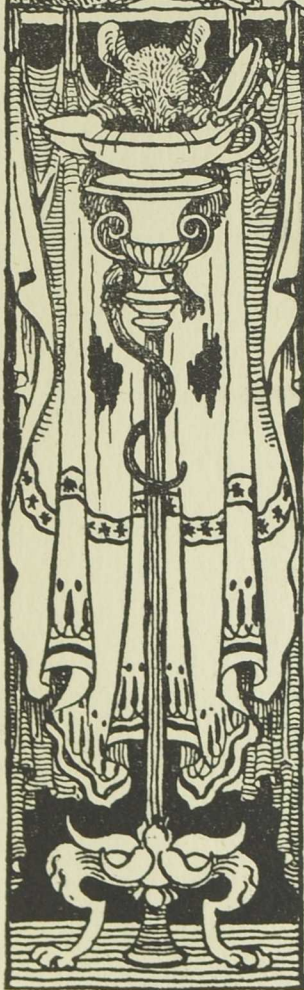
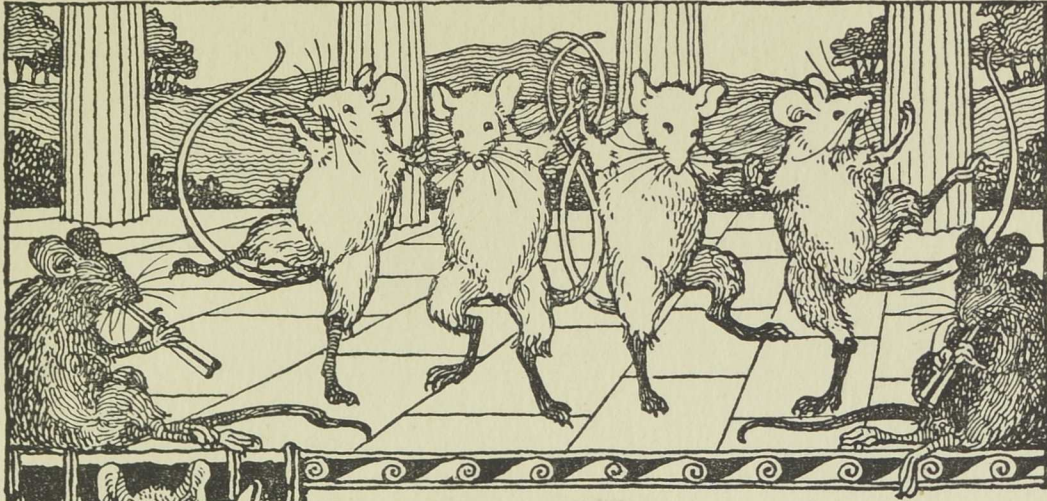




THIS SAID, OF DEATH'S
DARK CUP ME DRANK,
BVT SEATED ON THE
GRASSY BANK,
LICKPLATE BEMELD HIM,
AS ME SANK,
AND DOLEFUL OUTCRIES
SHRILLING, 
HOME ALL IN HASTE HE
STRAIGHTWAY SPED,
AND AMONGST THE MICE
MIS-TIDINGS SPREAD,
WHO HEARD THE NEWS,
WHILE ANGER DREAD
THE HEART OF EACH
WAS FILLING.







THEN MARKET-WARDS.
 AT BREAK OF DAY.
 THEY BADE THEIR HERALDS
 TAKE THEIR WAY,
 THE MOVRNFVL TALE
 WITHOVT DELAY,
 TO GNAWCRVST'S MALLS
 TO CARRY.
 THAT SIRE HELD LVCK-
 LESS GRABCRVMB DEAR,
 WHOSE CORSE NOW, FLOA
 TING IN THE MERE,
 SWAM ON THE MIDMOST
 TIDE, NOR NEAR
 THE SHORE MIGHT LON-
 GER TARRY.







BVT·WHEN·IN·HASTE, AS
MORNING·SMILED,
THESE·HERALDS·CAME,
KING·GNAWCRVST, WLD
WITH·WRATH·AND·GRIEF
TO·LOSE·HIS·CHILD,
ROSE·SPEAKING·WORDS
IMPASSIONED:
'O·FRIENDS, TMOUGH·'TIS
ALONE·MY·LOT·
TO·MEET·SVCH·ILLS·
FROM·FROGS, I·WOT·
THE·MISCHIEF·OF·TH-
-EIR·CRAFTY·PLOT·
AGAINST·VS·ALL·WAS·
FASHIONED·



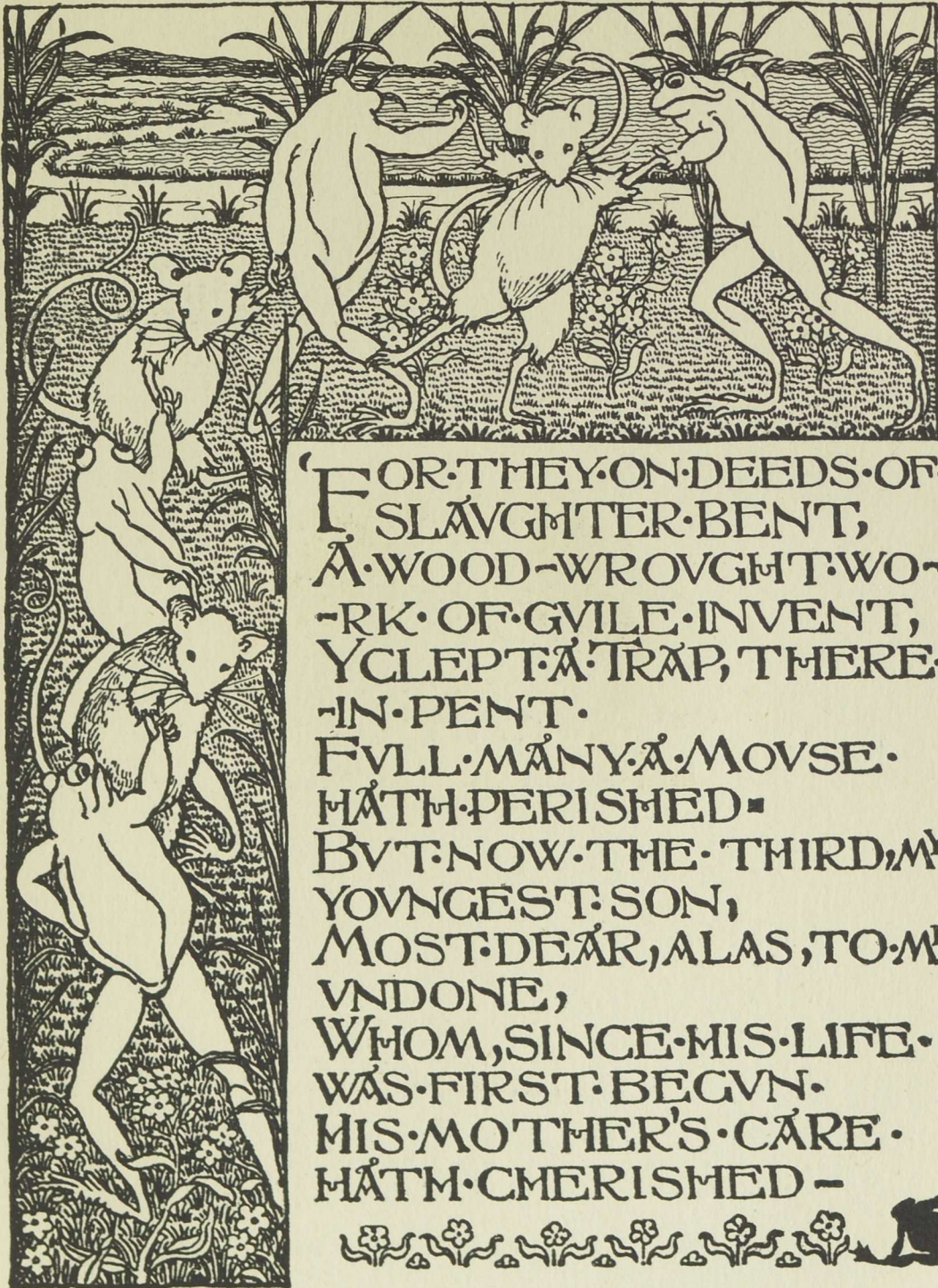




AND NOW AM I INDEED
FORLORN,
SINCE THREE FAIR SONS
I NEEDS MUST MOVRN.
THE FIRST MATH PER-
-ISHED, FROM ME TORN.
BY CAT'S FIERCE TALONS
MANGLED;
HARD BY HIS MOLE THE
WRETCH WAS SLAIN.
THE NEXT BY SAVAGE
MEN WAS TA'EN,
DRAWN TO HIS DOOM,
NOR SEEN AGAIN,
THROUGH HATEFUL
ARTS NEW FANGLED.







FOR THEY ON DEEDS OF
SLAUGHTER BENT,
A WOOD-WROUGHT WO-
RK OF GVILE INVENT,
YCLEPT A TRAP, THERE-
IN PENT.
FULL MANY A MOVSE
HATH PERISHED -
BVT NOW THE THIRD, MY
YOUNGEST SON,
MOST DEAR, ALAS, TO ME
VNDONE,
WHOM, SINCE MIS LIFE
WAS FIRST BEGVN
MIS MOTHER'S CARE
HATH CHERISHED -



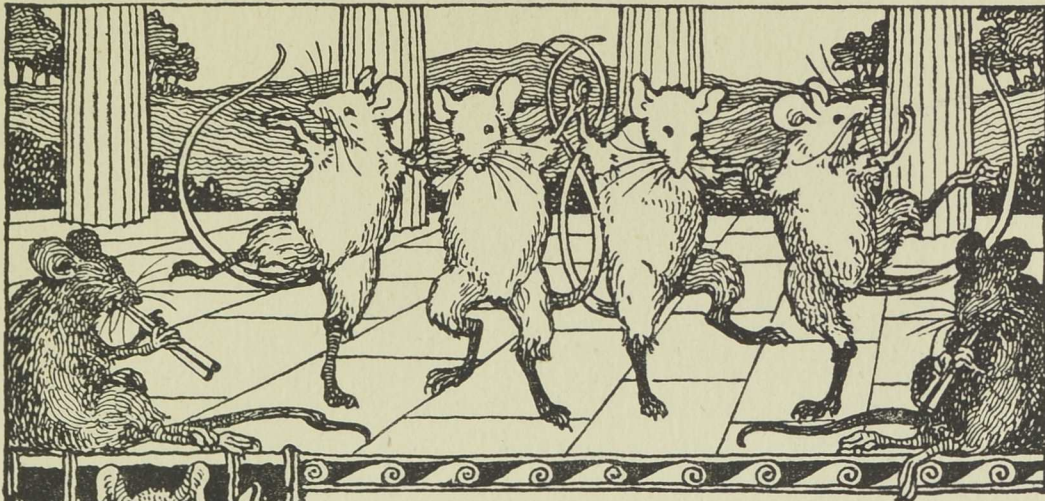





'S
HE·NOW·BY·PVFFCMEEK·
WILES·MISLED,
'NEATH·WATERY·DEPTHS·
LIES·DROWNED·AND·DEAD·
TO·ARMS, AND·MARCH,
OVR·HOSTS, HE·SAID,
'AGAINST·THIS·FOE·AR-
RAYING;
OVR·BODIES·DECKING·
FOR·THE·FIGHT·
IN·HARNESSE·SVBTLY·
WROUGHT·ARIGHT?
THEN·STRAIGHT·TO·
ARMS·FLEW·EVERY·WIGHT·
HIS·MONARCH'S·WORD·
OBEYING·







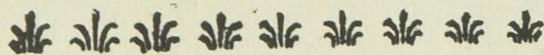
AND FIRST THEIR LEGS
 WITH GREAVES TO FIT
 THE PALE GREEN BEANS
 IN TWAIN THEY SPLIT,
 WHOSE PODS BY NIGHT
 THEY GNAWED AND BIT.
 THE WORK ADVANCING
 FLEETLY. 
 THEIR BREASTPLATES
 WERE OF LEATHER MADE
 WITH POINTED REEDS
 ALL OVERLAIN,
 TO GAIN THE SKIN A
 CAT WAS FLAYED,
 AND THEY WERE FASH-
 IONED FEATLY.








THE·METAL·FOR·EACH
WARRIOR'S·SHIELD·
A·HAND-LAMP'S·MIDMOST
BOSS·MUST·YIELD·
LONG·NEEDLES·AS·A
SPEAR·THEY·WEILD,
IN·COMBAT·FIERCELY·
SHAKEN,
SHEER·BRASS, FOR·MAR-
-TIAL·DEEDS·DESIGNED,
AND·FOR·A·HELM·THEIR·
BROWS·TO·BIND,
THE·WRINKLED·HUSK·
WHEREIN·YE·FIND·
THE·CHICKPEA'S·FRV-
-IT·WAS·TAKEN·

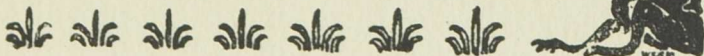








THVS·CAP·A·PIE·THE·
MICE·WERE·ARMED;
WHICH·WHEN·THE·FRO-
GS·PERCEIVED·ALARMED
VP·FROM·THE·WATER'S·
BRINK·THEY·SWARMED,
AND·TOWARD·ONE·PLACE
REPAIRING, 
DID·THERE·IN·WARLIKE
CONCLAVE·SIT·
BVT·WHILE·THEY·SOV-
GHT·THE·CAVSE·TO·WIT·
THAT·SVCH·A·FLAME·OF·
WRATH·HAD·LIT,
AND·WHENCE·THE·DIS-
CORD, BEARING·







MIS·STAFF·IN·HÄND·Ä·
M·MERÄLD·CÄME,
GREÄT·HEÄRTED·SCOP
-CMEESE'SON, BY·NÄME·
ÄS·MÄVNTPOT·KNOWN,
WHO·DID·PROCLÄIM·
HIS·HOSTILE·ERRÄND,
SÄYING:
'ME, O·YE·FROGS, ON·VEN-
-GEÄNCE·BENT,
WITH·MÄNY·Ä·THREÄT·THE
MICE·HÄVE·SENT
TO·BID·YOV·ÄRM, YOV·
HOSTS·INTENT·
ON·WÄR·ÄND·STRIFE·
ÄRRÄYING·







FOR, FLOATING YONDER,
ON THE TIDE,
THEY GRAB CRUMB'S PIT-
EVOUS CORPSE HAVE SPIED,
WHO BY THE HAND OF RUFF-
-CHEEK DIED,
YOVR MONARCH TREACH-
-EROUS HEARTED▪
BVT NOW, TO ARMS, YE▪
CHIEFTAINS BOLD,
WHOM FIRST IN FIGHT,
THE FROG-FOLK HOLD!
HIS MESSAGE THVS THE
HERALD TOLD,
AND ON HIS WAY DEPAR-
-TED▪







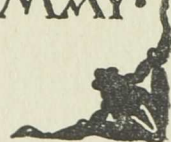
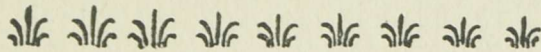
BVTEVERY·FROG'S·PRO·
D·VD·HEART·WAS·STIRRED·
WITH·TROUBLE·BY·EACH·
LOFTY·WORD;
THEN·PVFF·CHEEK,·WHEN·
ANON·HE·HEARD·
ALL·SHAME·Vpon·HIM·CRY·
-ING·
STOOD·FORTH·AND·ANS·
-WERED:·FRIENDS·NOT·I·
THIS·MOVSE·PRINCE·SLEW·
NOR·SAW·HIM·DIE;
METHINKS·THE·LAKE'S·
MARGE·SPORTING·NIGH·
ME·MET·MIS·FATE·IN·TRY·
-ING·







'T O · I M I T A T E · T H E · S W I M ·
I · M I N G · G R A C E ·
O F · F R O G S ; B U T · N O W · H I S ·
P E O P L E · B A S E ·
A C C U S E · M E · G V I L T L E S S ·
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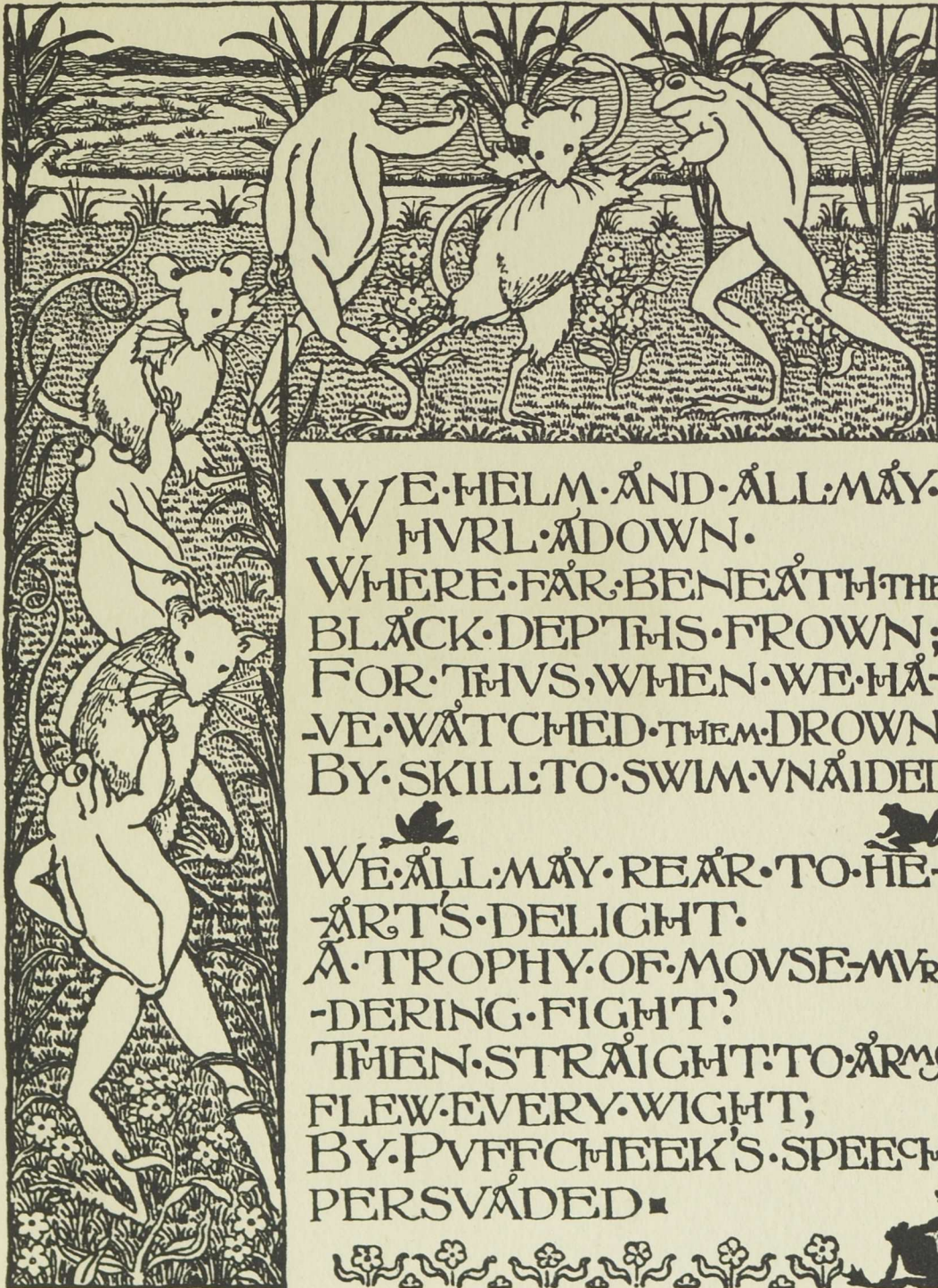




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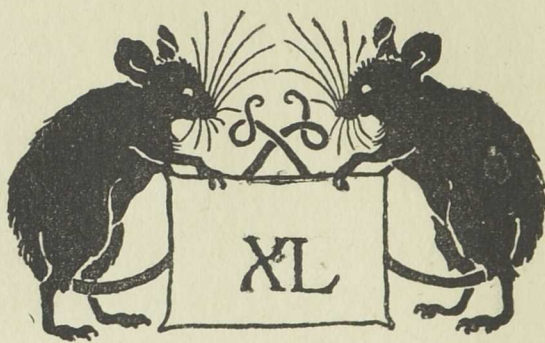






WE·HELM·AND·ALL·MAY·
MVRL·ADOWN·
WHERE·FAR·BENEATH·THE
BLACK·DEPTHS·FROWN;
FOR·THVS·WHEN·WE·HÄ-
VE·WÄTCHED·THEM·DROWN,
BY·SKILL·TO·SWIM·VNÄIDED
WE·ALL·MAY·REÄR·TO·HE-
ÄRT'S·DELIGHT·
Ä·TROPHY·OF·MOVSE·MVR-
DERING·FIGHT?
THEN·STRAIGHT·TO·ÄRMS·
FLEW·EVERY·WIGHT,
BY·PVFFCHEEK'S·SPEECH
PERSVÄDED·







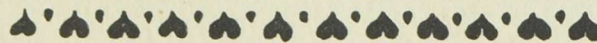
AND ON THEIR LEGS THEY
BOVND FOR GREAVES.
THE AMPLE FOLDS OF MLE
LOW LEAVES,
A BREASTPLATE STRONG
NO LANCE THRVST CLEAVES
FROM FAIR GREEN BEET-
STALKS STRIPPING;
AND CABBAGE LEAVES
THAT BROADLY SPROVT-
THEY DEFTLY WROVHT
TO BVCKLERS STOVVT,
KEEN POINTED RVSMES
ALL THE ROVT.
WITM LONG STAVED SP-
EARS EQVIPPING ■

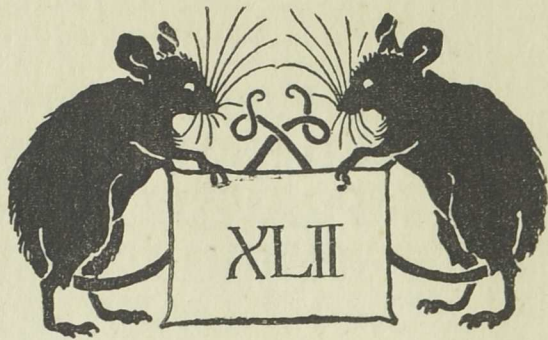






AND O'ER THEIR HEADS
DEFENDED WELL
THE HORNS OF LITTLE
SNAILS THAT DWELL
IN TRAVELLING HOMES
OF WHORLED SMELL
FOR MELMET-PLUMES
WERE WAVING
THUS PANOPIED, IN WAR-
LIKE MOOD
Vpon the lofty banks
they stood,
and shook their spea-
-rs, while wrath imbued
their souls for combat
craving.







BVT·NOW·IN·MEAVENS·
B·STARRY·HALL·
ZEVS·DID·THE·GODS·TO-
-GETHER·CALL,
AND·SMOWED·THAT·MÅR-
-TIAL·CONCOVRSE·ALL·
OF·WÅRRIORS·BRÅVE·AND
MIGHTFVL,
IN·NVMBERS·VAST,·AND·
LARGE·OF·LIMB,
LONG·SPEAR·SHÅFTS·WIE-
-LDING;·IN·SVCH·TRIM·
MÅRCH·MONSTROVS·HOS-
-TS·OF·GIANTS·GRIM,
AND·CENTÅVR·LEGIONS
FRIGHTFVL·



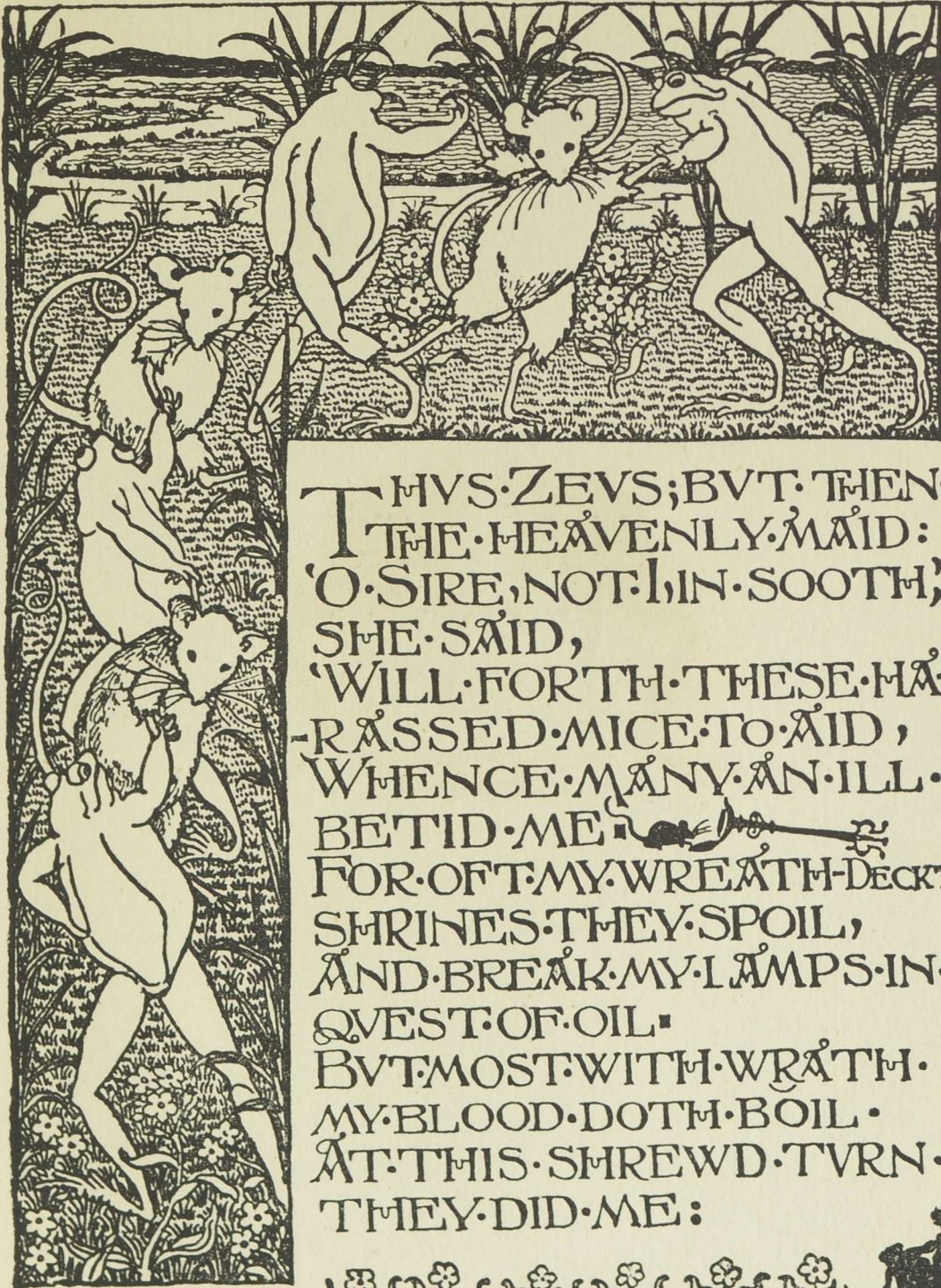





T MEN ASKED, AND SMILED
T THE SIGHT TO SEE.
WHICH GOD THE MICE'S
FRIEND WOVL D BE,
THE FROGS' WHICH DA
-VGHTER MINE? SAID HE,
ATHENE, WITHER SPEED
-ING,
THOVL T AID THE MICE?
FOR EVERMORE.
THEY FRISK ABOVT THY
TEMPLE FLOOR,
ON ODOROV S FAT AND
DIVERS STORE.
OF DAIN TIES SWEETLY
FEEDING.



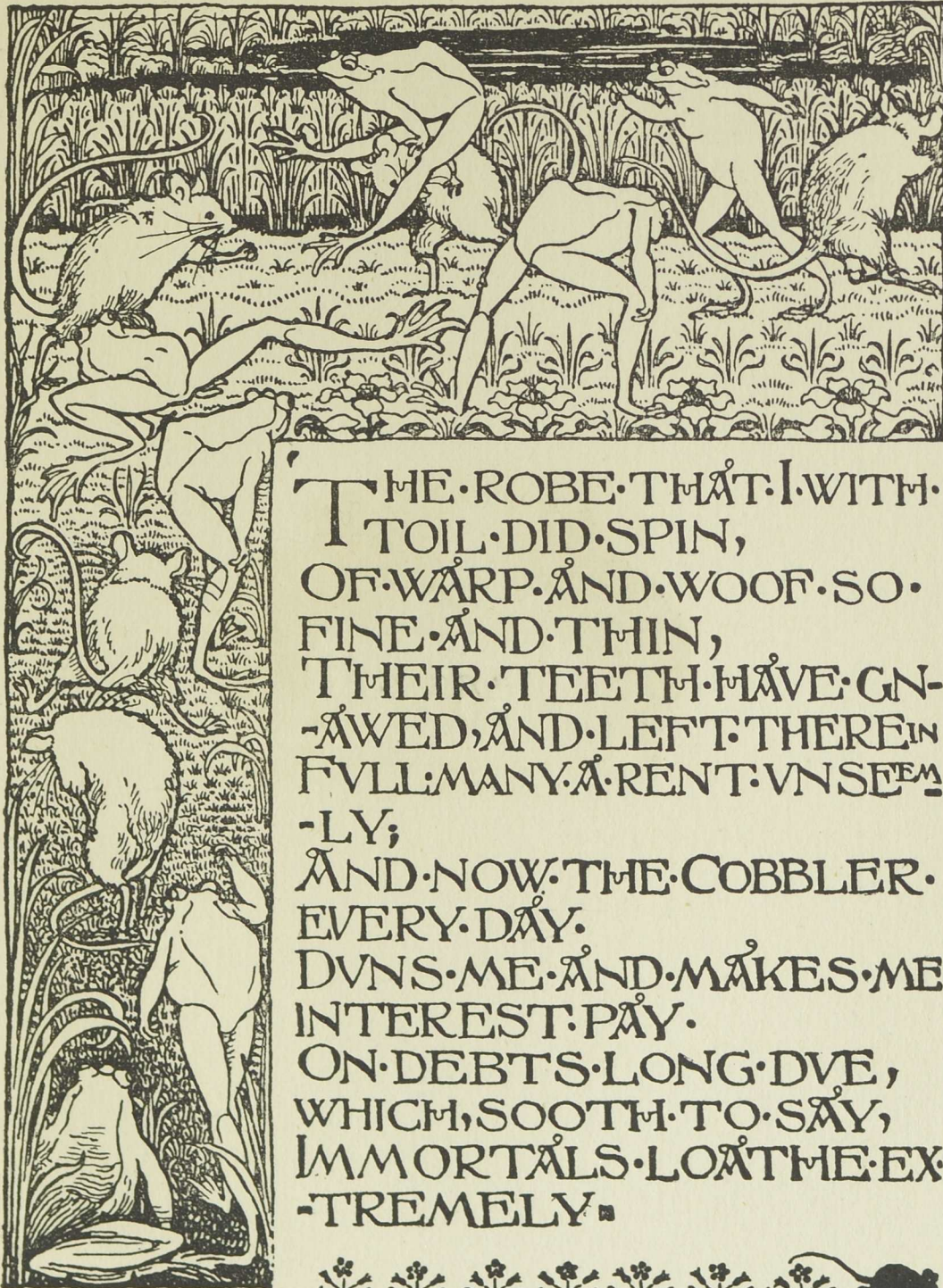




THVS·ZEVS; BVT· THEN·
THE· HEAVENLY· MAID·
'O· SIRE, NOT· IN· SOOTH·
SHE· SAID,
'WILL· FORTH· THESE· MA·
RASSED· MICE· TO· AID·,
WHENCE· MANY· AN· ILL·
BETID· ME· 
FOR· OFT· MY· WREATH· DECKT·
SHRINES· THEY· SPOIL,
AND· BREAK· MY· LAMPS· IN·
QVEST· OF· OIL·
BVT· MOST· WITH· WRATH·
MY· BLOOD· DOTM· BOIL·
AT· THIS· SHREWD· TVRN·
THEY· DID· ME·:



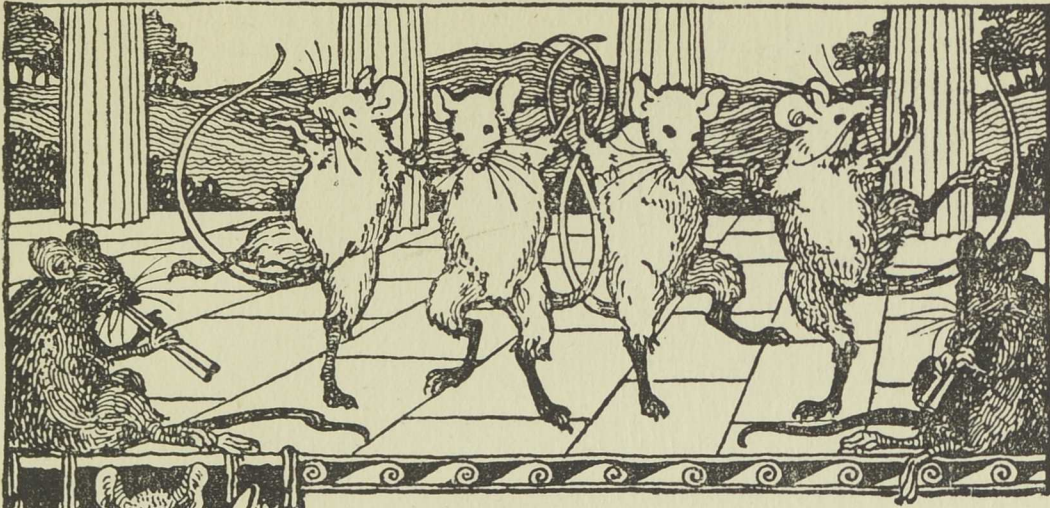




THE ROBE THAT I WITH
TOIL DID SPIN,
OF WARP AND WOOF SO
FINE AND THIN,
THEIR TEETH HAVE GN-
AWED, AND LEFT THEREIN
FULL MANY ARENT VNSEEM-
-LY;
AND NOW THE COBBLER
EVERY DAY
DVNS ME AND MAKES ME
INTEREST PAY
ON DEBTS LONG DVE,
WHICH, SOOTH TO SAY,
IMMORTALS LOATHE EX-
-TREMELY.







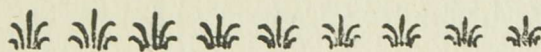
'FOR, BORROWING · THREAD,
 I · SPUN, AND · LACK ·
 THE · MEANS · TO · PAY · THE ·
 LENDER · BACK ·
 BUT · NONE · THE · MORE · TO ·
 GUARD · FROM · WRACK ·
 THE · FROGS · I · FORTH · HAVE ·
 SPEEDED ;
 FOR · EKE · A · WITLESS · FOLK ·
 ARE · THEY,
 WEAK · MINDED ; 'T WAS · BUT ·
 YESTERDAY,
 WAR · WORN · AND · WEARY · FR-
 -OM · THE · FRAY ·
 WHEN · SLEEP · I · SORELY ·
 NEEDED ,



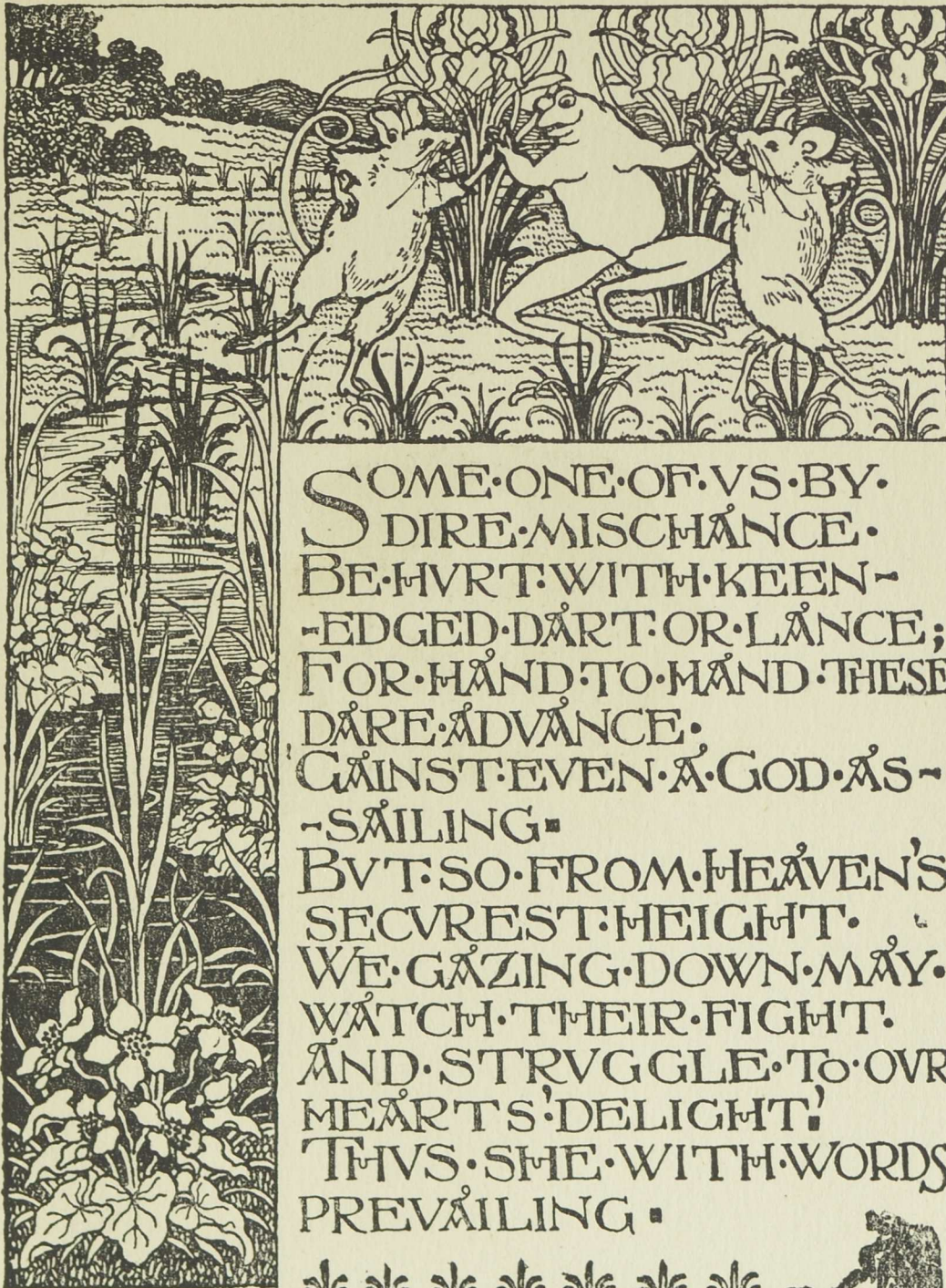




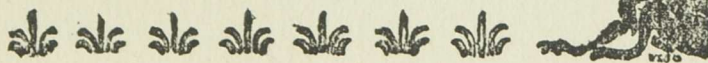
THEIR·SENSELESS·
CLAMOUR·ROSE·ON·HIGH,
NOR·SUFFERED·ME·TO·
CLOSE·AN·EYE;
ALL·NIGHT·I·NEEDS·MUST
SLEEPLESS·LIE·
WITH·THROBBING·TEMPLES
ACHING,
TILL·COCKS·CREW·OVT
AT·MORNING·TIDE -
BVT·COME,·YE·GODS,·FOR-
BEAR',·SHE·CRIED,
'TO·GIVE·THEM·AID·ON·
EITHER·SIDE,
LEST·PART·IN·CONFLICT
TAKING,







SOME·ONE·OF·VS·BY·
S·DIRE·MISCHANCE·
BE·HVRT·WITH·KEEN·
-EDGED·DART·OR·LANCE;
FOR·HAND·TO·HAND·THESE
DARE·ADVANCE·
GAINST·EVEN·A·GOD·AS·
-SAILING·
BVT·SO·FROM·HEAVEN'S
SECVREST·HEIGHT·
WE·GAZING·DOWN·MAY·
WATCH·THEIR·FIGHT·
AND·STRVGGLE·TO·OVR
HEARTS·DELIGHT·
THVS·SHE·WITH·WORDS
PREVAILING·



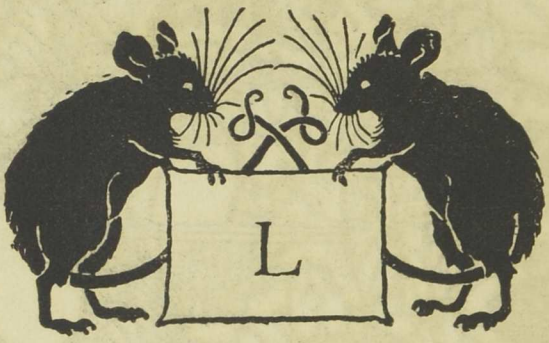
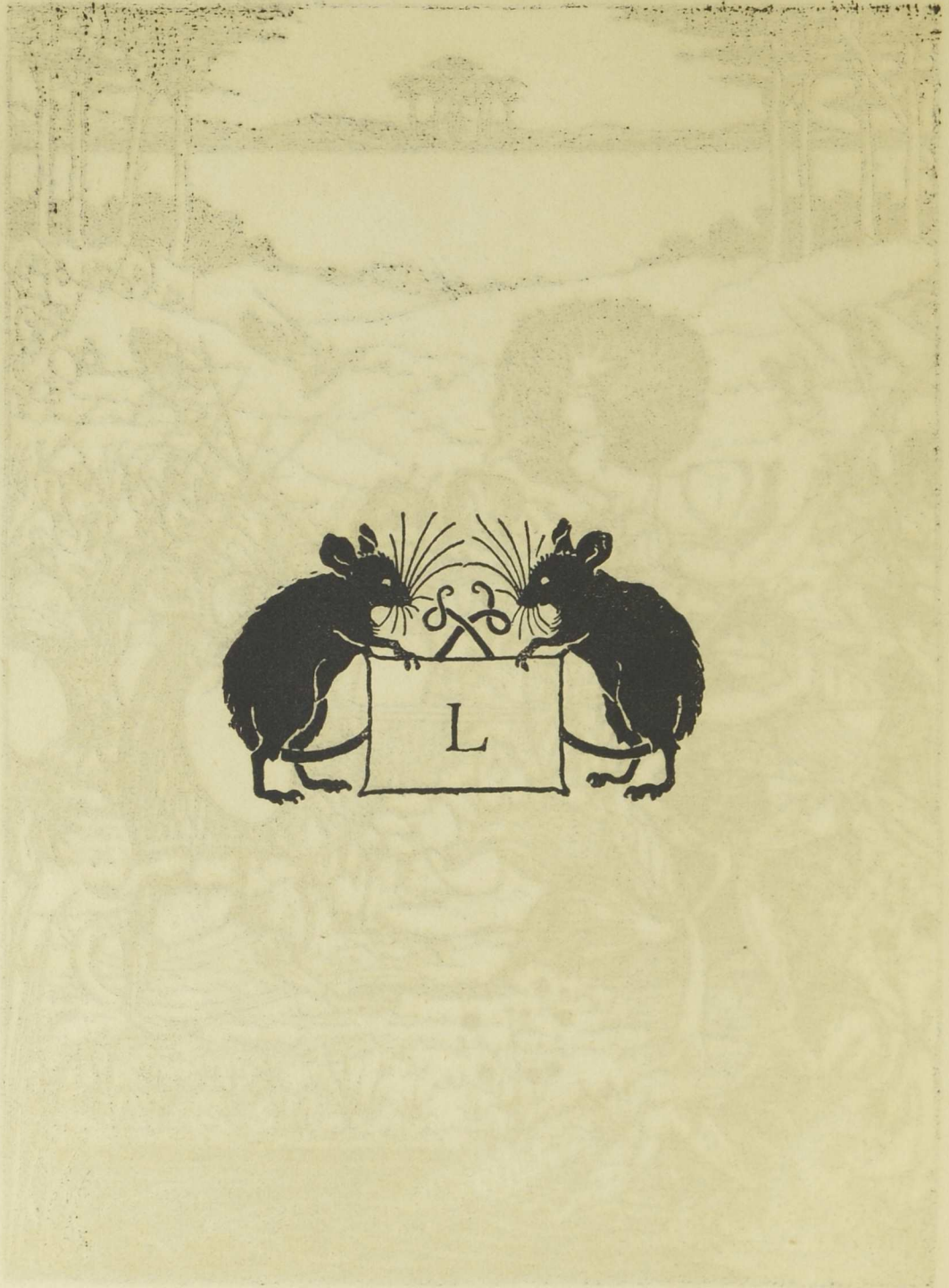


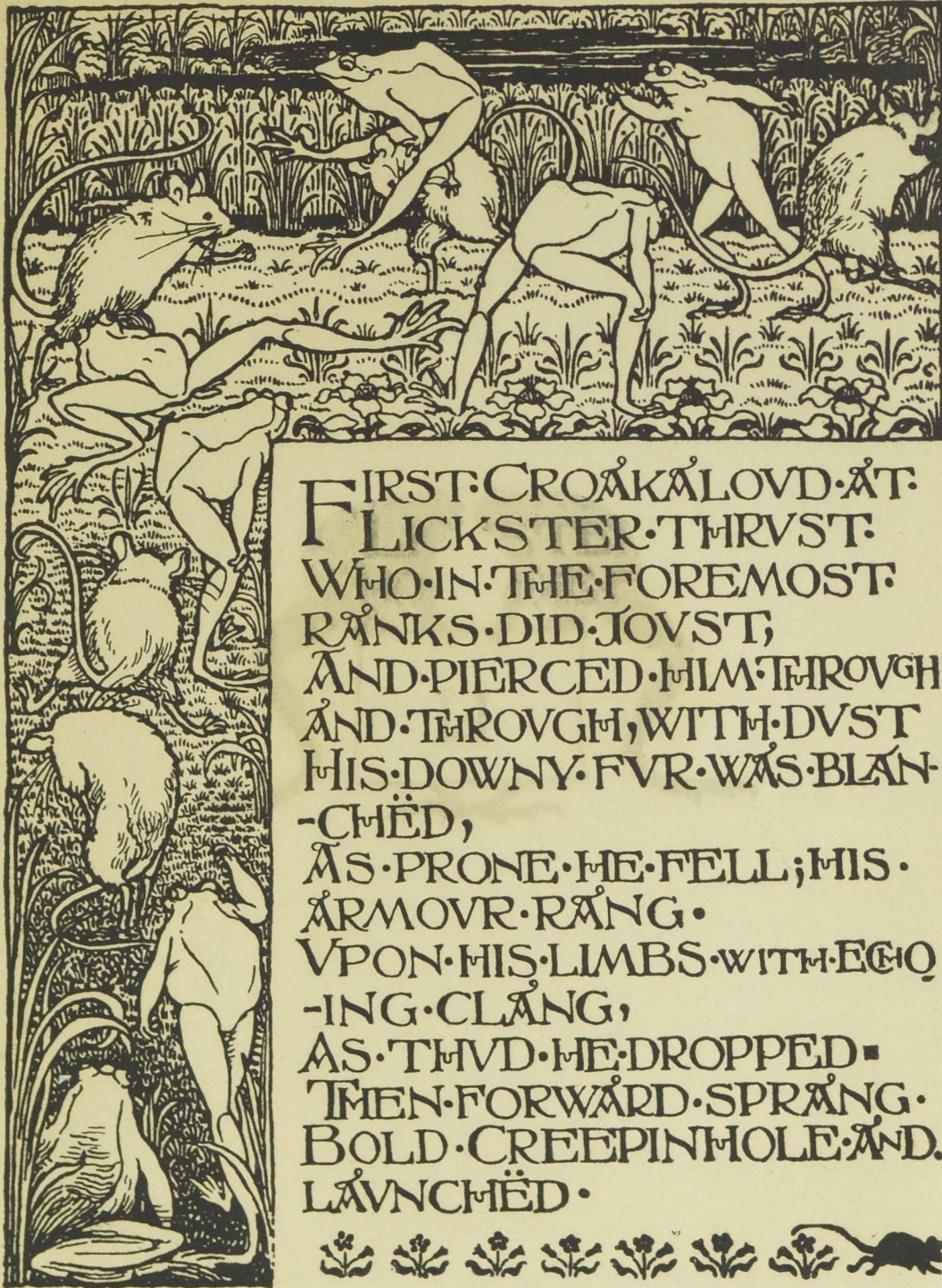


AND ALL THE GODS, PER-
MSVADED, DREW.
IN CROWDS TOGETHER
THEN FORTH FLEW.
SHRILL GNATS WITH MIGHT-
Y TRUMPS, AND BLEW.
A FEARFUL CALL TO BATTLE,
A SIGNAL FIERCE LOUD.
TRUMPETED;
AND ERE 'T WAS ENDED,
OVERHEAD
OF DRETFUL WAR AN OMEN
DREAD,
THEY HEARD ZEVS' THUN-
DER RATTLE.





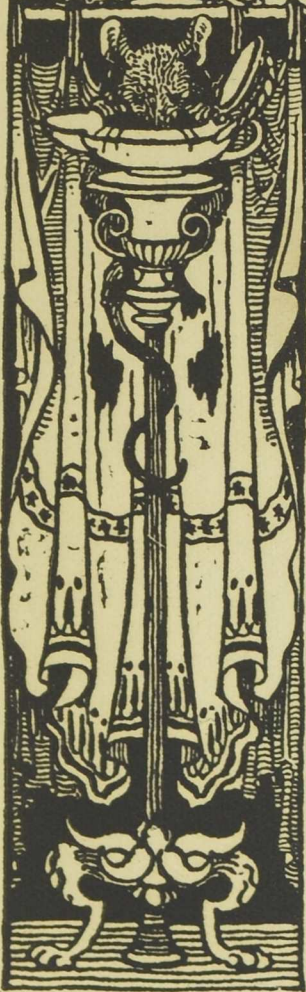




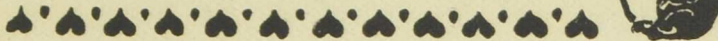
FIRST·CROAK·LOVD·AT·
FLICKSTER·THRUST·
WHO·IN·THE·FOREMOST·
RANKS·DID·JOVST,
AND·PIERCED·HIM·THROUGH
AND·THROUGH,·WITH·DVST
HIS·DOWNY·FVR·WAS·BLAN-
-CHÈD,
AS·PRONE·HE·FELL;·HIS·
ARMOVR·RANG·
Vpon·HIS·LIMBS·WITH·ECHO-
-ING·CLANG,
AS·THVD·HE·DROPPED·
THEN·FORWARD·SPRANG·
BOLD·CREEPINHOLE·AND·
LAVNCHÈD·







MIS·GLITTERING·SPEAR;
M·THE·STURDY·STAVE·
IN·MVDSON'S·BREAST·WAS·
FIXED,·AND·GAVE·
BLACK·DEATH·HIS·DVE;
HIS·SPIRIT·BRAVE·
FLEW·FLVTTTERING·FORTH·
TMEN·BEETLY·
SLEW·MAVNTPOT·PIER-
-CED·TO·HIS·HEART'S·ORE
AND·MVNCHCAKE·WOVND-
-ED·MVCHVOICE·SORE,
WHO·HEADLONG·FELL·AND·
ROSE·NO·MORE,
HIS·SOVL·FORTH·FLVTTTER-
-ING·FLEETLY·







BVT. GRACEMERE, WRATH.
HIS. FALL. TO. NOTE,
PIERCED. CREEPINHOLE'S.
DEFENCELESS. THROAT,
WHICH. HERBSON'S. HEART.
WITH. SORROW. SMOTE,
WHO. STRAIGHT, KEEN. REED
-LANCE. PLYING,
SO. FIERCE. A. BLOW. AT.
GRACEMERE. STRUCK.
THAT. IN. THE. WOUND. THE
WEAPON. STUCK,
NOR. STRENGTH. AVAILED.
IT. FORTH. TO. PLUCK,
AND. DOWN. HE. FELL. A. DY-
-ING. ■



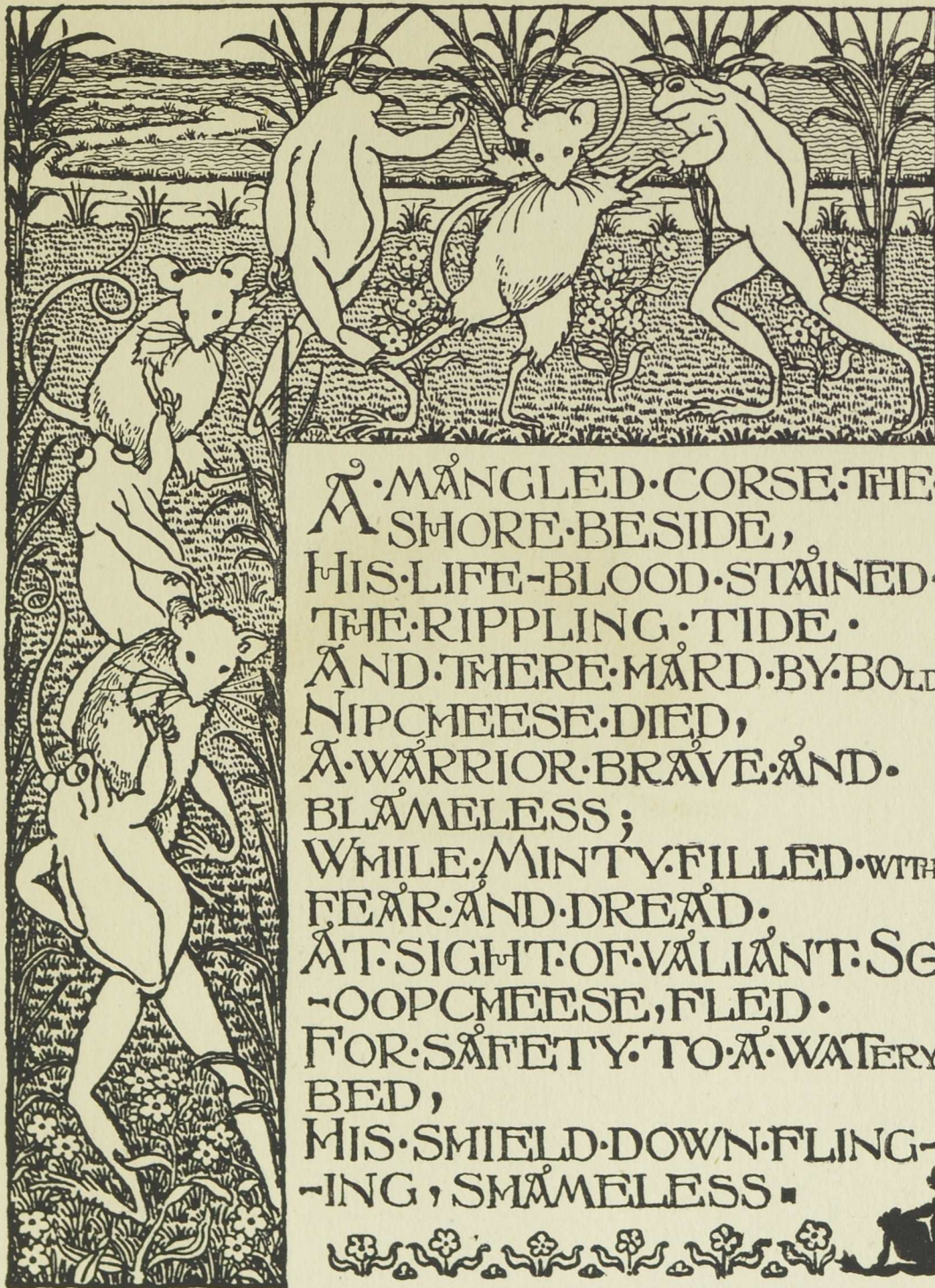




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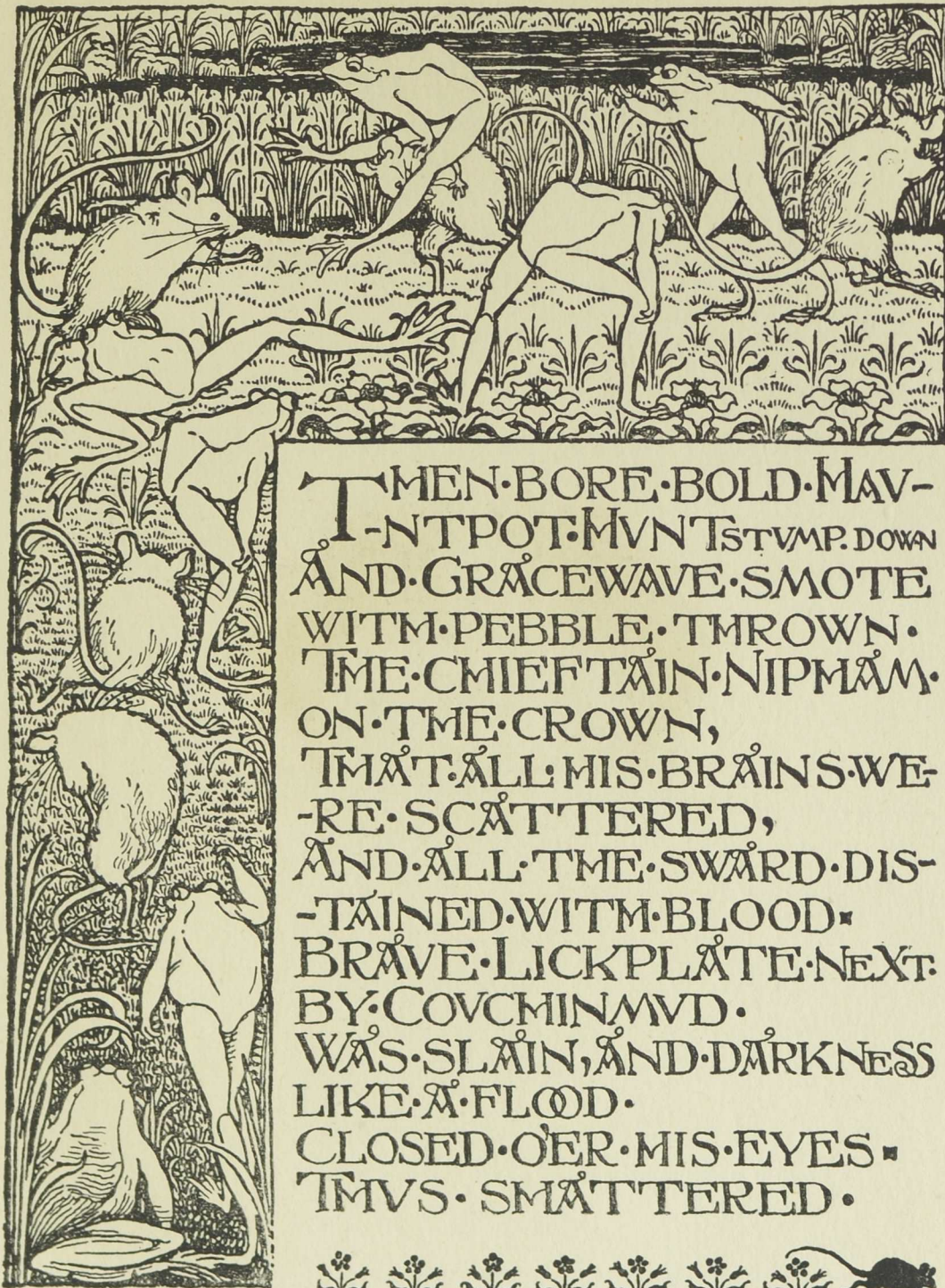




A MANGLED CORSE THE
SHORE BESIDE,
HIS LIFE-BLOOD STAINED
THE RIPPLING TIDE.
AND THERE MARD BY BOLD
NIPCMEESE DIED,
A WARRIOR BRAVE AND
BLAMELESS;
WHILE MINTY FILLED WITH
FEAR AND DREAD.
AT SIGHT OF VALIANT SC
-OOPCMEESE, FLED
FOR SAFETY TO A WATERY
BED,
HIS SHIELD DOWN FLING-
-ING, SHAMELESS.







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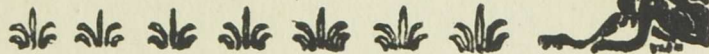
BOGTROTTER· THEN, WHO
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FLVNG· RIGHT·
IN· FILCHCRUMB'S· FACE,
ALL· FOVLLY· DIGMT,
AND· MIM· MAD· WELL· NIGM·
BLINDED ;
WHEREAT· ENRAGED, VPHEA
-VING· STRAIGHT·
WITH· MIGHTY· MAND· A· 
BOVLDER· GREAT,
FROM· OFF· THE· PLAIN, A·
CUMBROVS· WEIGMT,
TO· SLAY· BOGTROTTER·
MINDED ;








AGAINST MIS-KNEES THE
MASS ME-DASMED;
THE PONDEROVS STROKE
IN PIECES SMASMED.
MIS-DEXTER LEG, AND DO-
WN ME CRASHED,
MIS-FORM I' TME DVST EX-
TENDING. 
WHOSE FALL TO AVENGE.
TMEN CROAKWELL FLEW
ON FILMCRUMB FIERCE
AND MADE MIM RVE.
THAT EVIL MOVR, PIERCED
THROVGM AND TMROVGM
WITH KEEN-EDGED LAN-
CE'S RENDING.

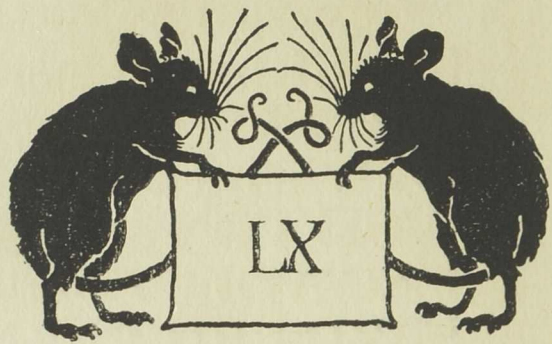


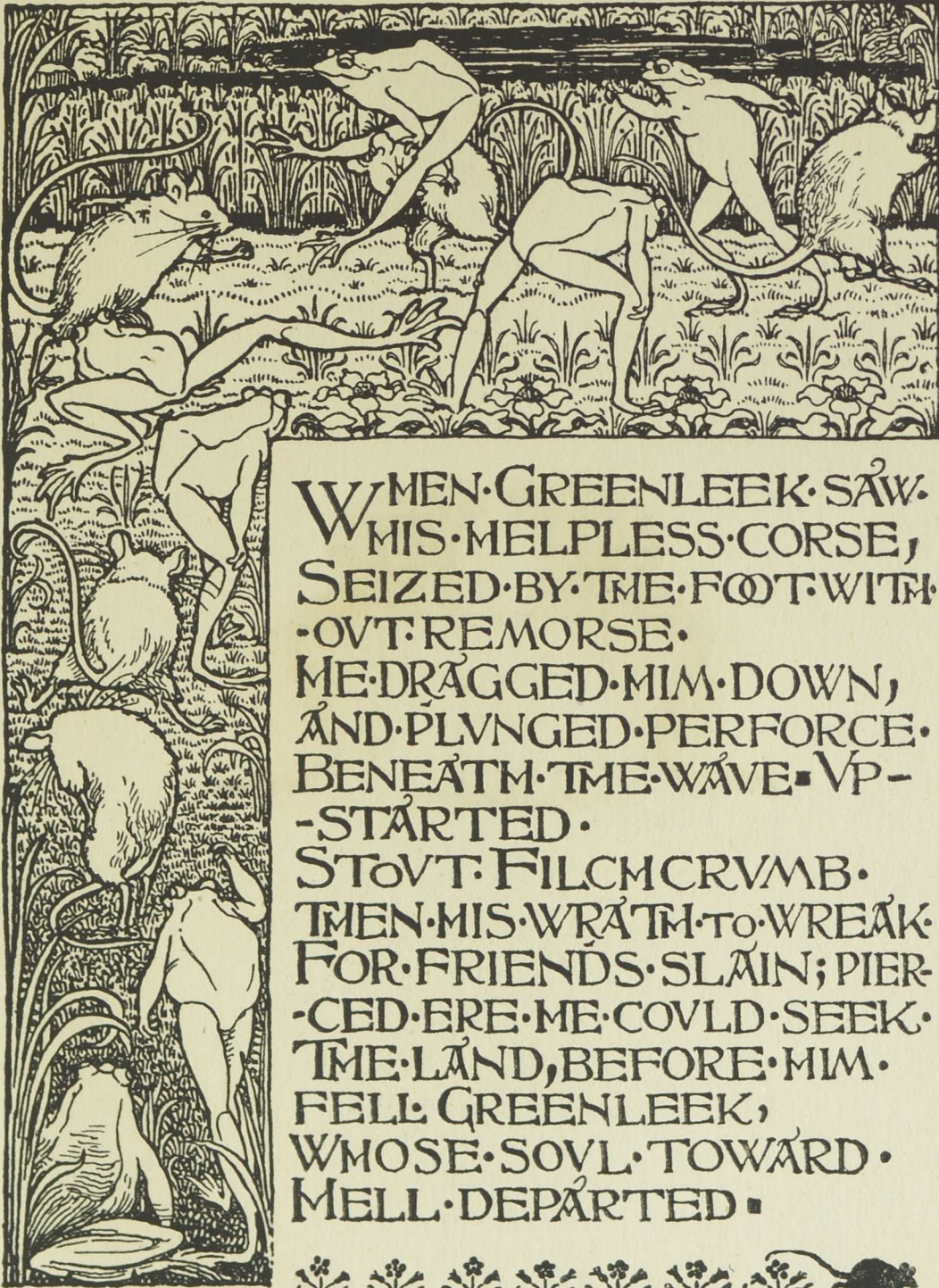




WHEN CREEPIN MOLE ON
 HIS FATE DID LOOK,
 SET LAMED IN FIGHT, BE
 SIDE A BROOK,
 WITHIN A DITCH HE REF
 VGE TOOK. 
 FROM BITTER DEATH,
 HARD PRESSED.
 THEN GNAW CRYST WITH
 A THRILLING DART
 LANCED PVFFC MEEK'S
 FOOT, AND AT THE SMART
 TO SEEK THE LAKES RE
 MOTEST PART.
 THE KING FLED, SORE
 DISTRESSED.



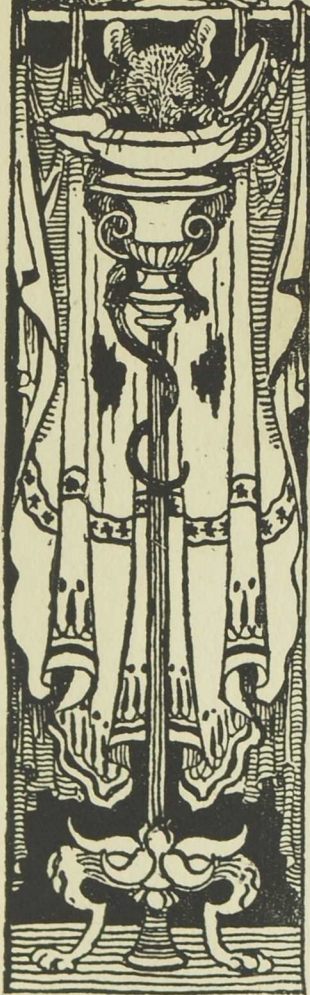
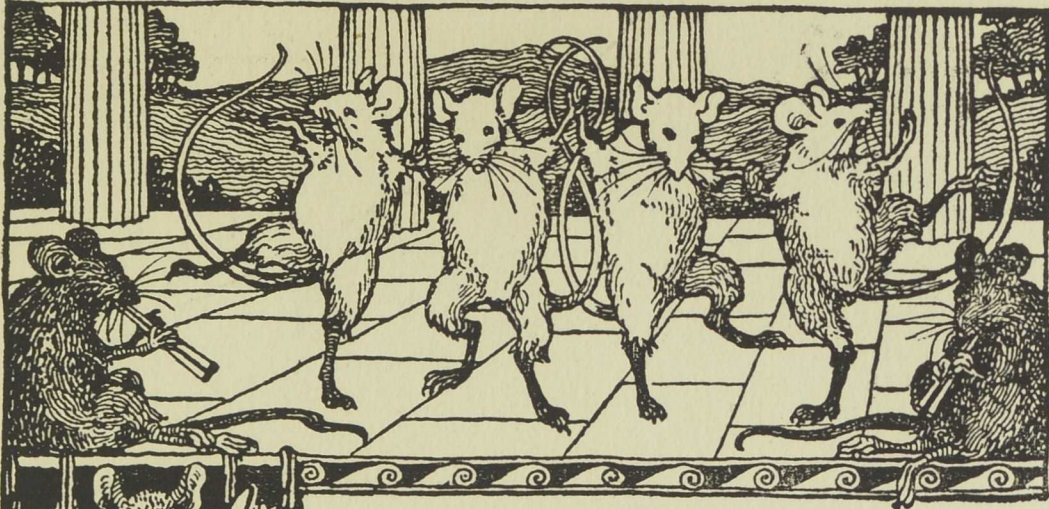




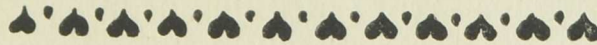
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T·H·E·L·A·N·D,
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W·H·O·S·E·S·O·V·L·T·O·W·A·R·D·
M·E·L·L·D·E·P·A·R·T·E·D·







A GODLIKE CHIEF ME WAS,
 A CONFEST
 OF ALL THE FROGS IN BATTLE
 BEST;
 YET WHEN THE KING,
 WITH RAGE POSSEST,
 RUSMED ON MIM, BREATH-
 ING SLAUGHTER,
 HIS GLORIOUS NAME MIS-
 DEED DISGRACED,
 NOR ONCE THE DAVNTLESS
 CHIEF ME FACED,
 BUT FLED THE FIGHT
 IN MEADLONG MASTE,
 AND PLVNGED BENEATH
 THE WATER.







BVT OF ALL MICE THE
BRAVEST ONE
WAS SNAPSCRAP NOBLE
FILCHBREAD'S SON,
WHOSE FATHER SAW THE
FIGHT BEGUN,
AND HOMEWARD STRAIGHT
REPAIRING,
HE BADE HIM JOIN THE
FRAY; BVT MIED
HIMSELF, AND NEAR THE
WATER-SIDE
EXVLTING STOOD TO
WATCH WITH PRIDE
HIS DEAR SON'S DEEDS
OF DARING.







BVT LOVDLY SWORE THE
GALLANT YOUTH
TO SPOIL THE FROGS
NOR SHOW THEM RVTM;
THEN CLEFT IN TWAIN
A NVTSMELL SMOOTH,
MIS GEAR THEREWITM
COMPLETING;
AND THVS IN MATCHLESS
MIGHT ARRAYED
WITH FOLDED ARMS MIS
FOES SVRVEYED,
AT SIGHT OF WHOM THE
FROGS DISMAYED
FLED TOWARD THE LAKE
RETREATING.

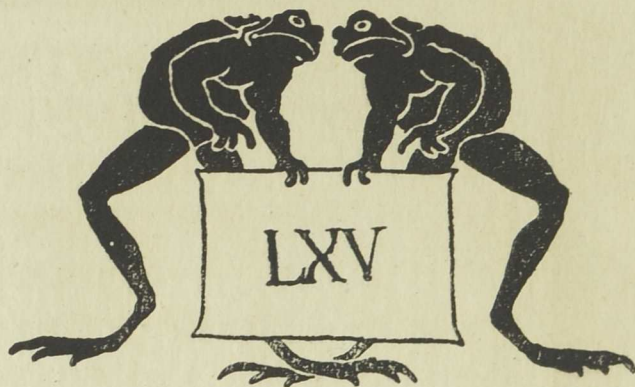


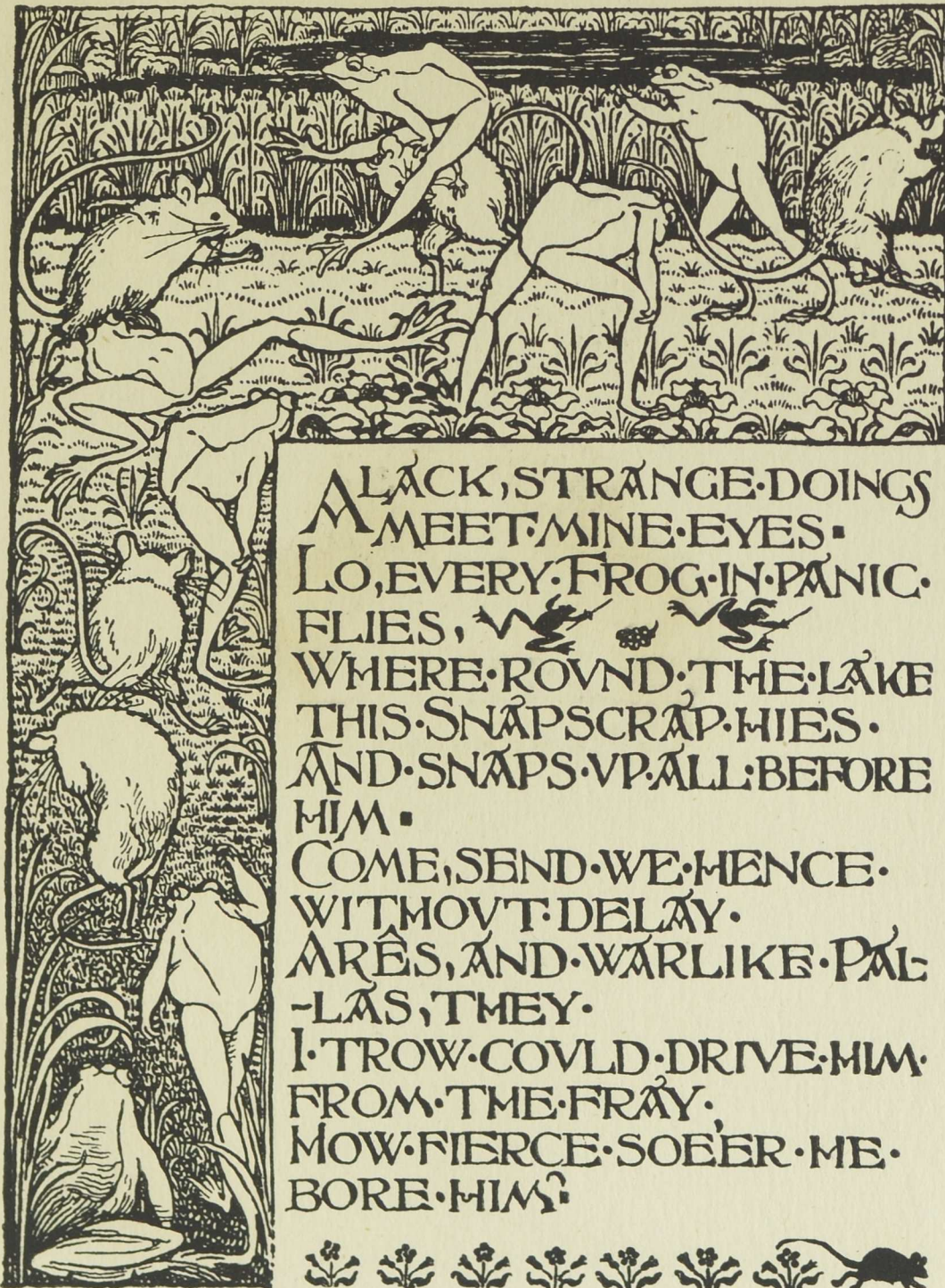






AND·NOW, SO·STRONG·
A·WAS·ME·AND·STOVT,
THEIR·WRECK·ME·SOON·
MAD·BROVGMT·ABOVT,
BVT·ZEVS·WAS·QVICK·TO·
MARK·THEIR·ROVT,
AND·SOON·THE·MEN·ACED
SLAYING·
OF·WRETCHED·FROGS·DID·
RVTH·INSPIRE·
IN·GODS·AND·MEN'S·IMMOR·
TAL·SIRE,
WHO·SMOOK·MIS·LOCKS,
AND, MOVED·TO·IRE,
MIS·MIND·TMVS·VTTER·
-ED·SAYING:



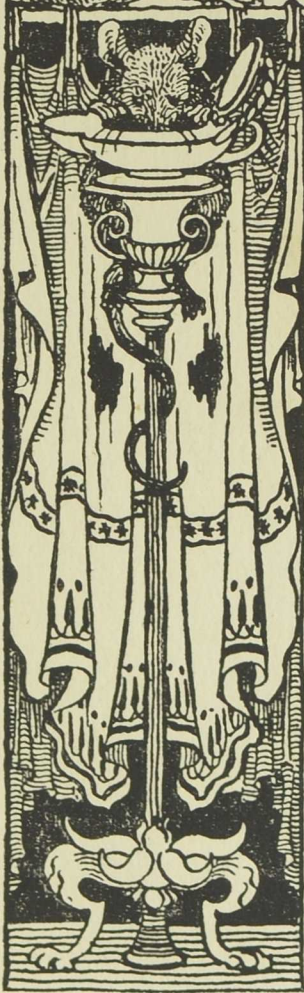
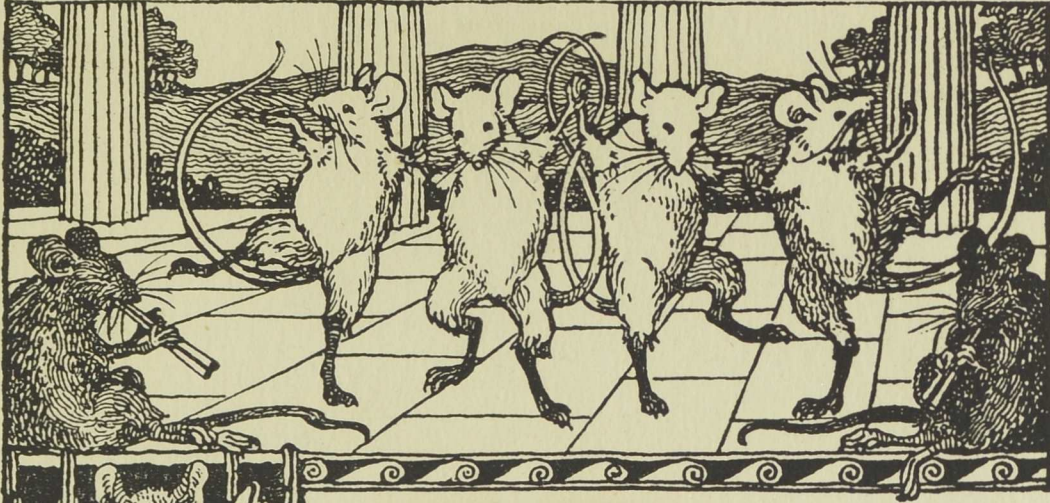




A LACK, STRANGE·DOINGS
 MEET·MINE·EYES·
 LO, EVERY·FROG·IN·PANIC·
 FLIES,  
 WHERE·ROVND·THE·LAKE
 THIS·SNAPS·CRAP·HIES·
 AND·SNAPS·VP·ALL·BEFORE
 HIM·
 COME, SEND·WE·HENCE·
 WITHOV·T·DELAY·
 ARÊS, AND·WARLIKE·PAL·
 -LAS, TMEY·
 I·TROW·COVLD·DRIVE·MIM·
 FROM·TME·FRAY·
 MOW·FIERCE·SOEER·ME·
 BORE·MIM·







THVS·ZEVS;BVT·MÉRÊ·
 ANSWER·GAVE:
 'NOT·PALLAS,NO·NOR·AR·
 ÊS·BRAVE,
 HÂVE·MIGHT,O·KING,THE
 FROGS·TO·SÂVE·
 FROM·VTTER·WRECK·EN·
 SVING·
 BVT·LET·VS·ALL·TOGETHER
 GO,
 AND·THVS·IN·FORCE·OVR·
 AID·BESTOW;
 OR·HVRL·THOV·DOWN·A·
 GAINST·THEIR·FOE·
 THY·WEAPON·MISCHIEF·
 DOING,







'THE·BOLT·THAT·TITANS
TOVERTHREW,
AND·CAPANEVS·THE·MAU-
-GMTY·SLEW,
ENCELADVS,NOR·ALL·THE·
CREW·
OF·SAVAGE·GIANTS·SPAR-
-ING·
COME·LAVNCH·IT·FORTH,
FOR·BY·ITS·STROKE·
THE·BRAVEST·WARRIORS
FORCE·IS·BROKE·
THEN,SMOVLDERING·ALL
WITH·FLAME·AND·SMOKE,
ZEVS·FLVNG·MIS·BOLT·
FAR-FLARING







BVT·FIRST·ME·WIDE·OLYM·
B·PVS·SMOOK·

BY·THVNDERS;·THEN·WITH·
WRÄTMFVL·LOOK·

HIS·ÄWFVL·THVNDER·BOLT·
HE·TOOK·

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WHIRLING·

FORTH·FROM·THE·MON·
-ÄRM'S·HÄND·IT·SPED,

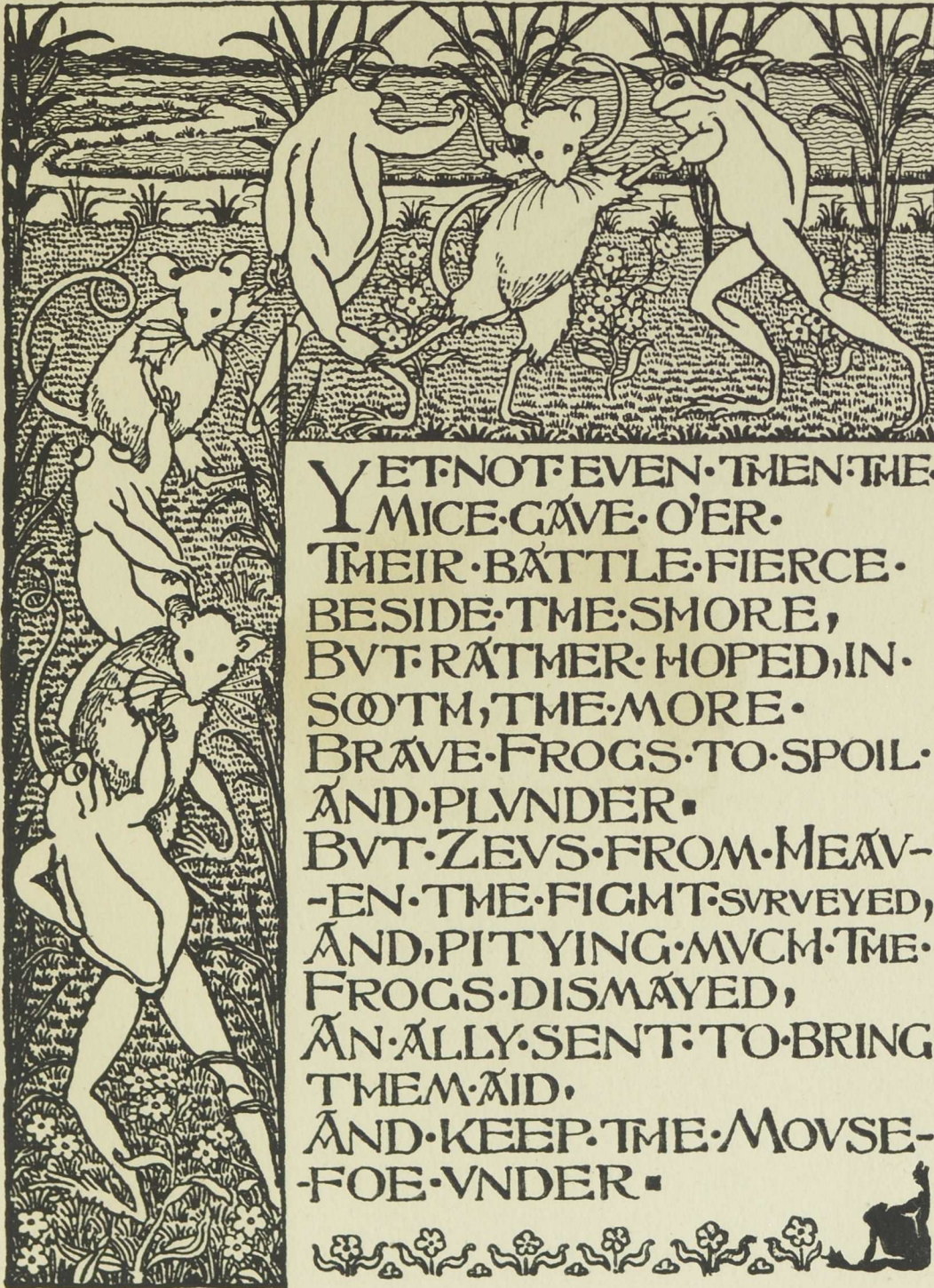
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-VOVS·SCÄTME·TO·SPREÄD,

ÄND·SMOTE·ÄLL·HEÄRTS·
WITH·FEÄR·ÄND·DREÄD·

WHERE'ER·HE·SENT·IT·
HVRLING·







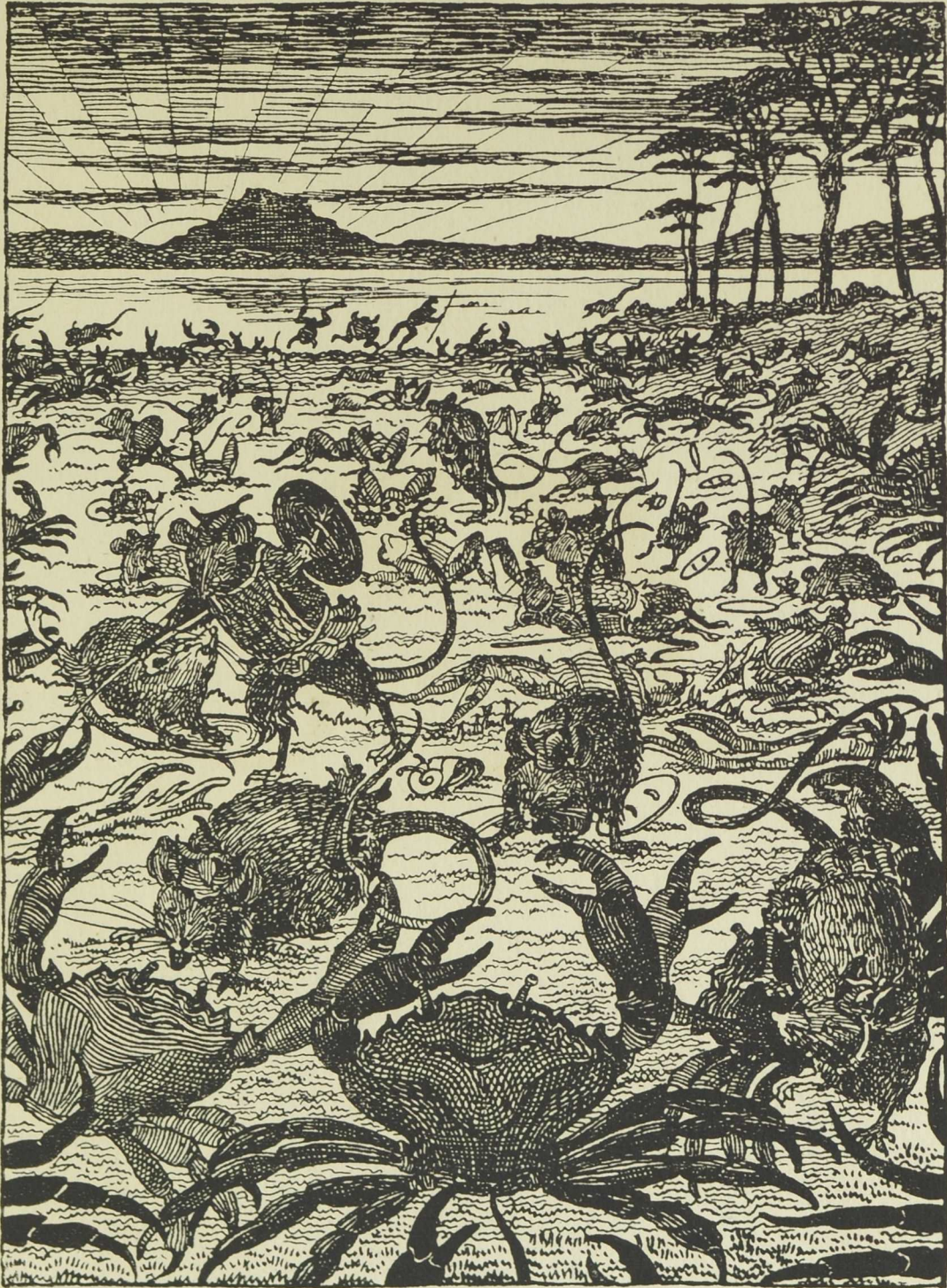
YET NOT EVEN THEN THE
MICE GAVE O'ER.
THEIR BATTLE FIERCE
BESIDE THE SMORE,
BVT RÄTHER HOPED, IN
SOOTH, THE MORE
BRAVE FROGS TO SPOIL
ÄND PLVNDER.
BVT ZEVS FROM MEÄV-
-EN THE FIGHT SVRVEYED,
ÄND, PIT YING MVCH THE
FROGS DISMAYED,
ÄN ÄLLY SENT TO BRING
THEM ÄID,
ÄND KEEP THE MOVSE-
-FOE VNDER.



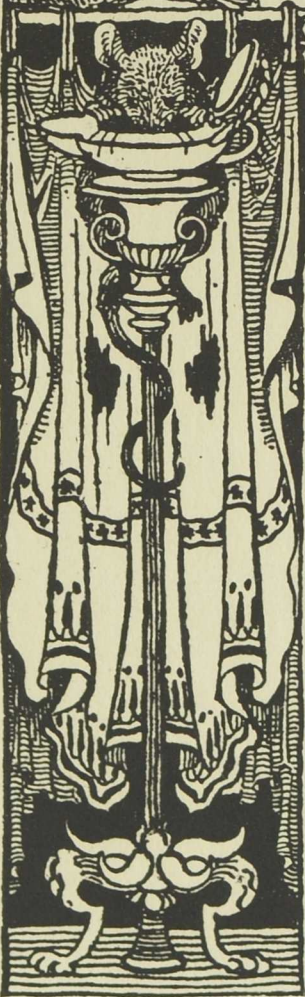
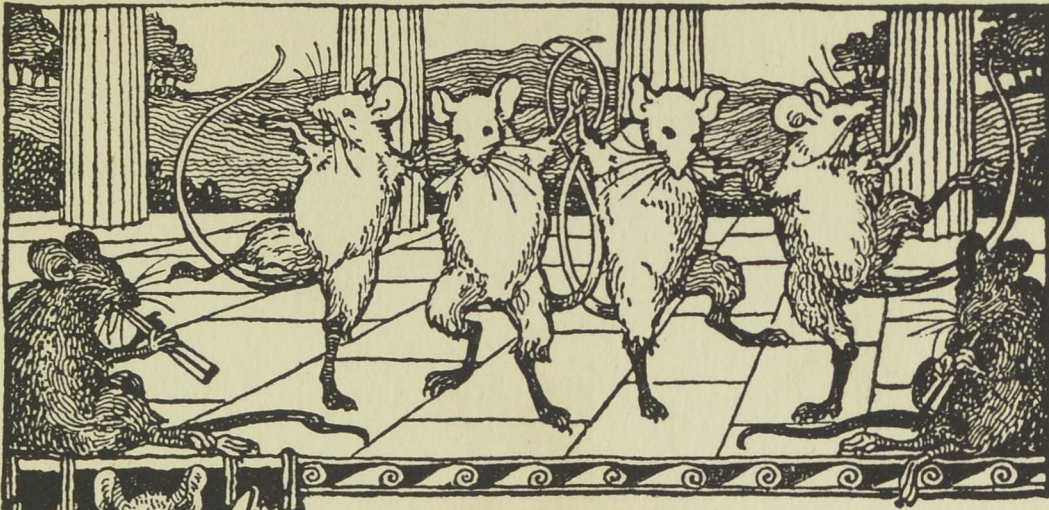





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VDDEN·TMEY·SIDLED·
SON, CROOK-CLAWED,
FLAT-BACKED·AS·ANVILS,
SCISSOR-JAWED,
WITM·MIDES·LIKE·SMARDS
OF·PIPKIN·FLAWED·
ON·SMOVLDER·BYRNISM-
ED·BRIGHTLY,
WITM·LEGS·BOWED·IN,
ARMS·SPRAWLED·ABOVT,
EYES, DEEP·IN·BREAST·
SET·PEERING·OVT,
HARD·SMELLS, EIGHT·
FEET, TWO·MORNS·A·SPROVT,
AND·CRABS·MEN·CALL·
THEM·RIGHTLY·









THESE DID WITH MIGHT
THE MICE ASSAIL, 
WHO NIPT BY MAND AND
FOOT AND TAIL,
THEIR SPEARS AGAINST
SUCH STUBBORN MAIL
THRUST VAINLY BACKWARD
BENDED. 
THEN FEAR ON EVERY
MOUSE DID GROW;
THEY TURNED AND FLED
NOR FACED THE FOE
BUT NOW THE SUN HAD
SET; AND SO 
THIS ONE DAY'S WAR
WAS ENDED.





THE·END·

