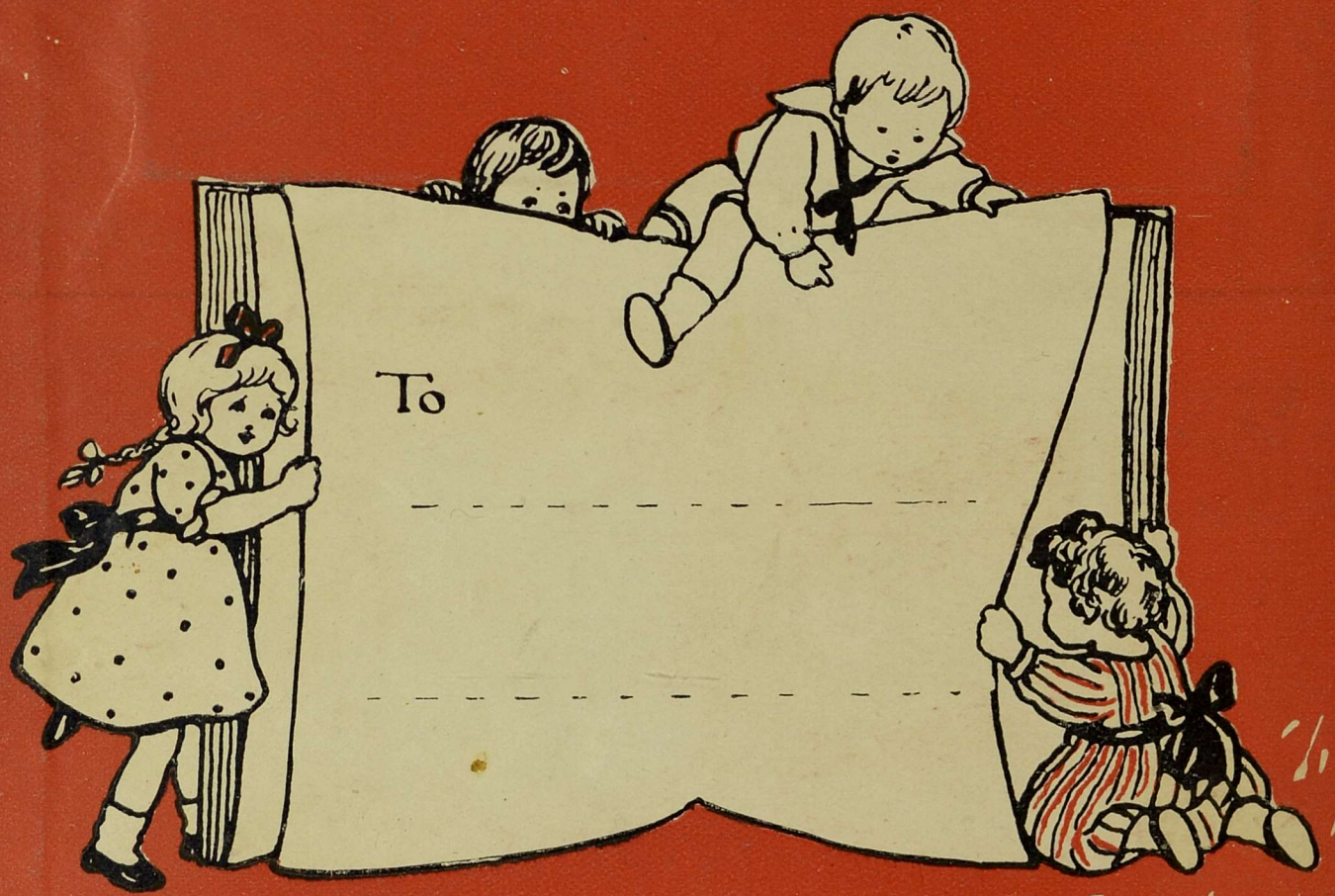




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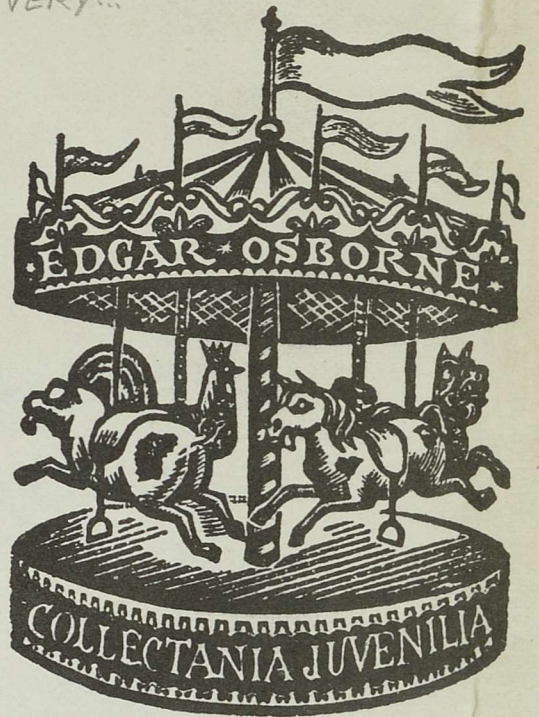


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# MY VERY FIRST SPELLING BOOK

Do you think you've got in your little head,  
All the letters from A to Z?  
The ones that are big and the ones that are small,  
Are you pretty sure that you know them all?

Then we put the letters all side by side—  
And make a word—Have you ever tried?  
Come along, for I want to tell  
How easy it is to learn to spell!

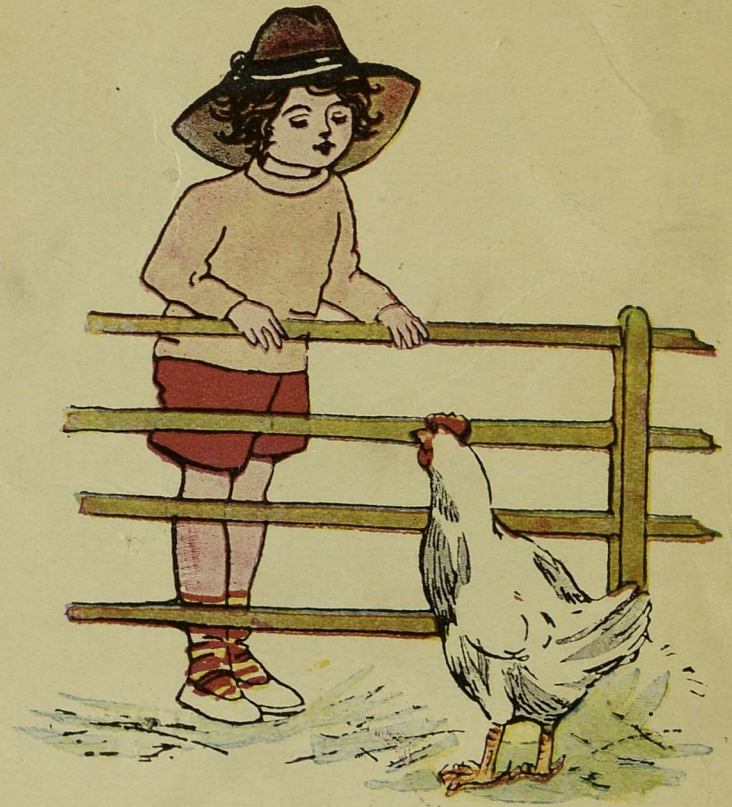
## ANN

A, n, n, Ann  
Met a m, a, n, man.  
He gave her some milk  
From a c, a, n, can.



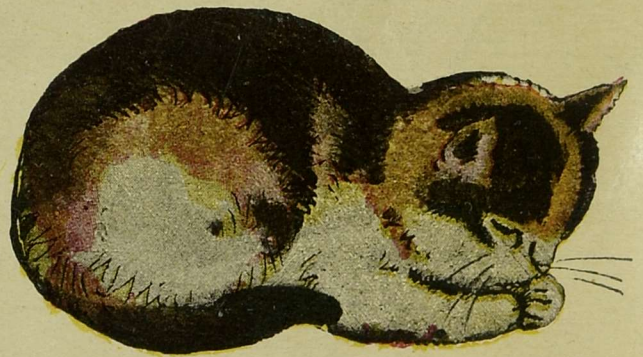
## BEN

B, e, n, Ben,  
Had a h, e, n, hen,  
He kept her shut up  
In a p, e, n, pen.



## CAT

The C, a, t, cat,  
Is so f, a, t, fat,  
She has to sit still  
On the m, a, t, mat.



## DAD

My D, a, d, Dad,  
He is s, a, d, sad,  
The pain in his teeth  
Is so b, a, d, bad.



## EAT

May I e, a, t, eat  
Something s, w, e, e, t,  
sweet,  
Some cake or some jam  
For a t, r, e, a, t, treat?



## FUN

What f, u, n, fun  
If I r, u, n, run  
To the baker's shop  
For a b, u, n, bun!



## GAY

She was g, a, y, gay,  
Little M, a, y, May,  
When her mother said, "Now  
You can p, l, a, y, play!"





## HAD

Tom h, a, d, had  
Been so b, a, d, bad  
That no one would like  
Such a l, a, d, lad.



## ILL

When you're i, l, l, ill,  
And feel c, h, i, l, l, chill,  
The doctor must give you  
A p, i, l, l, pill.



## JOE

J, o, e, Joe  
Did not h, o, e, hoe,  
So the flowers in the  
garden  
Will not g, r, o, w, grow.



## KIT

My k, i, t, kit,  
You must s, i, t, sit,  
On my knee and not move  
For a b, i, t, bit.



## LOT

What a l, o, t, lot  
I have g, o, t, got,  
Of nice bread and  
milk,  
Very h, o, t, hot.



## MISS

If I m, i, s, s, miss,  
Learning t, h, i, s, this,  
Mother won't give me  
A k, i, s, s, kiss.



## NAT

N, a, t, Nat,  
Met a r, a, t, rat,  
And ran off in a  
fright  
For a c, a, t, cat.



## OLD

When I'm o, l, d, old,  
And feel c, o, l, d, cold,  
A shawl round my neck  
I shall f, o, l, d, fold.



## PICK

Will you p, i, c, k, pick  
Up a s, t, i, c, k, stick,  
That is not too thin,  
Or too t, h, i, c, k, thick?



## QUEEN

The q, u, e, e, n, queen  
I have s, e, e, n, seen  
Taking a walk  
On the g, r, e, e, n,  
green.



## RAP

I must r, a, p, rap  
Or t, a, p, tap,  
At the window to ask  
For my c, a, p, cap.



## SUE

S, u, e, Sue,  
Dressed in b, l, u, e, blue,  
On her way to the Fair,  
Lost her s, h, o, e, shoe.



## TED

Why does T, e, d, Ted,  
Look so r, e, d, red?  
His poor little bunnies  
Are d, e, a, d, dead.



## UNDER

U, n, d, e, r, under,  
The rain and the  
t, h, u, n, d, e, r, thunder,  
Do you feel frightened,  
I w, o, n, d, e, r, wonder?

## VAN

In the v, a, n, van,  
Is a m, a, n, man,  
Driving as fast  
As he c, a, n, can.



## WILL

W, i, l, l, Will,  
Went to f, i, l, l, fill,  
His basket with  
nuts  
On the h, i, l, l,  
hill.





And now so many words are said,  
We need not stop for X. Y. Z.



But turn the leaf and you will find  
More little words of every kind,  
And other pretty pictures too,  
All made to please y, o, u, you.

## BYE-BYE



Bye, my baby, b, y, e, bye,  
Shut your little e, y, e, eye,  
The little lamb is safe in fold,  
And the little pig in s, t, y, e, stye.

Safely you shall l, i, e, lie,  
While the stars are h, i, g, h, high,  
And not awake till day shall break,  
And the sun is in the s, k, y, sky.

## JACK SPRAT



Jack Sprat, could eat no f, a, t, fat,  
His wife could eat no l, e, a, n, lean,  
And so betwixt them both  
They made the platter c, l, e, a, n, clean.

## POOR DOLLY

My doll was nice, and new, and pink, and f, a, t, fat,  
But then one day too near the fire she s, a, t, sat.

And by and by, poor dear, of  
course she g, o, t, got

As you might just  
expect, a deal too  
h, o, t, hot.



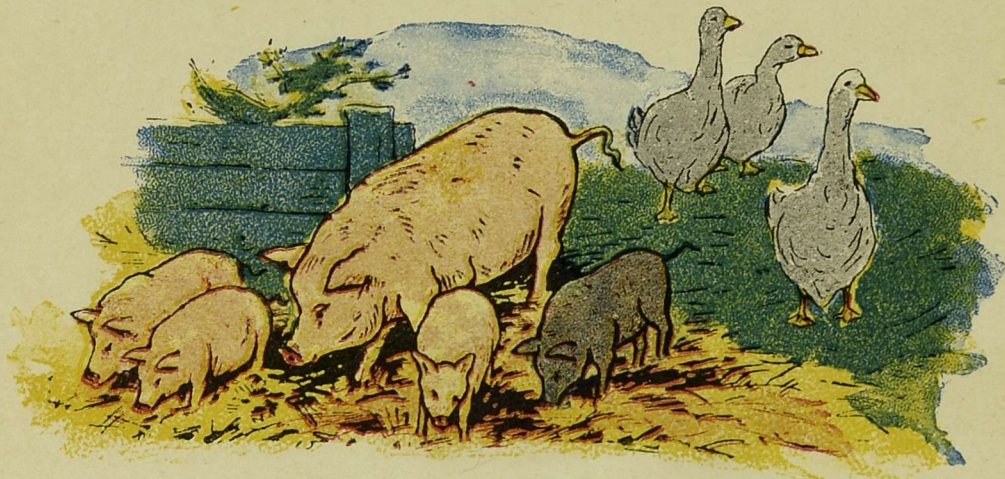
## FLOWERS

The little flowers have  
drops of d,e,w, dew,  
Which makes them look  
so bright and n,e,w, new.  
Oh, may I go and pick a  
f, e, w, few,  
And I will give them  
all to y, o, u, you?



## THE BAD PIG

Dicky went to look for e, g, g, s, eggs,  
Past the piggy's p, e, n, pen,  
The piggy bit him in the l, e, g, s, legs,  
What did he do t, h, e, n, then?

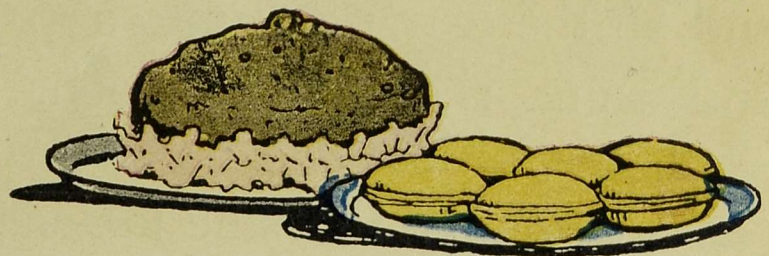




WON'T IT  
BE FUN?

When you are the q, u, e, e, n, queen,  
And I am the k, i, n, g, king,  
Then I will marry you  
With a gold r, i, n, g, ring.

And then you will s, e, e, see  
What fun it will b, e, be,  
With mince-pie for d, i, n, n, e, r, dinner,  
And plum-cake for t, e, a, tea.



# MAY AND HER DOLL



May had a doll and it was drest in r, e, d, red,  
And wore a pretty hat upon its h, e, a, d, head.  
Its hair was dark, its eyes were very b, l, u, e, blue,  
And when she went a walk she took it t, o, o, too.

But one fine day May took her doll to s, c, h, o, o, l,  
school,

And on the way it fell into a p, o, o, l, pool ;  
And sank right down—poor May, how sad a  
l, o, s, s, loss !

It is no wonder that she looks so c, r, o, s, s, cross !

# THE LITTLE SINGING BIRD

Outside my  
window - pane  
I h, e, a, r, d,  
heard

The singing of  
a little  
b, i, r, d, bird.



Its song was very clear and s, w, e, e, t, sweet,  
But all it said was "Tweet, tweet,  
t, w, e, e, t, tweet!"



Wouldn't it be a funny t, h, i, n, g,  
thing,  
If we should hear a person  
s, i, n, g, sing  
Indoors, in church, or in the  
s, t, r, e, e, t, street,  
Nothing at all but, "Tweet,  
tweet, t, w, e, e, t, tweet!"



HIPPITTY  
HOPPETTY  
HOP

Hippitty-Hoppetty lived in a d, i, t, c, h, ditch,  
He wasn't poor, and he wasn't r, i, c, h, rich.  
His coat was green, and his trousers y, e, l, l, o, w, yellow,  
And he was a very contented  
f, e, l, l, o, w, fellow.

Hippitty-Hoppetty went to a  
s, h, o, p, shop,  
All the way he went hippetty  
h, o, p, hop.  
And when he got there, he  
bowed, and s, a, i, d, said,  
“Please will you sell me a  
pennorth of b, r, e, a, d,  
bread?”





# MY CASTLES



I built a castle on the s, a, n, d, sand,  
A castle very large and g, r, a, n, d, grand,  
But now the sea has spoilt my p, l, a, y, play,  
And washed my castle all a, w, a, y, away.

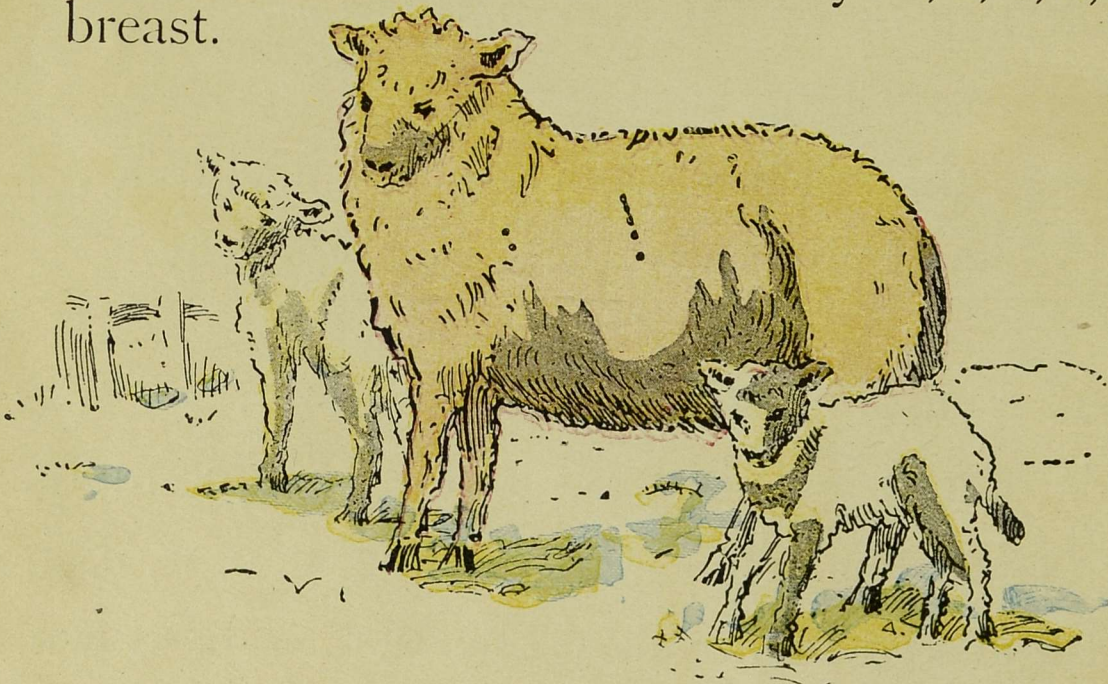
I built a castle on the f, l, o, o, r, floor,  
Made of a hundred bricks and m, o, r, e, more,  
But Nurse has come with rustling g, o, w, n, gown,  
And knocked my lovely castle d, o, w, n, down.

# THE LAMB AND SHEEP

Out in the grassy fields one  
day I s, a, t, sat ;  
I saw some pretty things so  
soft and f, a, t, fat,  
I did not know them then,  
but now I a, m, am  
Quite sure they were a sheep  
and little l, a, m, b, lamb.



It must be very nice for them to p, l, a, y, play,  
Among the grass and daisies all the d, a, y, day :  
And then at night when they are tired, to r, e, s, t, rest,  
Against each other's warm and woolly b, r, e, a, s, t,  
breast.



# WASHING DAY

Bring me out the washing  
t, u, b, tub,

Dolly's clothes do want a  
s, c, r, u, b, scrub,

I shall get them clean, I  
h, o, p, e, hope,

With some water and  
some s, o, a, p, soap.

Hang the line from chair  
to c, h, a, i, r, chair,

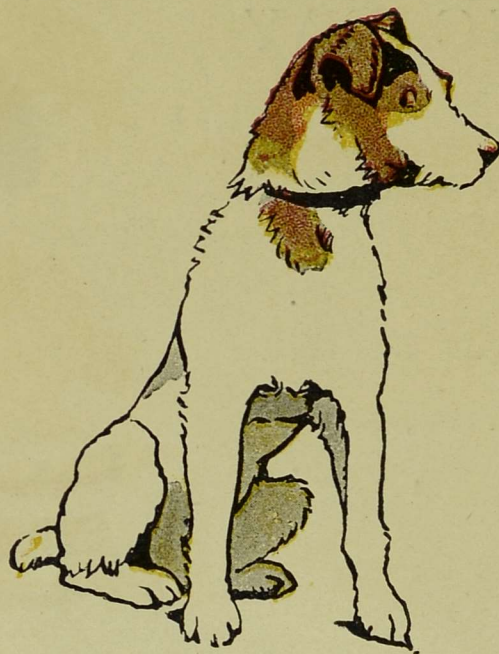


Mind the pinnies do not  
t, e, a, r, tear;

When the things are nice  
and d, r, y, dry,

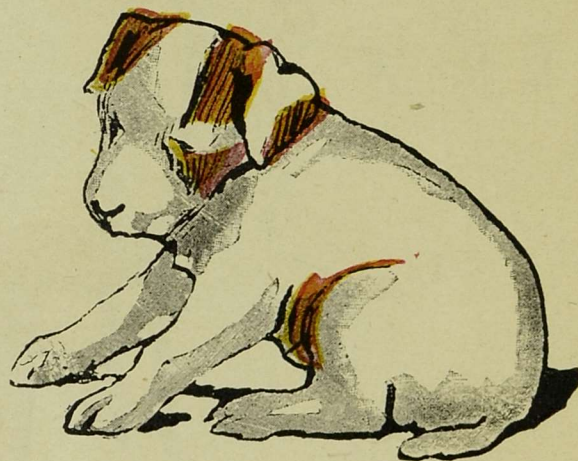
I will iron them by and  
b, y, by.

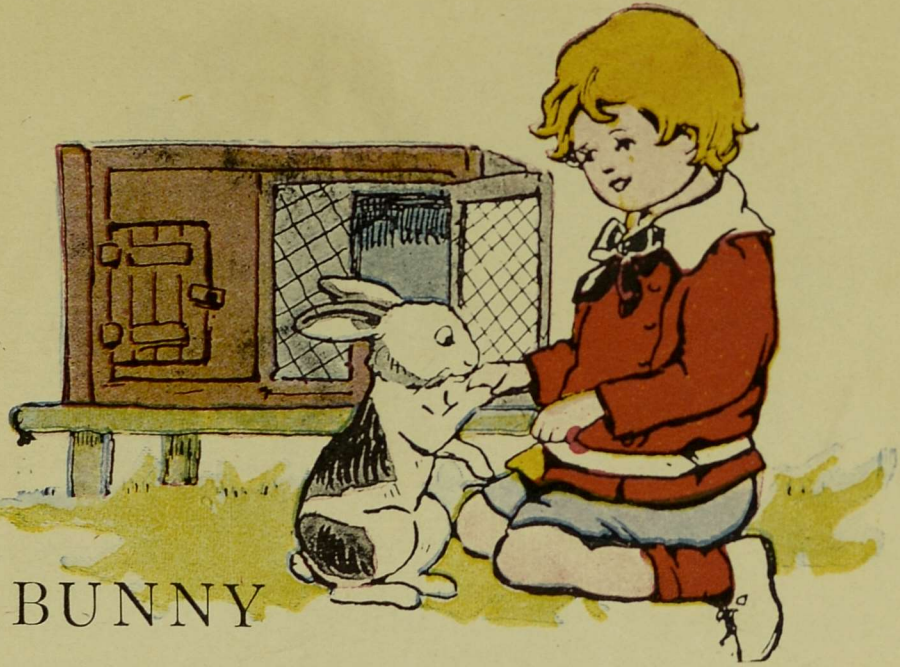
ROVER  
AND  
RAG



Rover is very gay and b, r, i, s, k, brisk,  
He likes to play and jump and f, r, i, s, k, frisk ;  
And how he does prick up his e, a, r, ear  
If my pussy-cat is n, e, a, r, near !

But Rag is very slow and  
l, a, z, y, lazy,  
He says, " I think that  
Rover's c,r,a,z,y, crazy!"  
And by the fire he lies all  
d, a, y, day,  
And snores and snores his  
time a, w, a, y, away.





MY  
DEAR BUNNY

I have a pretty little b, u, n, n, y, bunny,  
He is so merry and so f u n n y, funny,  
He plays about inside his h u t c h, hutch,  
I love my bunny very  
m, u, c, h, much.

His fur is very soft and  
b, r, o, w, n, brown,  
His long, long ears move  
up and d, o, w, n, down.  
And he will let me take  
him o, u, t, out,  
And even carry him  
a, b, o, u, t, about.



# WAIT A BIT



“ Oh, can I have a pen and i, n, k,  
I want to write a l, e, t, t, e, r, letter ? ”

Wait till you're older, for I t, h, i, n, k, think,  
You'll do it then much b, e, t, t, e, r, better.

When you can read and you can w, r, i, t, e, write,  
I shall be happy,  
t, h, e, n, then,

But, now, you see,  
you don't know  
q, u, i, t, e, quite

The way to hold  
a p, e, n, pen !



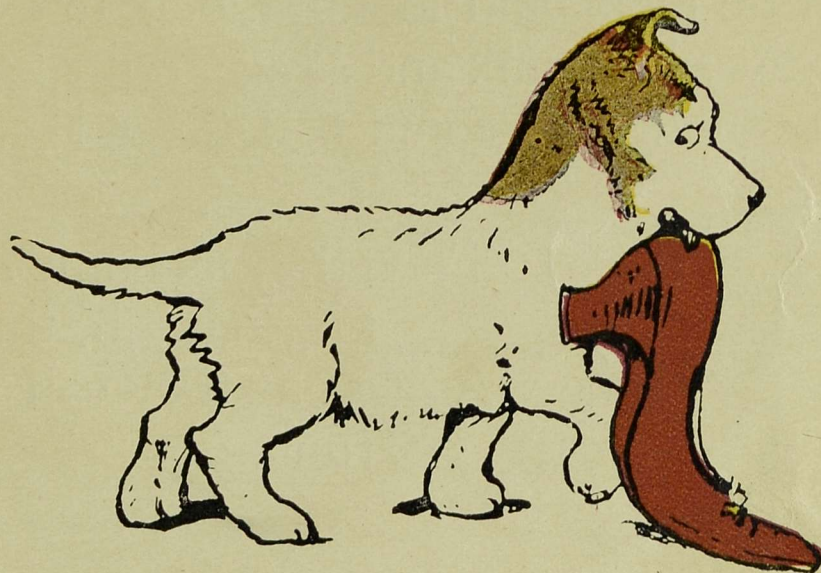
## PETS

When I am four years old,  
I hope to g, e, t, get,  
A cat, or kit, or puppy  
for a p, e, t, pet.



I want some pretty little pet  
to s, t, a, y, stay  
Close by my side, and play  
with me all d, a, y, day.

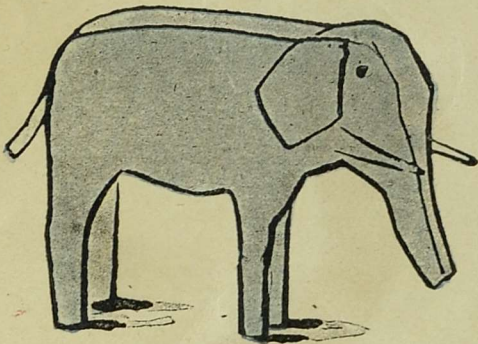
So tell me what you think would be the b, e, s, t, best?  
A bow-wow, or a birdie in its n, e, s, t, nest,  
A bunny, or a bantam, shall I c, h, o, o, s, e, choose?  
Or a big doll with real socks and s, h, o, e, s, shoes?





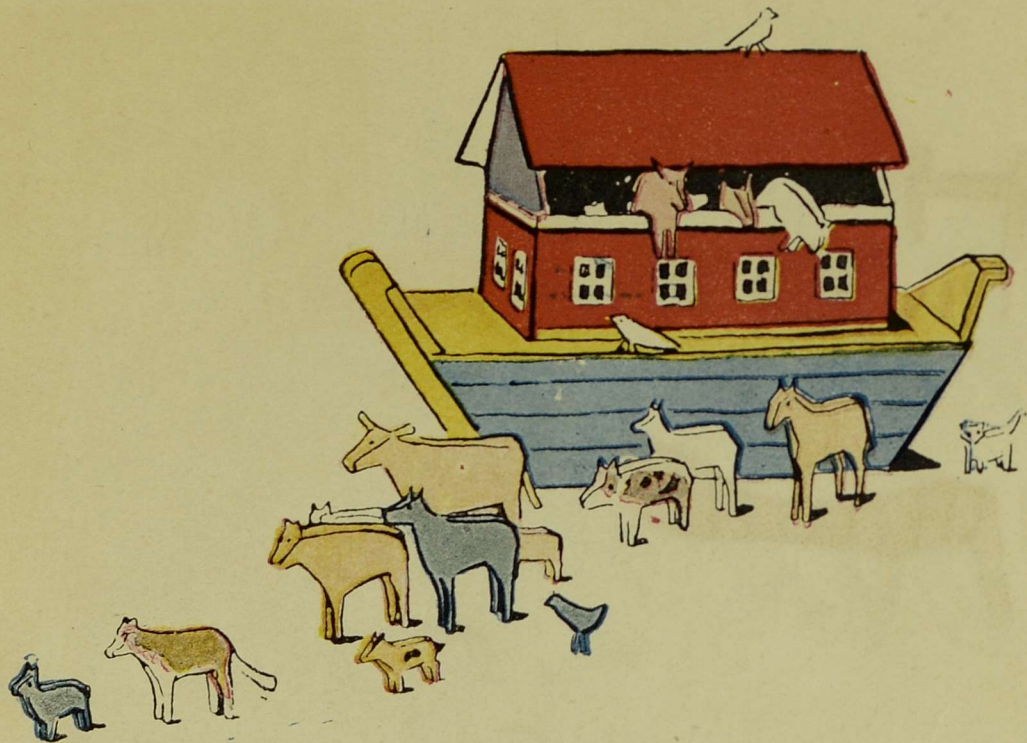
## THE NOAH'S ARK MARCH

In the night, when it's very d,a,r,k, dark,  
And the moon shines on the f,l,o,o,r, floor,  
The animals in my big Noah's a,r,k, ark  
Open wide the d,o,o,r, door.  
First the Elephant comes in s,i,g,h,t, sight,  
And he looks and looks a,b,o,u,t, about,  
And he waves his trunk and says, "All r,i,g,h,t, right,  
You others may come o,u,t, out!"



Then they all come scampering  
t,h,r,o,u,g,h, through  
As fast as they can r,u,n,  
run—





It's much too slow going two by t, w, o, two,  
So they rush out one by o, n, e, one.  
They tread upon each other's t, o, e, s, toes,  
Crowding to left and r, i, g, h, t, right,  
But in such a hurry I s, u, p, p, o, s, e, suppose,  
It's hard to be p, o, l, i, t, e, polite.

And once when I was half a, s, l, e, e, p, asleep,  
I heard the Lion r, o, a, r, roar,  
And the Kangaroos and the Squirrels l, e, a, p, leap  
Across the nursery f, l, o, o, r, floor,  
And the baa-lambs bleat, and the doggies b, a, r, k, bark,  
And the dear little pussies m, e, w, mew—  
I should like to hide in the empty a, r, k, ark,  
And watch them, wouldn't y, o, u, you?



## PUSSICAT WUSSICAT

Pussicat Wussicat went out to t, e, a, tea,  
In a beautiful pinny as white as can b, e, be ;  
But when she came home, she burst into t, e, a, r, s,  
tears,  
For her beautiful pinny was  
covered with s, m, e, a, r, s,  
smears.

Her mother was angry, “ You  
bad little c, a, t, cat,  
Oh, how could you make it as  
dirty as t, h, a, t, that ? ”  
She answered, “ Dear Mother,  
how sorry I a, m, am !  
I soiled my poor pinny with  
strawberry j, a, m, jam ! ”





## THE END

Now you see how the sounds are made,  
You never need be at all afraid,  
To spell one if it's ever so long ;  
And if you take care, it won't go wrong.

And the easy words, when we first began,  
Like Ben and hen and man and Ann,  
You thought them hard : but you wonder why,  
When you look at them now. And so do I !

