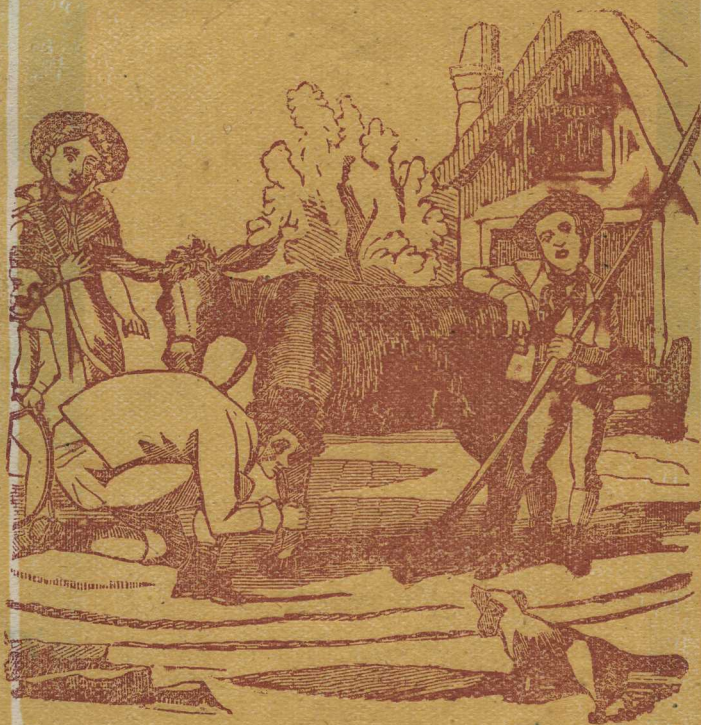
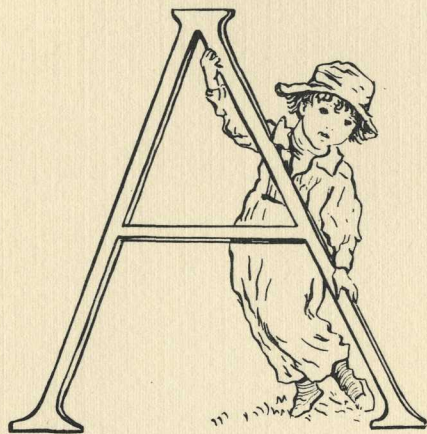


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In days long since gone,
An old man and his son,
Went to market an ass for to sell;
But they got abus'd
As their own legs they us'd,
While Jack, he went lightly and well.



The boy, then he mounted,
 And in idea counted,
 The money he hop'd soon to hold:
 When he got revil'd
 As an unfeeling child,
 That his father should walk and so old.



The boy then got off
 To silence the scoff,
 And the father got up in his stead,
 But the folks did him scold,
 As lazy and old,
 As the boy's feet were crippled and bled.



Now both on the beast,
 They thought that at least,
 They should please every one that went by:
 But all said at length,
 You have the most strength,
 And could carry the ass if you'd try.



They allighted in haste,
 And Jack's legs they made fast,
 Determin'd to please all the elves,
 And safe in the town
 To set their load down,
 Instead of being carried themselves.



They proceeded along,
 Amid the rude throng,
 Who assail'd them on every side,
 And call'd them both knaves,
 Thus to make themselves slaves,
 As to carry the'r Donkey they ied.



Jack look'd very droll,
 When tied to a pole,
 As over the bridge they him bore ;
 But he broke from their hold,
 In the river he roll'd,
 And never was seen any more.



The poor man and his son,
 When the mischief was done,
 Many sighs, many tears, did let fall;
 And found to their cost,
 That their ass they had lost,
 In the fruitless attempt to please all.

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