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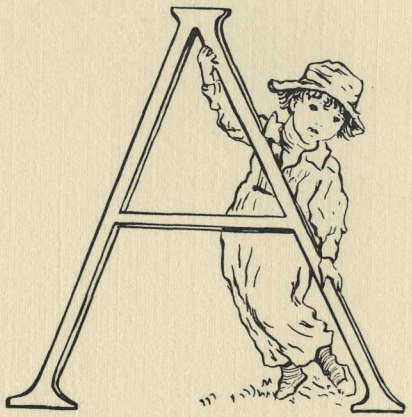

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HISTORY OF THE
HARE AND MANY FRIENDS.

Friendship 'tis said is but a name,
And love you'll find is just the same,
Unless to one confin'd:
Now this advice I give to you;
To love but one, have friends but few,
Goodwill to all mankind.

A Hare there was, whose quiet life
Was pass'd, devoid of care and strife;
Each beast did her befriend;
And every tenant of the plain,
Enlisted in her happy train,
Till death their lives should end.

Once walking forth, at early dawn,
To taste the dew bespangled lawn,
The Hunter's cry she hears;
She starts, she stops, she pants for breath,
She hears the near approach of death,
And dismal are her fears.

The prancing Horse attracts her view,
And transport in her bosom grew,
Relief appeared so near;
But he affected much to grieve,
And said he could not her relieve,
Altho' he held her dear.

She next the stately Bull implored,
And thus replied the mighty lord;
Puss, on you much I dote,
But I have business calls me hence,
Which I can leave on no pretence,
But here's your friend the Goat.

The Goat observ'd her heavy eye,
And fear'd her end was drawing nigh,
With seeming kindness said;
My back I fear will do you harm,
Go try the Sheep, his wool is warm,
You'll there not be afraid.

The feeble Sheep, he much complain'd
What loads of wool his sides sustained,
And thus confess'd his fears,
Relief I cannot give to you,
For Hounds I tell you, and 'tis true,
Eat Sheep as well as Hares.

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The trotting Calf she next address'd,
To save from death, a friend distress'd;
But she was not befriended:
The Hounds came on with deadly scent
And they poor puss in pieces rent,
And thus her life was ended.

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