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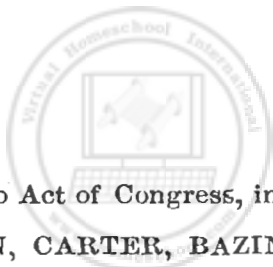
THE ENGRAVINGS FROM ORIGINAL DESIGNS.



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PREFACE.

THE experience of more than a quarter of a century in the school-room has only strengthened the belief, that the more a child is interested in any task, the faster he will learn.

Words may paint a scene, or an action, to the full conception of a matured mind; but a child needs the actual representation before his eyes to make a distinct, true, and vivid impression.

In this Primer, therefore, the aid of PICTURES has been called in, at every step, to illustrate fully the meaning of the entire text, as well as of individual words.

Thus, the child is, at the outset, taught, by objects set before his eye, to look for meaning in single words and thought in language; and just so far as he understands, he will be interested.

No time is here to be wasted in fruitless experiment on some *exploded* theory, boldly set forth as a *new* discovery. The book is merely and strictly as it purports to be,—*progressive*. The child is called upon to learn words of *two* or *three* letters first; then those of more than two or three. It thus accords with the other books of the Progressive Series already before the public.

Each *reading* exercise is followed by words arranged for a *spelling* lesson; and these, on the first few pages, are in *larger type*. Thus the pupil learns to spell more than six hundred words besides those in the reading lessons.

The *true* teacher, it is hoped, will recognise in this little book what has so long been sought for elsewhere in vain.

A

B

C

D

E

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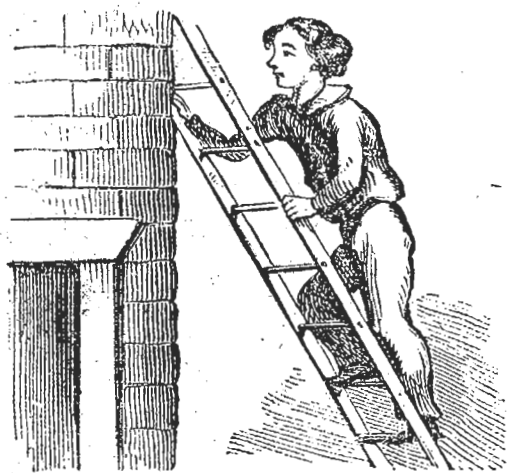
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6	7	8	9	10



I go. See me. I go so. See
me go so. I do so. See me do so.
so, go, me, see, do.



We go. Do we go? We do go.
 We do so. See us go. We go so.
 Go as we go. Do as we do.

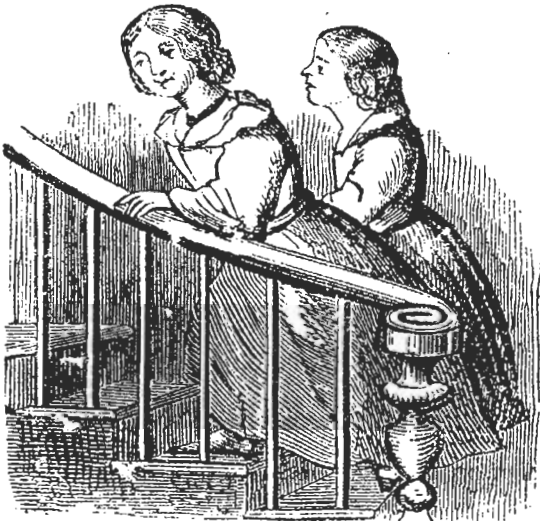


I go up. Do I go
 up? I do go up.
 See me go up. I
 go up so. Do as I
 do. Go up as I go.
 Go up as I do go
 up. Am I up? No. I am to go up.

am, as, we, no, up, us.



See me. I am up. So is he up.
 See us. I am on it. He is on it.
 See me on it. See us on it. I
 am up on it. He may go on it.



We go up so.
 Let us go up.
 Go up as we do.
 Up we go. Do
 we go up so?
 We do. Do go
 up as we go.

is, it, on, may, he, let.



I go in. See me go in. See us go in. I can go in. Let me go in. We can go in. Let us go in. Is he to go in? He may go in if he can. We are to go in.



It is an ox. See the ox. Can the ox go? He can. Let the ox go. May we see the ox go? We may. He can see too.

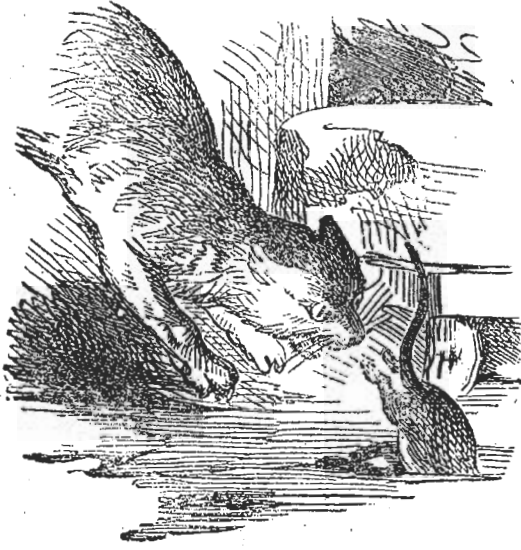
an, can, are, in, too, the



Ah, the boy is on a goat! It is fine fun for him. But the old goat does not like the load. See him try to get the boy off! See him run! How his heels go up!

It is a sad job for the poor goat. But I do not see how he will get rid of the boy. For the boy will hold on, and have his ride, if he can.

and, his, him, will, but.



A rat! a rat!
Does the old cat
see the rat? Yes.
She will put her
paw on the rat if
she can. But the
rat will get off.

cat	fat	bat	sat	raw
rat	hat	mat	vat	paw



Ah! here is our
old dog. John has
put his pup by the
side of the dog.
But the dog does
not seem glad to
see the pup.

dog	fog	pup	pug	seem
log	hog	cup	rug	glad

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One boy has made his top spin. We can see it now. John will try to peg it with his own top.

If John does hit the top he will be sure to split it. He can spin his top well. Here is Jane, too, with a top in her hand.

Will she look on and see the play? No. She will spin her top, too. Why may not she spin a top as well as a boy?

pin	will	her	ill	top
spin	with	she	pit	peg



See Jane feed
her hen. The hen
eats corn. A hen
has two feet. Will
the hen lay an
egg in the nest?
Yes, she will.

pen
hen

men
ten

wen
den

bed
fed

red
led



Here is a pig.
But the pig is not
in his pen. A pig
has four feet. We
can see the pig
now, as he is out
of his pen.

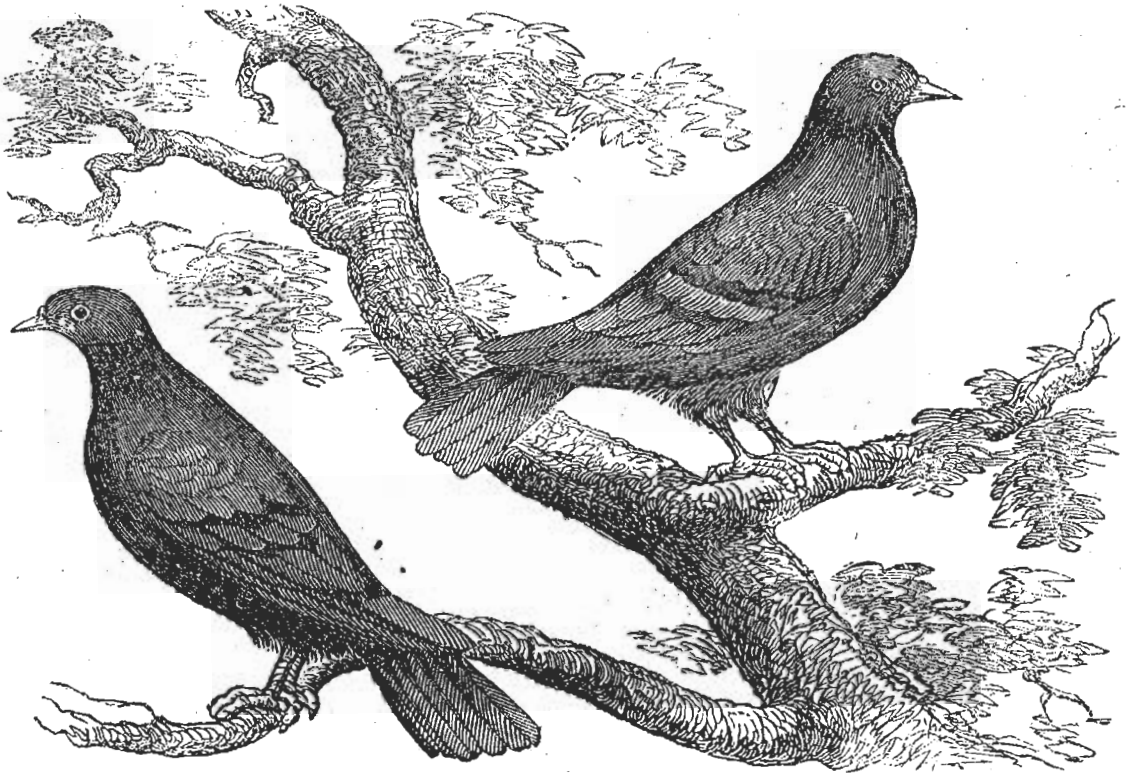
feed
seed

pig
fig

dig
rig

gig
wig

need
deed



Do come out and look at my two doves. They have a home in the old shed.

It is shut up so that our cat can not get at the nest. But a dove can fly in and out as he likes.

I love to look at a dove, he is so mild. See, they are both up in the old tree.

love

nest

mild

look

dove

shed

know

home



Here is a man with an axo. He has come to get wood. He will cut the tree till it falls. Then he will chop it up for home.

tax	cut	hut	lad	had
wax	but	nut	bad	mad



The boy will not keep his cap on. He will toss it in the air. What has Ann got in her lap? I see, it is her pet cat.

lap	sap	fun	sun	sit
cap	map	run	gun	hit



Ann has put her doll on the back of our dog for a ride. The dog is full of play.

Ann has to hold the doll on, for the dog will run. She must run fast, too, to keep up with him.

Do not let the doll fall off. She will get a good ride, for the dog likes the fun as well as Ann.

doll

fall

hull

rack

back

neck

dull

hack



Here is our old
cow. We call her
Spot. How kind
she is! We are
glad to get her
milk, and we like
to feed her, too.

cow	how	toy	for	fur
mow	now	boy	nor	cur



This man has a
hoe and a bag.
What has he got
in the bag? Some
rye to sow. He
will go to the field
and sow it.

toe	rag	lag	jug	rug
hoe	bag	tag	bug	mug

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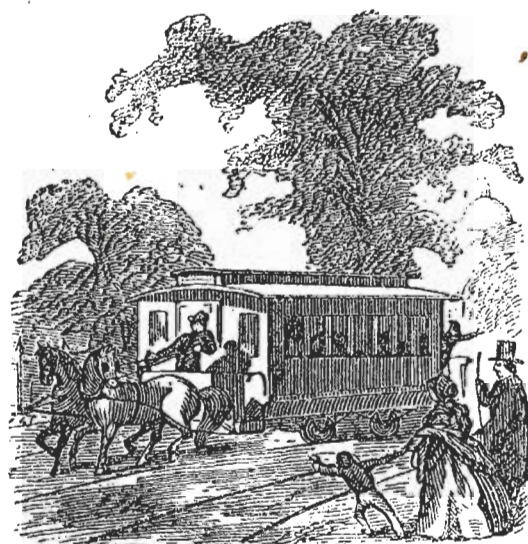
Here they go, as fast as the boys can skate. What a queer sled! But it is a very good one for the ice.

This is right, boys. Draw the girls on your sleds. You can not be too kind to them.

A boy is a man when he can put off self to please some one else.

sled	good	hill	face
shed	wood	mill	race

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Here is a car.
We are to go in
this car, so let us
get in, and take a
seat at one end of
the car, so as to
be near the door.

far

rail

ride

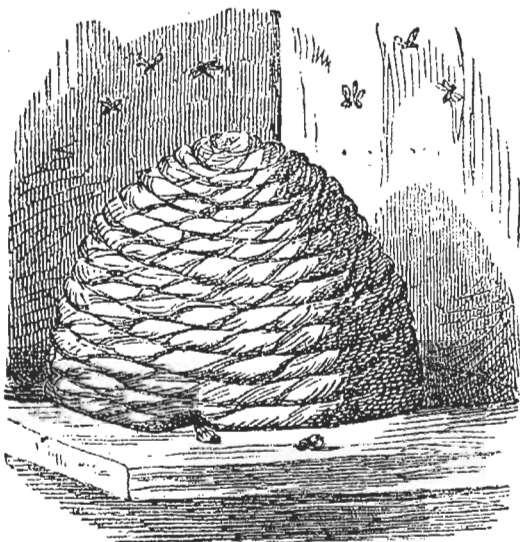
load

car

fail

wide

road



I see a bee go
to the hive. Can
the bee get in the
hive? Yes; it is
her house. The
bee makes her cell
out of wax.

see

free

five

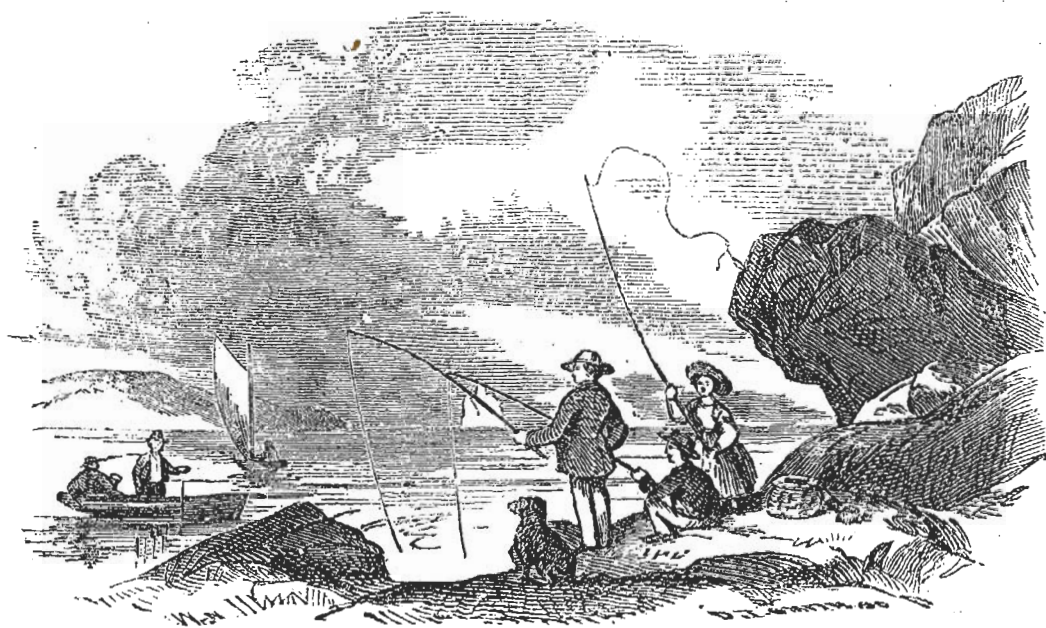
fell

bee

tree

hive

cell



“O, John, do come and look at my line! I had a good hard bite at my bait. Just see if there is not a fish on my hook.”

“What a child! Pull your line up, and then you can see the bait. There, now, the hook is bare. The bait is all off.”

When you feel a bite, you must pull up your line.

fish

look

line

pole

dish

hook

nine

hole



“ Ding, dong, bell; the cat is in the well.” This is a part of a song sung by my old nurse when I was a small boy, and sat in her lap.

bell
well

tell
sell

task
cask

full
pull



The boat can sail in a tub. It is a small boat, with one sail. The boy and girl like to play with it.

tub
rub

coat
boat

sail
nail

slow
blow



Well, boy, you have done it now. That horse is sure to go fast as you wish. You will win the race.

Why, we all rode just such a horse when we were boys. How we did run with our bare feet!

I do wish I was a boy, to ride a stick once more, as of old. Ah, here comes Rose with her doll.

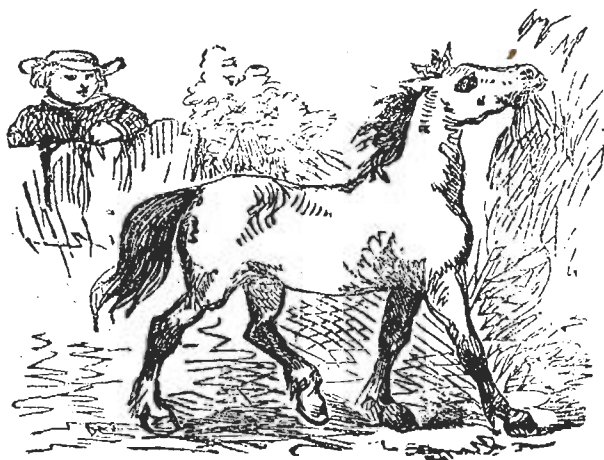
try
cry

tray
play

feet
meet

fade
made

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Can a colt
eat hay? Yes.
He is near the
hay now. He
will not let you
touch him.

hay	lay	colt	pay	ray
day	say	bolt	way	gay



Jane has a bird
in her cage. It is
her pet. She takes
good care of it,
and feeds it. It
will sing for her,
shut up as it is.

cage	ring	girl	rage
page	wing	bird	sage



Here the boys are, now, and Rose is with them. So, boys, you ran off to sail your boats.

Why did you not wait for us? We like to see the boats go. The sloop sails off well. John holds his boat with a string.

Do not go so near to the pond, Rose; you may fall in. It is best to keep back from the shore.

fond

dear

fall

gave

pond

hear

tall

wave



Here is a great ball. John gave it a kick with his foot. Now James will try to hit it, and so will Frank. It is fun for boys.

ball

hall

sick

tick

call

wall

kick

wick



Jane has a slate. What is she to do with it? She was told to write words on it, and she will try to do so, for she is a good girl.

late

gate

cake

take

slate

mate

make

bake



Here is a span with a gig. How small they are! Yet they can draw the gig quite well.

They are so kind, too, that it is safe for a small boy to drive them. He can make them go fast or slow, and stop them when he likes.

Ann has a whip, but she does not use it. They need no whip. See the ox stare at them.

than
span

fast
last

skip
whip

stop
shop



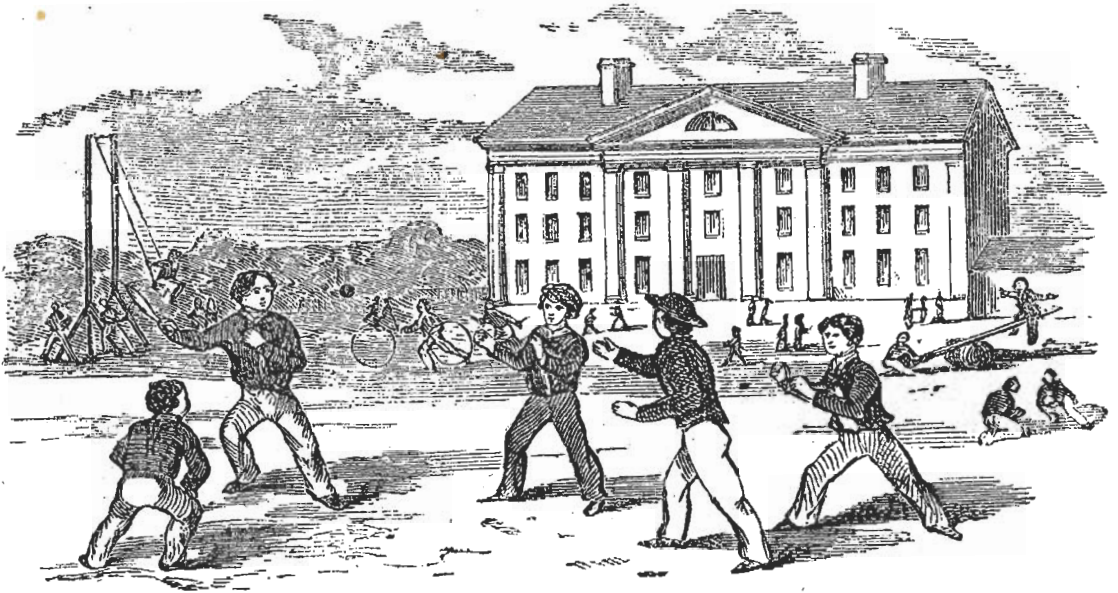
The girl likes
bread and milk.
She has a bowl
full, and a spoon
to eat with. This
is the best food
for girls and boys.

silk	bread	rest	soon
milk	spoon	best	noon



Ann can roll a
hoop well. She
has a stick to
make it go. She
must run fast to
keep up with it.
It is good for her.

loop	stick	dive	toll
hoop	brick	drive	roll



Who has not felt that the hour of play is the glad hour in a child's life? First let him learn well; then he may play.

Shut him up in school. Make him work hard at his tasks, and put his whole mind to them.

But, when school is out, let him run and play. How glad all are to be out in the air once more!

clad	sore	sand	card
glad	more	hand	hard



The two boys
have a kite. They
will fly it soon.
One boy tries to
fix the kite, and
tie the string on
to let it go up.

kite
mite

fly
sky

high
nigh

fine
mine



A child can feed
him. Dull as he
looks to be, he will
plod on, like some
boys, and do as
much work as the
quick and bright.

ear
hear

long
song

dull
hull

bray
pray

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Now Pet shall have a ride with me. She has been a good doll, and she may get on my horse.

Take Pet up in your arms, Jane, and bring her to me. Put her on the horse, and we will be off.

Come, horse, let us see how fast you can go. It is safe to ride on you, for you can not run with us.

flow

some

just

fill

glow

come

must

vile



Jane and Ann
have found a nest
with three eggs in
it. They will not
touch the nest.
Now they stoop
down to see it.

rest
nest

eggs
begs

wild
child

stay
gray



Here is a tent.
A horse lies at the
door. A child is
at play near the
horse. Now he
gives the horse a
piece of bread.

tent
dent

lent
cent

find
mind

lend
send

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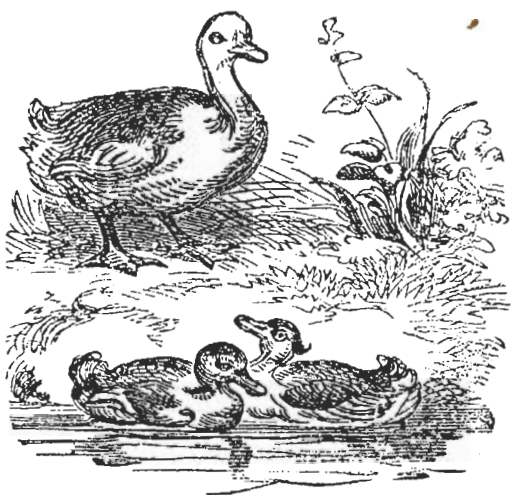
Now, Ann, do not dare to swing high. You may fall out, and hurt you, as John did last year.

Ah, Miss Jane, you can jump rope, if you can not have the swing. I am glad to find you gave up the swing with a good grace.

Well, girls, keep out in the air when you can. There is joy and health in all plays out of doors.

wing	push	jump	rope
swing	bush	bump	hope

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How the ducks
do swim! They
like it much. A
goose is glad to
get in a pond, for
she can swim as
well as a duck.

loose	luck	brim	quit
goose	duck	swim	quill



The shop is full
of toys. I can see
a ball, hoop, sled,
doll, kite, bow, fife,
drum, and a cage.
The boy has come
to buy a top.

toys	sale	fife	crop
joys	pale	life	drop

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So you all went to Fresh Pond to skate. Did you like it, Miss Jane? O, yes.

Ann can skate as fast as a man. Why, she beat George in a fair race. We went out in a car.

Aunt says it is good to skate. It puts a rose on the cheek.

skate
grate

sent
went

seat
beat

part
dart



The man has
come to shear our
sheep. He will
clip off the wool.
Then aunt will
card and spin it
to make yarn.

sleep
sheep

wool
wood

yarn
darn

spin
skin



Ann sits and
sings to her doll,
while she rocks it
with her foot. She
reads in her new
book. See the
dog look at her.

hair
chair

cold
hold

old
sold

lock
rock



What a time for the dolls! One is in arms, and one in lap, and four sit up to eat.

Well, girls, you do have a way of your own for play in doors. And a good one it is, too.

Jane, do rock that doll. One thing can be said of dolls. They sit still, and do not cry.

flies	then	lime	tea
tries	when	time	sea



The man has put a log of wood on his horse. He will saw it, and split it, and then will put it in the shed to burn.

saw
law

pile
mile

logs
dogs

turn
burn



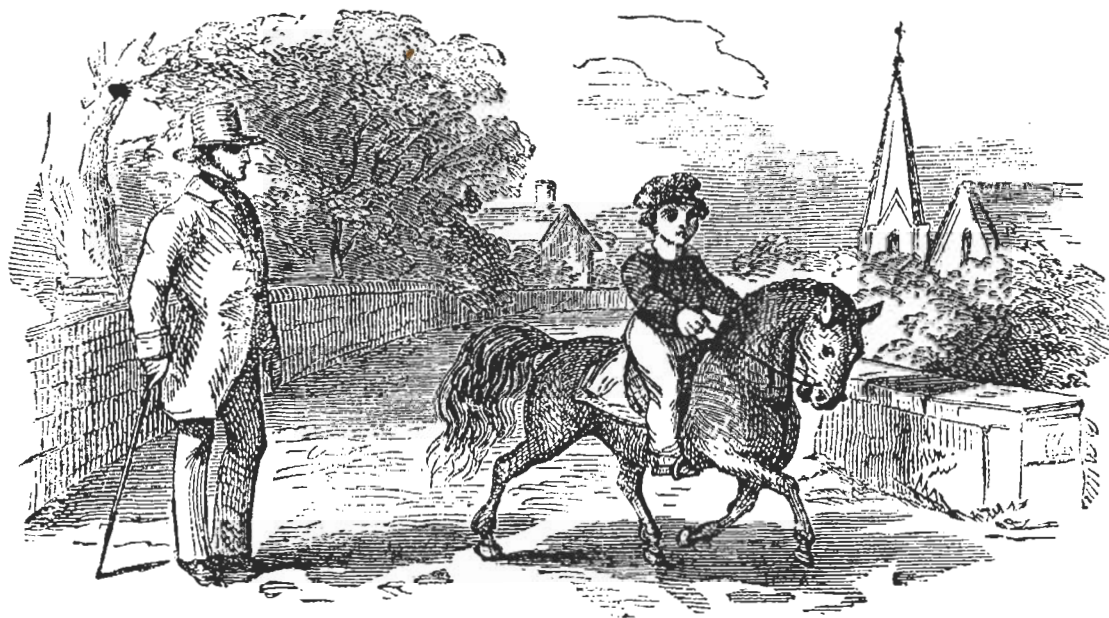
John can hold the tin cup, and I will pump. Now see it run out. Rose has a hoop on her arm. She may drink first.

lump
pump

sink
drink

rank
bank

lamp
damp



There, boy, you are on at last, and you will have a fine ride of it. I do not see but that you can ride as well as a man.

See him arch his neck, and step off, as if he was proud to get a boy on his back once more.

How fast he trots ! I think he is glad to get out of the barn. It is hard for him to be shut up.

such

lift

came

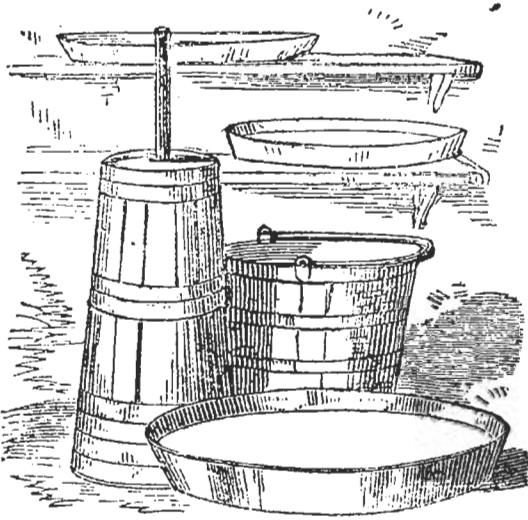
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much

gift

same

till



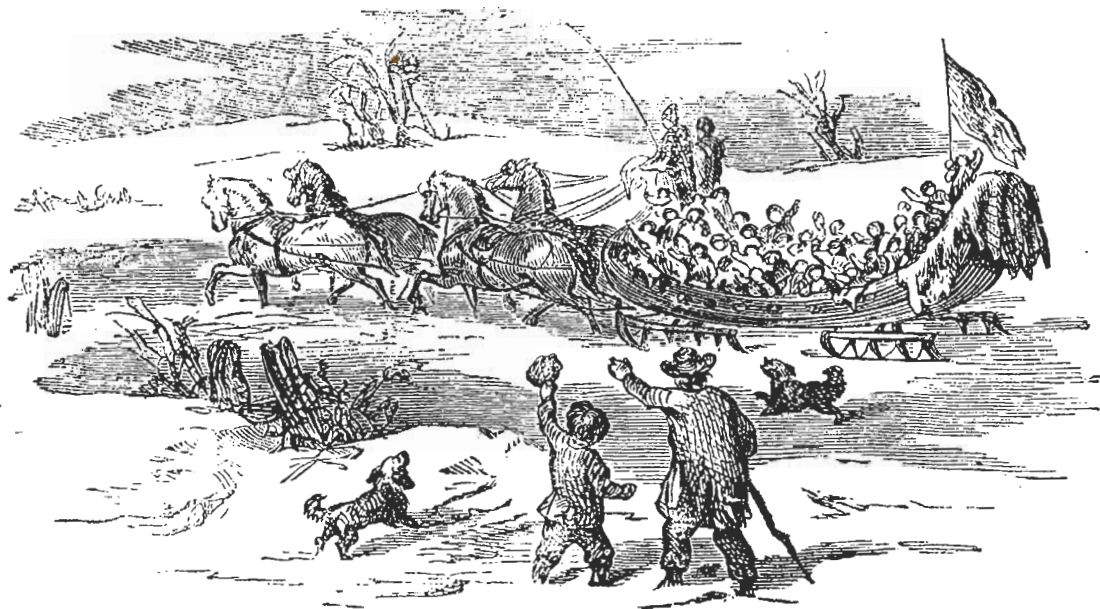
Here is a churn.
The maid has put
cream in it. There
is a pail by its
side. Three pans
are full of milk.
One is on the floor.

spurn	bail	cream	cans
churn	pail	dream	pans



Now, boy, you
have got a new
book, and the
girls are as glad
to look at it as
you are.

look	took	fight	night
book	cook	right	might



Well done, boys! Here is a whole school out to ride. Here is a barge full of boys and girls.

The dogs bark, the boy swings his cap, and the man waves his hand, as the sleigh glides by.

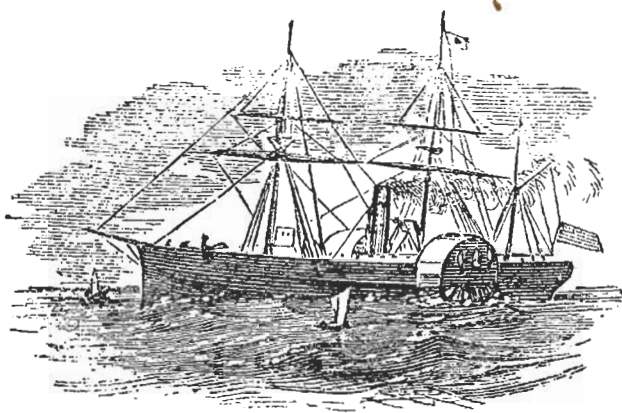
The boys are in high glee. How they shout as they speed on, full of joy! This is one of the bright spots in school life.

bark
hark

tear
year

large
barge

fold
gold



This ship will
go by steam on
the great sea.
She can go fast,
for she is so
long and deep.

trip

vast

seam

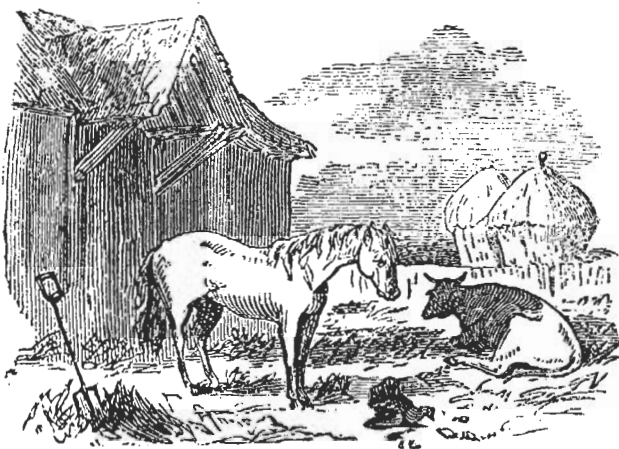
blew

ship

mast

steam

crew



Here you see
a barn. It has
a yard to it.
There is a cow
in the yard, and
a horse. They
both eat hay.

fork

card

farm

corn

cork

yard

harm

horn



Well, Miss, you have got a fine team now ; two dogs, and two boys to lead and drive them.

This is a new way to get to school. I do not know how the dogs like this work, but the boys like the sport right well.

Hold on to the sled, for the dogs will run. You can get a good ride now, if you do not fall off.

text

team

talk

care

next

beam

walk

dare



We are near the park. Let us stop and look at the deer. Here are two in sight. One has his head down to drink.

deer

drag

hound

park

beer

stag

found

lark



The church has a tall spire. There is a vane on the top of the spire. The vane tells us which way the wind blows.

vane

lane

fire

wire

cane

pane

spire

mire

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George, and Ann, and Rose, are to have a ride in the sleigh. The horse is kind, but old and slow.

George can drive him. He likes the boy, too ; for George gives him oats and hay to eat, and rides him to the pond to let him drink.

This is fine fun for the girls, and they will have a good ride. The robes will keep them warm.

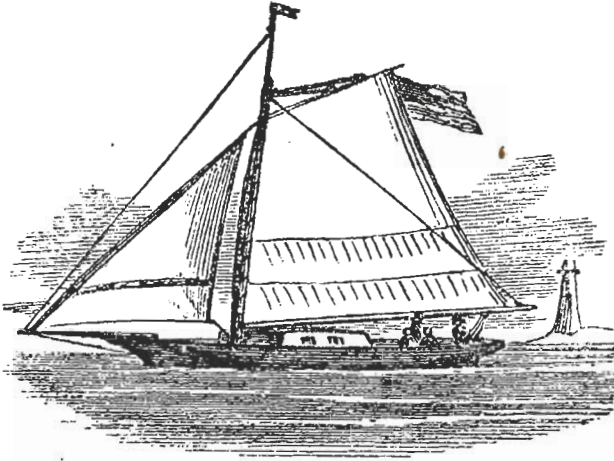
keep
deep

true
blue

sure
pure

vine
dine

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A sloop has
but one mast.
A wheel moves
the helm, as it
is hard work to
steer her.

sloop	deck	keel	loom
stoop	neck	wheel	boom



Here comes our
John, with a load
of wood on the
cart. He will tip
it up in the yard
near the door of
the old shed.

tart	bark	load	feel
cart	mark	road	heel

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“O, the new book, the new book has come!” cries Ann. Soon all eyes are bent on it. See her point to the cut at the top of the page.

Well, it does cheer up a child to read a new book, and to gaze at cuts that talk right out.

It is food for the mind, a feast for the eye, and joy for the heart, to young and old.

held	food	bent	eye
weld	hood	rent	rye



Well, dog, you do look sad for a pet. So you dare not stir, but must sit still on the stool.

Poor Dick ! the boy will talk to you, and all you can do is to hear, and look as wise as you can.

The boy says, "Go to the barn, Dick, and catch all the rats."

beat
meat

batch
patch

piece
niece

feed
heed

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Come and see the two pets.
Charles runs to look at them as
soon as he gets home.

He has just fed them with beets.
See the white one eat.

It is well for boys to have such
pets. They will then think less of
self, and be kind to all.

loft

tame

flat

save

soft

lame

that

cave



Gas does not weigh so much as air; so balls full of gas will go up as you see they do here.

This is a new toy, got up in France, for a child to play with. The balls will float in air.

There is a string to each ball, for the child to pull it down by.

town
down

air
fair

string
spring

each
teach



There is a storm on the deep.
The waves run high. The ship
drives on with the gale.

They had to clew up the few
sails that were set, but they can
not furl them yet.

She goes with the wind, but is
safe so far from shore.

form
storm

gale
bale

furl
curl

jest
best



Let us go out in the yard near the barn. What shall we find there? Why, the horse and cow.

Here are sheep and hens, too. There is no work so full of health and joy as to till the earth.

I like to live on a farm. Each step we take tells us of God.

steep
sheep

least
beast

find
kind

heal
meal



As soon as Jane got home, she ran to the yard to see if Poll was safe. "All right," says Poll.

Poll had come a long way on rail roads, and had heard these words till she could say them.

If you spoke to Poll she was sure to say "All right."

could	beak	spoke	rain
would	speak	smoke	gain



Well, boy, you do have a hard time of it. Jack has put his foot down, and will not move a step.

There goes Rose, on a round trot. She is kind to her beast.

It is no use for you to fret; nor is it fair for the boys to laugh at you, if you are a sad sight.

race	round	light	move
pace	pound	sight	prove

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Now is the time to coast, boys.
Here go the fast sleds. How they
race down the hill !

Just see how “Deer” shoots
past “Pet” ! Now the boy waves
his cap as he goes by.

This is right, boys. Toil up, and
slide down. It is so in life. Work
first, then you may play.

coast

boot

fort

work

boast

shoot

sport

worth



Well, this is fun, to be sure.
What a romp you will have, and
what a noise you will make !

Be quick, catch some one, and
guess who it is. I long to know
if you can find one out.

Can you see, sir ? I fear you
can. But it is not fair to peep out.
Now you will get her.

sure

peep

latch

fear

pure

weep

catch

near



What will come next? Here is a small boy on a great truck-horse, and a girl sits by him. This is one way to get a ride.

Well, child, you must like to ride, if you will bear such a jolt. I do think the dog wants to get up, too. See him try.

truck
pluck

jolt
bolt

such
much

think
drink

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Here is a sight that will do you good. Just see these boys! And such a team, too!

Hold on, boys, or they will tip you off. There you go, all life and hope, and joy.

The dogs, too, rush on, full of fun, as if it was all done for their sport. How they do bark!

rush
hush

done
none

just
must

fort
sport

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O, Fred, do come and look!
Here is aunt on skates. I told
you she could skate fast.

How queer it does look to see
her skate with her hands in a muff,
and that cap on her head!

fast

ruff

told

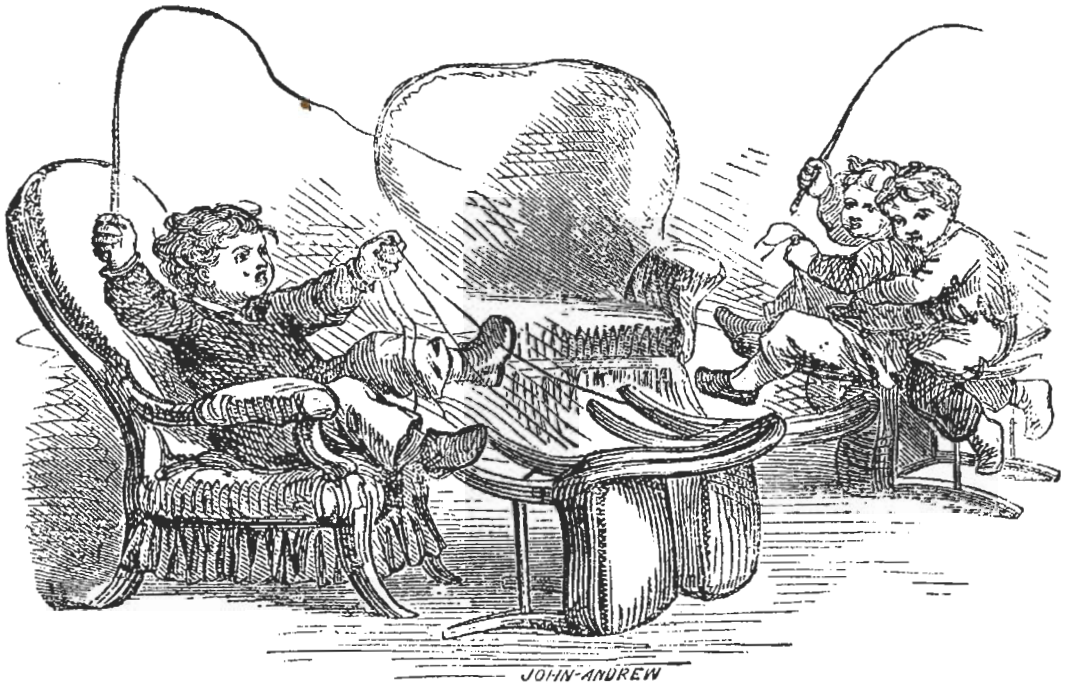
slide

last

muff

bold

glide



Now, here is a sight! What will you do next, boys? A chair for a cart, and a chair for a horse.

Ah, here is the same old span that I drove, when I was a boy and had to stay in for the rain.

Well done, Fred! Here you go, too, on a chair down on the floor for your horse.

gown	slave	lie	fool
down	brave	tie	tool

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Sir, what can you make of the “News” wrong side up? Where did you get those “helps to read?”

I see you are in the boots, boy. But who put you in? And how will you get out of them?

Come, move on, if you can, sir. I want to see you walk off with that cane in your hand.

steak	move	frown	heart
break	prove	crown	hearth



What is all this? A game of ball? Well, I am glad to see you at it. This is good for you.

Now do hit the ball, and take your run. That next boy longs to take his turn with the bat.

Throw a good ball, and play fair. Let this be your rule, too, in the great game of life.

fate

fame

text

grow

rate

game

next

throw