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FOR  
THE BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
OF THIS BOOK  
THERE IS HERE SUBJOINED A CERTAIN  
P R E F A C E.

VERY DEAR YOUNG READERS,

You will find in this book (which is quite unlike, and far superior to, every other book heretofore written) four pages marked "Page 1," then four pages marked "Page 2," then four pages marked "Page 3," and so on to the end. You may read any of the pages marked 1, then any one of those marked 2, then any marked 3, till you come to the conclusion of the story in page 8.

Now, if you will enquire of your clever cousin, Miss Girton, who has been in for mathematics at Cambridge and so knows all about figures, you will learn that there are no less than sixty-five thousand five hundred and thirty-six tales in this book about Jack and Jill, not two of which are exactly alike.



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## THE STORY OF JACK AND JILL.



HERE were once upon a time (for all things, you know, happened *then*) a little boy and a little girl whose names were Jack and Jill. But though these were their right names, yet their friends

commonly called them "Jack-and-the-beanstalk" and "Gilly-flower;" not that *my* Jack was the one who had such a notable bean-stalk, or that *my* Jill was a "Gilly-flower" and lived on a wall; but their friends, you know, called them by these names *for short*.

"Once upon a time," then, Jack and Jill were a little boy and a little girl, but if they are still alive, I am afraid they are no longer a *little* boy and girl, nor even a girl and boy at all. For, "once upon a time," alas! is ever so long ago, and though men and women, when they are grown up, wish they were little boys and girls again very often, and had only such thoughts and such cares as little boys and girls have, yet "once upon a time" is a cruel sort of creature, and when he has once gone away, he never, never comes back to us.

These little children, then, "Jack-and-the-beanstalk" and "Gilly-flower," lived



JACK.



JILL.

