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TO
MY LITTLE NEPHEW AND NIECES
Donald, Alice, Adelaide, Florence, and Ruth
WHO HAVE AIDED ME GREATLY IN THE SELECTION
AND FORM OF THESE STORIES
THIS VOLUME
IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED.

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PREFACE.

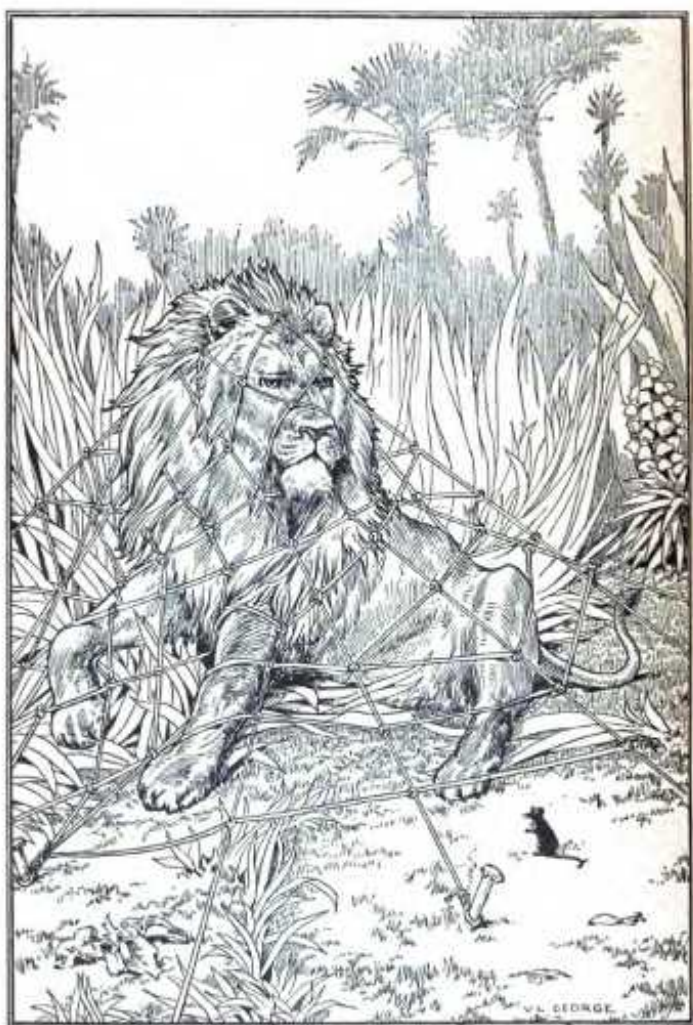
An extended explanation of the function of fairy stories in a child's education, and of the method of teaching them is given in the appendix to the Teachers' and Mothers' Edition of this little volume.

These stories, in the form here presented, are the result of repeated experience in telling them to children of the first grade, and the language is so simple that second grade children can read for themselves the stories which have already become dear to them.

The first story is not literature, it is true, but it has delighted young children for generations. The rhythmical movement and repetition in parts of it are probably the source of much of this delight, which marks the birth of the literary sense in the young child.

The stories grow rapidly in literary and moral worth throughout the volume.

The author desires to acknowledge her obligations to the writers and publishers of the poems that appear and add materially to the value of the book; also to Geo. P. Brown, and Charles and Frank McMurry, who have aided greatly by their suggestions.



"I will set you free," said the Little Mouse.

THE OLD WOMAN AND HER PIG.

AN OLD woman who was sweeping her house, found a dime. "Now what shall I do with this dime," she said. "I know, I will go to a farm and buy a little pig." As she was coming home, driving the pig, she came to a low fence; piggy would not jump over this fence, so she went back a little way to get some one to help her. She soon met a dog. She said to the dog:

"Dog! dog! bite pig! Pig will not jump over the fence, and I shall not get home to-night." But the dog would not.

She went a little farther and she met a stick. So she said:

"Stick! stick! whip dog! Dog will not bite pig; pig will not jump over the fence, and I