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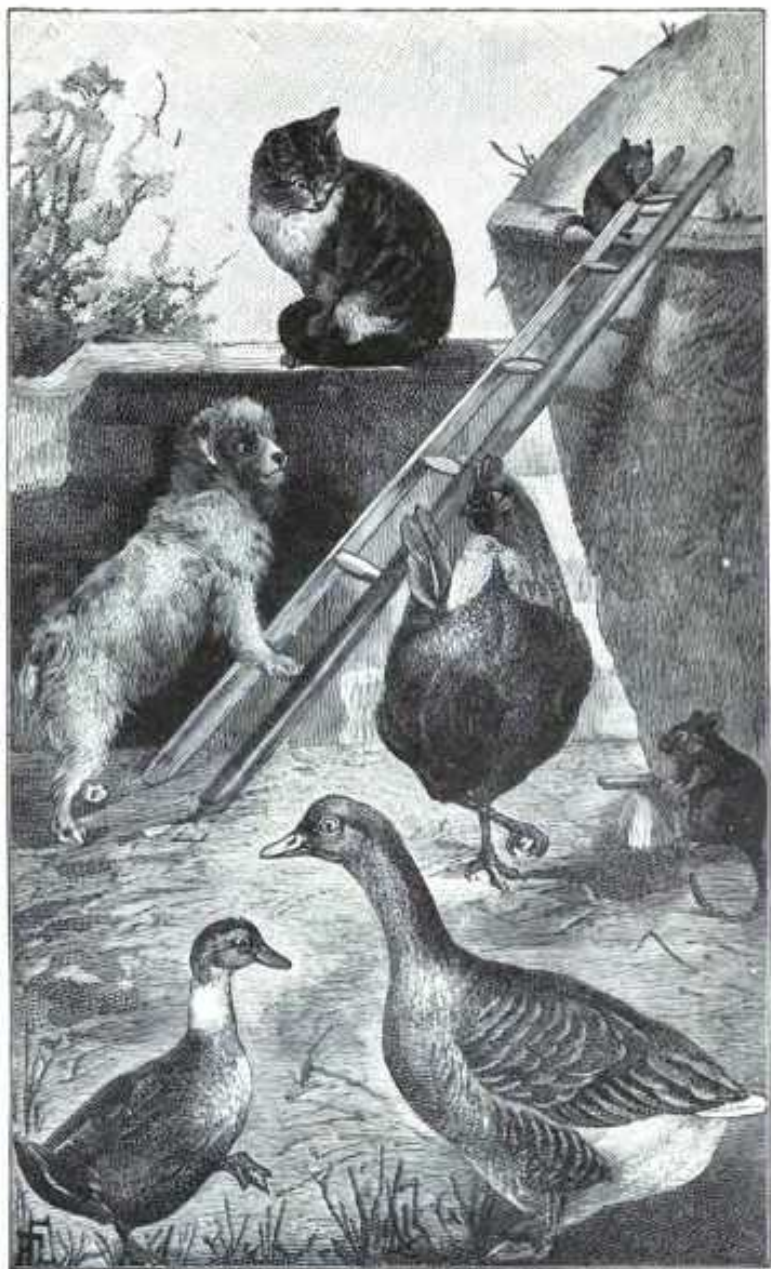
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LITTLE RED HEN, THE GOOSE, THE DUCK, THE DOG, THE CAT, THE MOUSE,
THE RAT. [See page 123.]

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THE "SHIP" LITERARY READERS. II.

LESSON 1.

The Fairies' Summer Sale.

pearl	fair-ies	mon-ey	treas-ure
bald	mown	neck-lace	fool-ish
comb	crick-ets	brace-let	di-a-mond
scent	beau-ty	burst	no-tic-ing

1. One night little Jenny was going home from the town. The stars were shining brightly, the air was heavy with the scent of flowers and new-mown hay, and full of the songs of frogs and crickets.

2. But Jenny did not enjoy the sights or scents or sounds. She could think of nothing but the grand things which she had seen in the town. "Oh!" she said, "I wish I lived in a big house, and had fine clothes to wear; and a gilt coach to ride in. I have heard that the fairies have a sale every summer; why don't they ask me to it?"

3. As she spoke she came to the lone hillside where, on mossy stones, the fairies had spread out their greatest treasures. When

she saw the brightness and the beauty before her she gave a little cry, half fear, half joy, and hardly knew whether to go closer or to run away.

4. But a fairy called out: "Come, buy! buy! buy!" And Jenny said quite boldly: "Dear Queen, I would like to buy, but I have no money."

5. The fairy said: "We do not ask for money; all that we ask is one of the hairs of your head for each thing which you take."

6. "At that price," thought Jenny, "I shall soon be as rich as a king, and the lords and ladies of the world will not be fit to speak to me."

7. First she bought a pearl as big as a hen's egg, then a bracelet which shone like the sun, and then a necklace of pure gold. But the more she had, the more she wanted to have; so she went on buying one pretty thing after another without noticing that she was getting bald.

8. At day-break she raised her hand to where the hair had been; and then she burst out crying, for she found that she had

just given for a diamond comb the last hair with which she had meant to buy a wig.

9. The same moment the fairies, mocking and laughing at her, all flew away, leaving in her lap nothing but bits of moss and dead grass.

10. If we gave a hair for every foolish wish we should, like little Jenny, soon be bald.

LESSON 2.

FABLES.

The Wolf and the Owl.

by	lambs	owl	smil'-ing
friend	course	com-plain'	tem'-pers
foes	peace	wast'-ed	an'-gel

1. "Good-by, friend," said a wolf to an owl; "I have wasted too much time here in the hope of finding peace. Men and dogs are alike bad, and if one were an angel one would have to fight them."

2. "Are you going far?" asked the owl.

"I am going very far, to a land of calm and joy, of smiling hills and happy vales. There the rivers run with milk; war is never heard of; the men are as mild as

their own lambs, and act like a band of brothers. It is said that there the dogs do not bark, much less bite. Is it not a joy even to dream of such a land?

3. "Good-by! Think kindly of me when I have set out for it. There I mean to live a long life of peace and plenty; for I shall not there, as here, have to look out for foes all day, and sleep with one eye open all night."

4. "I wish you a good time," said the owl; "but, tell me, do you mean to leave your teeth and your old ways behind you?"

5. "Leave them behind! Of course not. That would be fine indeed!"

"Well, then, you will not save your skin there any more than here."

6. Those who have bad tempers lay all the blame on others; they are kind to nobody, and yet they complain that nobody is kind to them.

LESSON 3.

The Plums.

trunk	feast	low'est	drop
though	feast'ing	pick'ing	dropped
eyes	e-nough'	hun'gry	gar'den

1. "Jack, come into the garden with me, and we will have a feast of plums," said