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"When Nellie receives her little visitors, they are never tired of talking over Rough's history."—*p.* 94.

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ROUGH LEAVES HIS MOTHER.

I AM an old dog, children, and could you see me you would think me grey and sober. But I was not always as you might see me now; so, if you care to listen, I will tell you a little of my dog life, with all its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows.

One of the first days that I can remember, was bright

and sunny. I was playing near my mother, with my small brother and sister near me. How happy we were as we rolled over and over, and what a time our poor mother had with us. I am sure she must have been one of the most patient mothers possible, for do you know we used even to pull her ears and sometimes play with her tail? It was very, very seldom, however, that she seemed angry with us. If she was, she would give a little growl and shake herself, then we puppies knew we must be quiet, so we would nestle down close beside her, and soon be fast asleep.

It was a large place where we lived, and there were other dogs besides ourselves—big dogs, middle-sized dogs, little dogs, dogs of all sorts. Afterwards I heard that the gentleman to whom we belonged had always been fond of animals. When he was at school he kept guinea-pigs, afterwards rabbits and chickens. When he grew older it was but reasonable he should take to dogs, we being such very superior animals.

On this bright sunny day our master came to see us—