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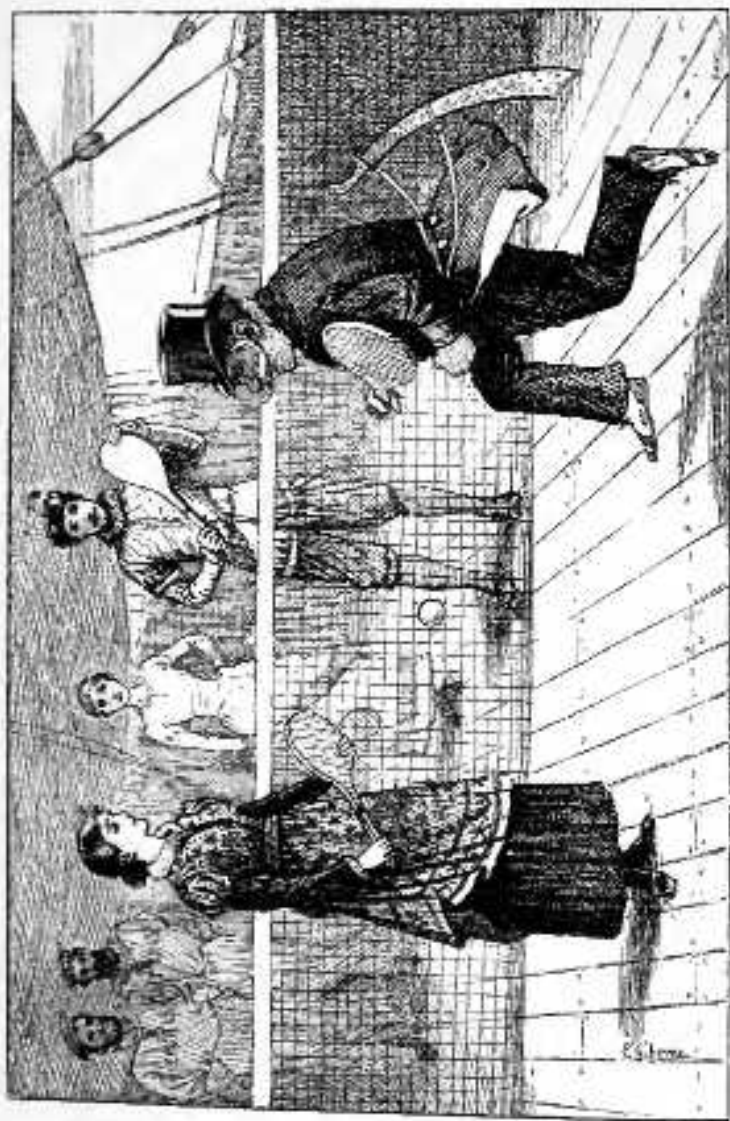
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THE GAME OF NET AND BALL.

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TO

MY LITTLE GODCHILD,

**Florence Merivale Besley,**

AGED THREE AND A HALF.

VIEWFIELD, KENTLEY. DECEMBER, 1885.



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Tossing in broken slumber to and fro,  
By too much journal-reading half distraught,  
The latest miracles of modern thought  
To living form I saw before me grow!  
They came,—the monsters of advertisement,—  
From subterranean railways gambolling;  
Or springing like weird mushrooms in a night,  
On track of fire or house-demolishing,  
O'er giant-boards in a grisly row;  
Wears one half chestnut-brown, the other white,  
Strange drinks red-lettered o'er gaudy hats,  
Wild phantom ships and ghastly pickle-jars;  
Till as I wondered why such dreams were sent,  
A voice said, "We are faeries: rise and write."

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