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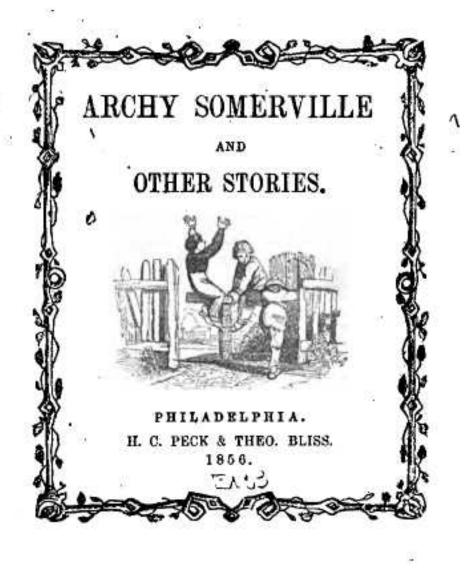
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Stories.

ARCHY SOMMERVILLE.

ARCHY SOMERVILLE was about four years old. A merry laughing golden haired boy, who loved every body, and who in return was loved by all.

Archy was a very good little boy, but he was naughty about one thing.

I will tell you what that was.

Archy's mother lived in a large house in the country. In front of this house there was a wide gravel walk

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and carriage drive, and beyond these a gate, which led out into the fields. Mrs. Sommerville allowed her little boy to play on the gravel and the drive; but she did not like him to go out side of the gate.

Archy loved the green fields, the trees and the little brook, that were beyond the gate; and sometimes he forgot what his mother said and went out. I don't think he meant to disobey his mother, but he forgot.

One day, Archy's brother, George, made him a stick-horse. It was a funny looking animal, as you see in the picture.



ARCHY AND HIS STICK HORSE.

Archy was delighted with his new toy, and went to ask his mother if he might go out of doors to play with it.

His mother gave him permission to go. "But remember, Archy" said she, "you must not open the gate."

Away went our boy, as happy as

a king, and I think much happier than some kings. He played on the gravel walk for some time, and then, feeling tired, he threw down his horse and went to the gate, only meaning to look over and see the birds and flowers beyond.

While he was looking at the forbidden pleasures, he saw a Quail in the grass. A "Quail! A real live Quail," thought Archy. "Oh, how I should like to catch it." His mother's command was forgotten. The gate was thrown open and Archy was in the fields. Naughty boy!

The Quail was too nimble for him