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TO ENGLISH CHILDREN.

This little Book comes from the hand, Dear Children, of a friend-Throughout the kindred German land, 'T'is loved from end to end. "I is loved when sternest winter chills; When summer gilds the vine; From Russia to the Tyrol hills; From the Black Sea to the Rhine. "I is loved within the peasant's shed, By children brown and wild; Within the noblest hall 'tis read, By many a high-born child, With many a flower-enwoven wreath, On birth-days is it given; It lies the Christmas-tree beneath, As 't were a gift from Heaven. O then, ye Children dear, receive This little Book I pray, "Twill waken love, much joy will give For many and many a day!

M. H.

LE CYGNE ET L'ENFANT.

"Mon bel enfant, as-tu donc peur?

Je ne suis pas méchant, mon cœur.

Tout doucement vers toi je nage,

Sans rider l'eau sur mon passage.

Je viens te dire que j'ai faim:

Voudrais-tu me donner quelques miettes de pain?"

L'enfant de la main lui fait signe,
S'approche, admire le beau cygne
Au blane plumage éblouissant,
Sur l'eau passant et repassant;
Puis il prend son pain et l'émiette
Dans le creux de sa main qu'il lui tend pour assiette.

Schwan und Rind.

Rind bort, was icheuft du bich? Gar nicht fo bos bin ich, Schwimme baber ganz facht, Daß es kein Wellchen macht; Wöchte bich nur fragen eben: Willst du ein Stucken Wrod mir geben?

Das Kind trat zu dem Teich heran Und freute fich an dem schönen Schwan, Wie rein und weiß war sein Gefieder, Wie sanft er schwamm so hin und wieder; Es wurde bald mit ihm bekannt, Ließ das Brod ihn nehmen aus seiner Sand.



THE SWAN AND CHILD.

"What dost thou fear, dear Child?

I am of temper mild,

Therefore swim slow, and make

No wavelet on the lake;

I meant but to thee to say,

Hast thou no piece of bread to give away?"

Down to the water stepped the Boy;
And saw the lovely Swan with joy,
With all its plumage pure and fair,
Up and down, soft sailing there,
And soon with it acquaintance made,
And fed it from his hand, nor was afraid!