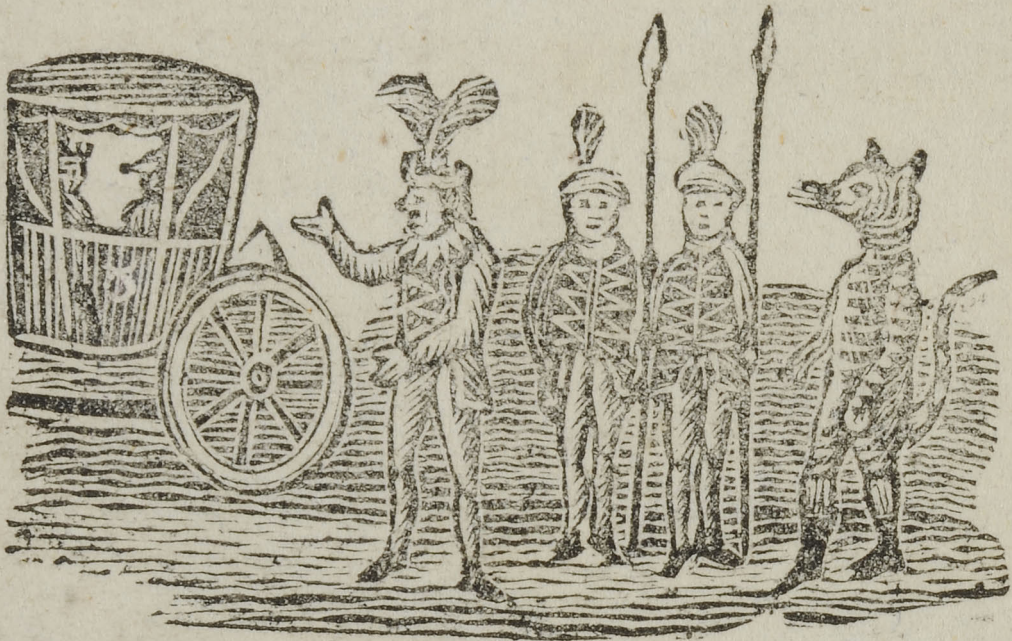




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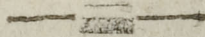
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THERE was a widow,
who had two daughters.
The eldest was very much like
her in the face and in humour.
They were both so disagreea-
ble and proud that there was
no living with them. The
youngest, who was the picture
of her father for sweetness of

temper, was the most beautiful girl ever seen; but she was hated by her mother, who made her eat in the kitchen, and do all the work.



'This poor child was forced twice a day to draw water above a mile from the house,

and bring home a pitcher full of it.



One day as she was at the fountain, there came to her a poor woman, who begged of her to let her drink.

“With all my hearty, Goody,” said this pretty girl, and rinsing the pitcher, she took up

some water from the clearest part of the fountain, and gave it to her, holding up the pitcher that she might drink easy

When she had drank, she said, "You are so pretty, my dear, and so mannerly, that at every word you speak there shall come out of your mouth either a flower or a jewel."

When she came home, her mother scolded her for staying so long at the fountain.

"I beg your pardon, mamma, (said the girl,) for not making more haste; and there came out of her mouth two diamonds, two roses, and two pearls. "What is it I see

there?" said her mother.

"How happens this child?"

The poor creature told her all the circumstance, dropping a great many diamonds.—'In good faith, (cried the mother) I must send my child too.

Come, Fanny, look what comes out of thy sister's mouth, when she speaks! Wouldst thou not be glad to have such a gift? Thou hast nothing to do but to go and draw water out of the fountain, and when a certain poor woman asks you to let her drink, give her civilly." "It would be a very pretty sight

indeed, (said the ill-bred minx) to see me draw water."

"You shall go, Hussey, (said the mother,) and this minute." Away she went, grumbling all the way, taking with her the best silver tankard.

She was no sooner at the fountain, than she saw a lady beautifully dressed who came up to her and asked her to let her drink. (This was the very fairy who appeared to her sister, but had altered her dress.) "Am I come hither, (said she proud saucy slut,) to serve you with wa-

ter? I suppose the silver tankard was brought purely for your ladyship. However you may drink out of it, if you have a fancy."

"You are not over and above mannerly, (answered the fairy,) and since you are so disobliging, at every word you speak there shall come out of your mouth, a snake or a toad."

When her mother saw her coming, she cried out, "Well daughter!" "Well mother!" replied the pert hussey, throwing out of her mouth two vi-

pers and two toads. “Oh! mercy! (cried the mother,) what is it I see? Oh! it is that wretch, her sister, who has occasioned all this; but she shall pay for it.” And immediately she ran to beat her.

The poor child ran away, and went to hide in a forest.

The King’s son, on his return from hunting, met her and seeing her a pretty girl, asked her what she did there. “Alas! Sir, my mamma has turned me out of doors.”


The prince seeing the pearls and diamonds come out of her

mouth, bid her inform him how that happened, which she did; and he fell in love with her, considering that such a gift was worth any marriage portion, conducted her to the palace, and married her.



Her sister made herself so much hated, that her mother turned her off, and the wretch having walked about a long time without finding any body to take her in, went to a corner of a grove and died.

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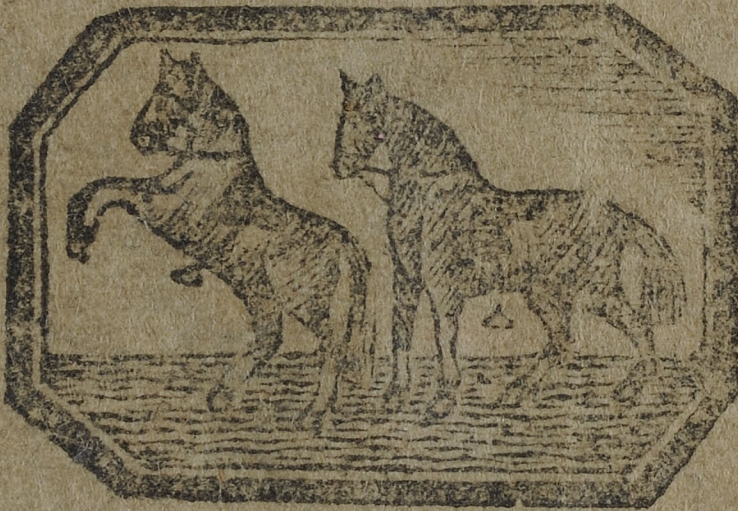


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