

## YOUNG NIBBLE,

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## ADVENTURES OF NIBBLE,

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Young Nibble, who lived in a gentle-man's house,

Thus said to himself, "Were I field mouse,

I should then have more freedom:" so meeting one day

With the mouse of a farmer, he scampered away.



"Here we are," said the field mouse, "on liberty farm,

Where we live in abundance, and free from alarm;

And here's my good wife, and my family too:"

Nibble, bowing politely, said, "Ma'am, how d'ye do?"



Nibble found a snug nest, which he stored with nice food,

As filberts, and acorns, and things that were good;

But a wicked field-mouse that discovered his nest,

Was by Nibble detected in eating the best.



One day, to the garden he chanced to stroll out,

When a black cat and kitten were playing about:

At this Nibble felt very frightened indeed,

But escaped to his nest by exerting his speed.



But soon Nibble forgot all his dread of the cat,

And with acorns, and hazel-nuts, soon became fat;

And the fatter he grew, so his consequence rose,

And at cheese, crumbs, and candles, he turned up his nose.



But a queer-looking bird he espied very soon,

With eyes large as saucers, and bright as the moon;

'Twas an owl, looking out for a mouse, or a mole,

So, Nibble, in terror, escaped to his hole.



Next day brought another great cause of alarm,

He had just quitted home, for a stroll on the farm;

When he saw a sly weazle, as slender as tape,

Approaching his hole, so he made his escape.

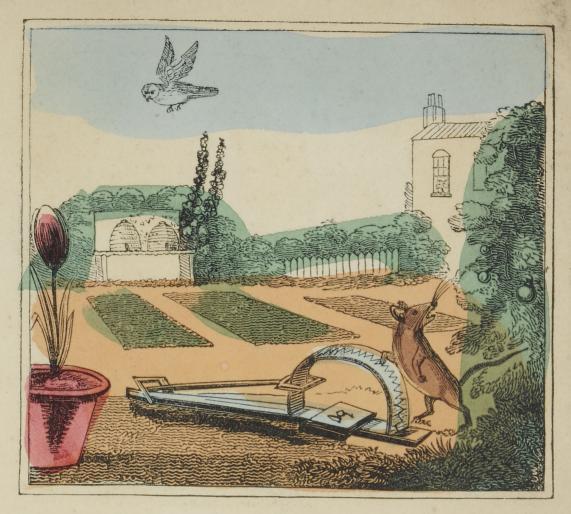


Soon after, an owl made a stoop in its flight,

And carried the field-mouse away from his sight;

Then Nibble began to reflect, on the road,

At the folly of leaving his former abode.



At length, came the last and most fatal mishap,

Poor Nibble was caught in the teeth of a trap;

When dying, he cried, "Now my punishment's come,

For not knowing when I was well off at home." THOS. DEAN AND CO. PRINTERS.

