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Book I



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Always remember:
you are
BRAVER
than you BELIEVE
STRONGER
than you SEEM
SMARTER
than you THINK
& LOVED MORE
than you KNOW

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A



A was an ant
Who seldom stood still,
And who made a nice house
In the side of a hill.

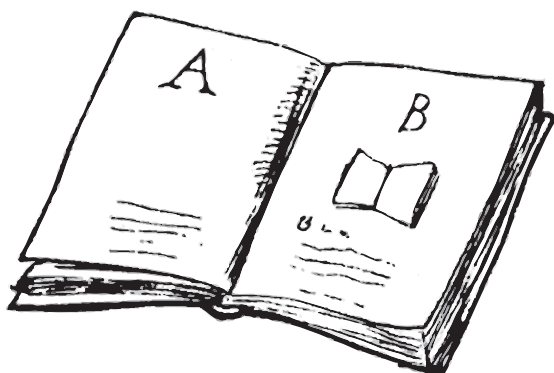
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Nice little ant!

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B



B was a book
With a binding of blue,
And pictures and stories
For me and for you.

b

Nice little book!

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C



C was a cat
Who ran after a rat;
But his courage did fail
When she seized on his tail.

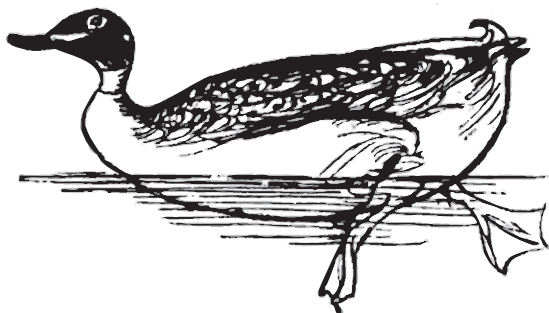
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Crafty old cat!

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D



D was a duck
With spots on his back,
Who lived in the water,
And always said "Quack!"

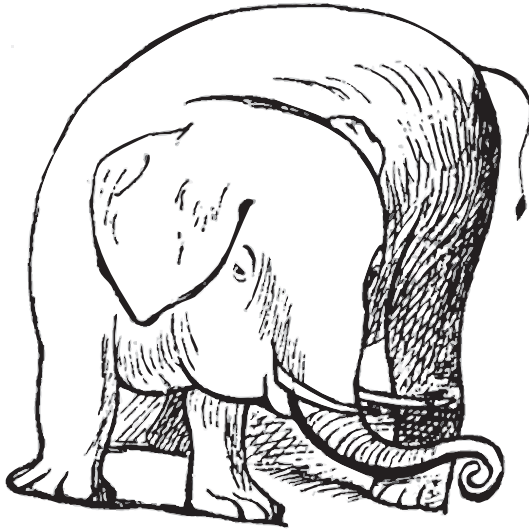
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Dear little duck!

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E



E was an elephant,
Stately and wise:
He had tusks and a trunk,
And two queer little eyes.

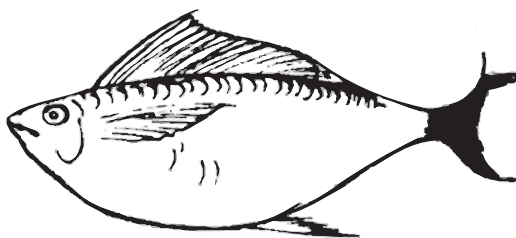
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Oh, what funny small eyes!

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F was a fish
Who was caught in a net;
But he got out again,
And is quite alive yet.

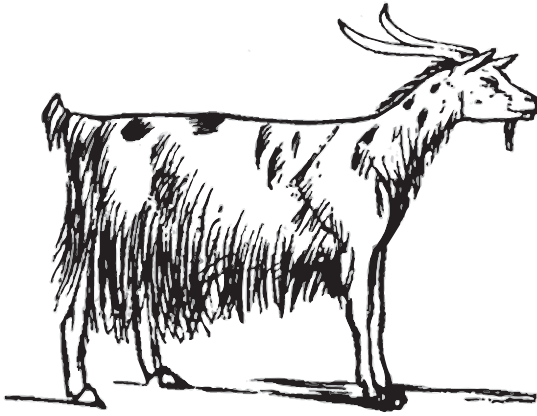
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Lively young fish!

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G



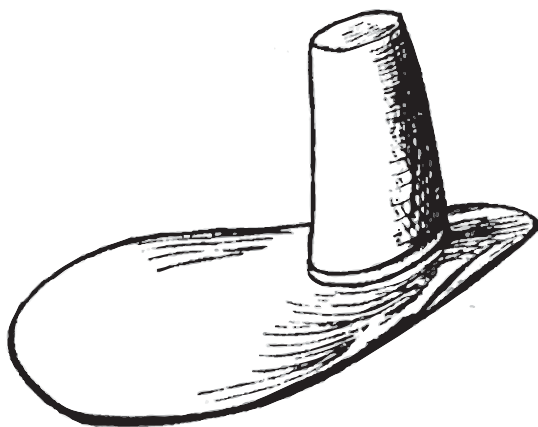
G was a goat
Who was spotted with brown:
When he did not lie still
He walked up and down.

g
Good little goat!

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H



H was a hat
Which was all on one side;
Its crown was too high,
And its brim was too wide.

h

Oh, what a hat!

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X



X was King Xerxes
Who, more than all Turks, is
Renowned for his fashion
Of fury and passion.

X
Angry old Xerxes!