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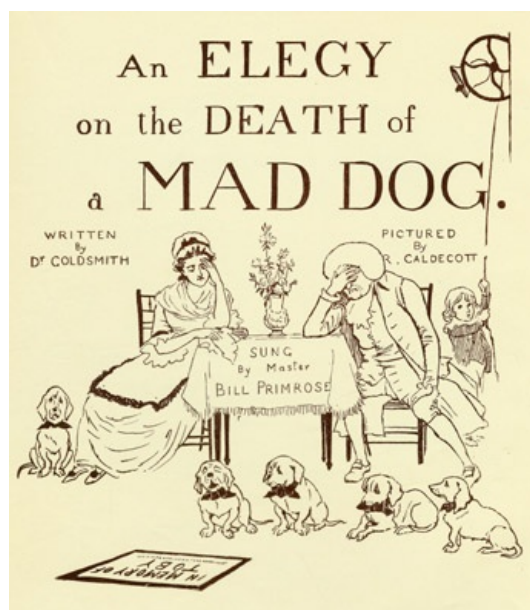


An ELEGY on the DEATH of a MAD DOG.

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By Master
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Good people all, of every sort,
Give ear unto my song;
And if you find it wondrous short,



It cannot hold you long.





In Islington there lived a man,
Of whom the world might say,
That still a godly race he ran,



Whene'er he went



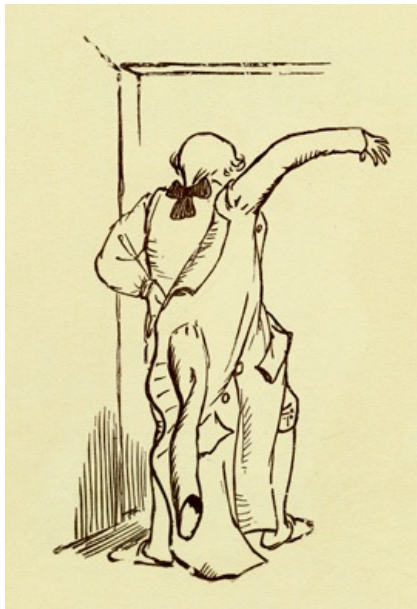
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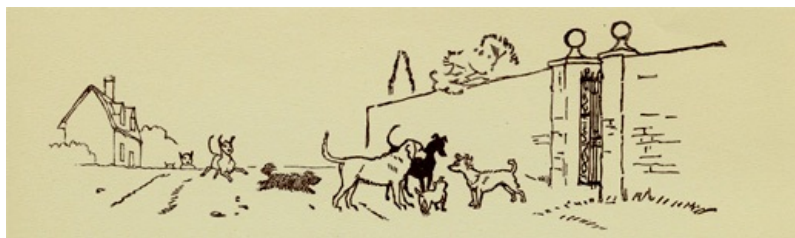
A kind and gentle heart he had,
To comfort friends and foes;
The naked every day he clad,



When he put on



his clothes



And in that town a dog was found:
As many dogs there be—



Both mongrel,

puppy,

whelp,

and hound,



And curs of low degree.



This dog and man at first were friends;

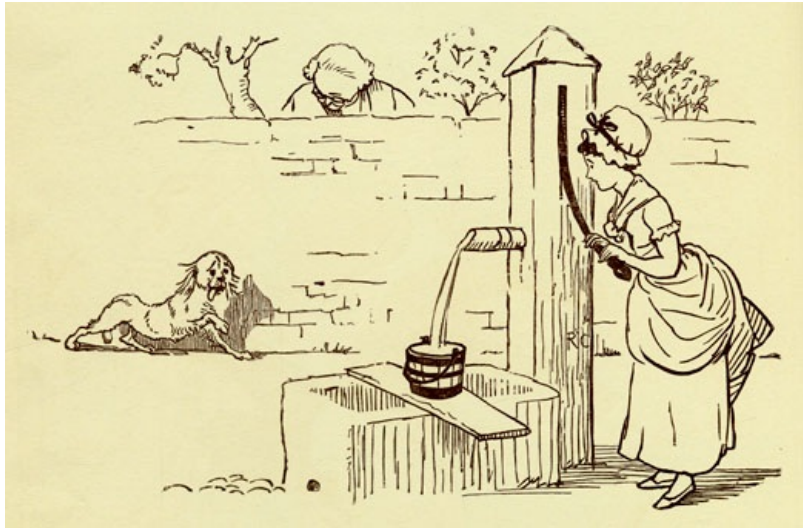


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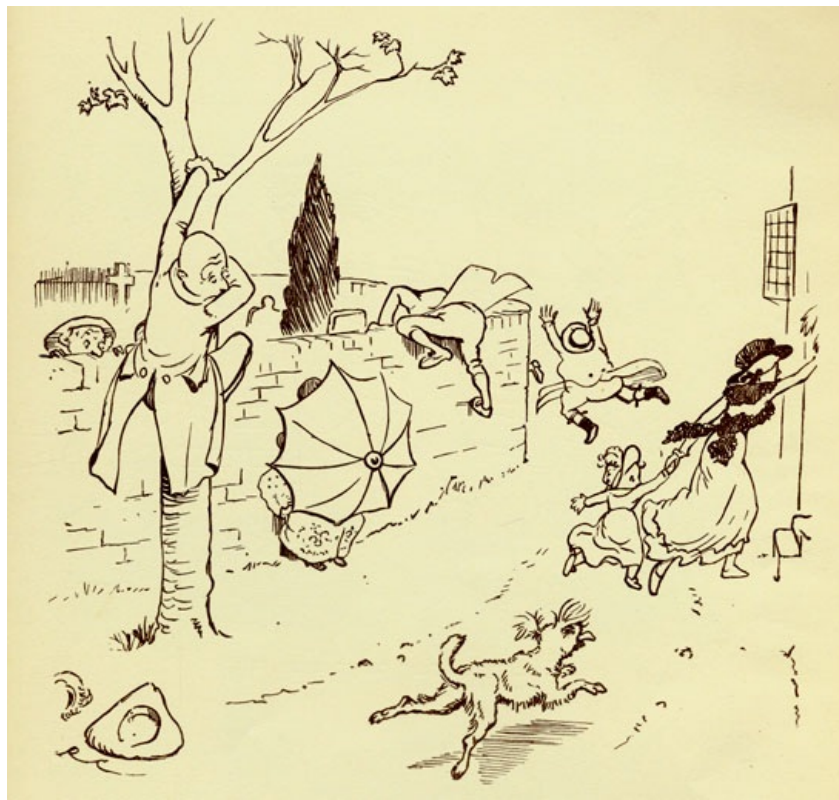
The dog, to gain some private ends,



Went mad, and bit the man.



Around from all



the neighbouring streets



The wondering neighbours ran;



And swore the dog had lost his wits,

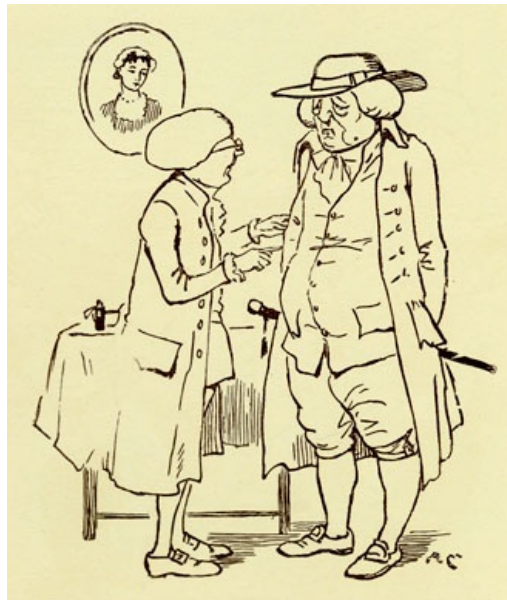


To bite so good a man.



The wound it seem'd both sore and sad
To every christian eye;





And while they swore the dog was mad,

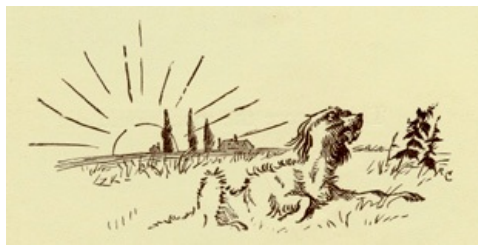


They swore the man would die

But soon a wonder came to light,
That show'd the rogues they lied—



The man recover'd of the bite;



The dog it was that died.



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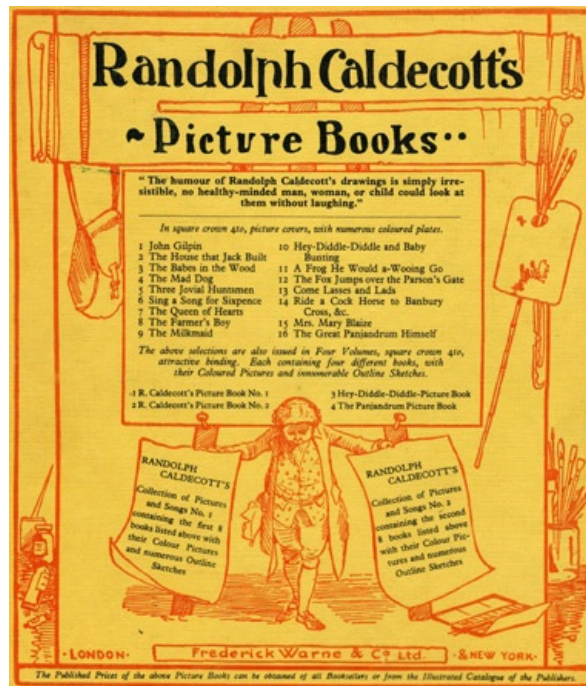
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