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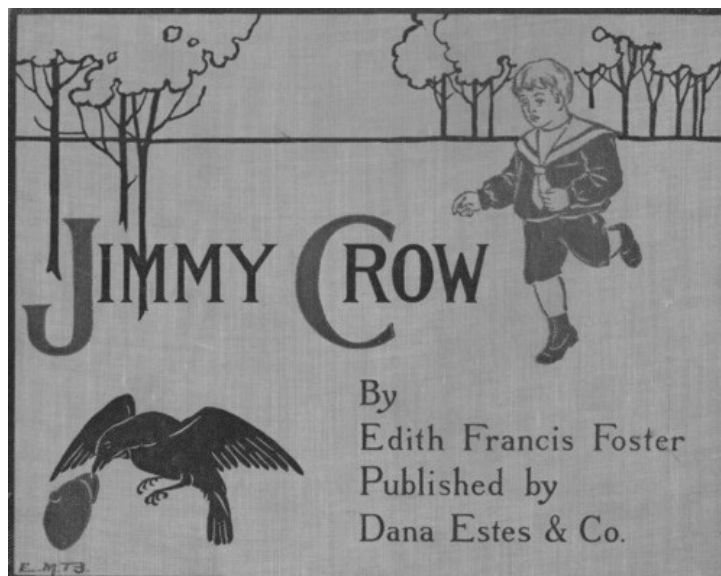
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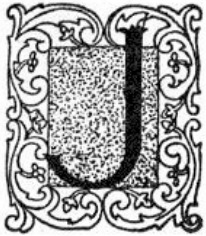
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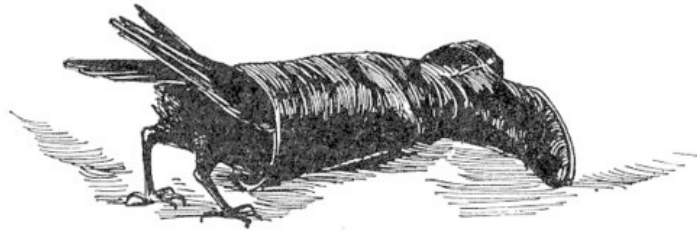
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HOW JACK FOUND JIMMY CROW.

JIMMY CROW.

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I.

Jimmy Crow belongs to Jack. Jack is a little



. Jimmy is a big



. Jack wears a white



. Jimmy wears black



. Jack says

"Good Morning," and "Yes, sir," and "Thank you." Jimmy can say only "Caw, caw." Jack

thinks Jimmy is a funnier pet than a



or a



.



One day, last summer, Jack was picking low



in the pasture,

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when he saw a young



hopping in the bushes. The little crow was lame in

one



. He had fallen from the



. He was too young to fly

far, so



caught him. He carried him home in his berry-



. Then

Jack took a



and



and



and built a

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. He named his new pet "Jimmy Crow."



ack took good care of Jimmy Crow. He caught



for him

to eat, and gave him fresh water in a tin



. Jimmy's lame leg soon got well. His



grew big, and he could fly. When Jack called, Jimmy would fly to him

and perch on his



or



immy Crow liked mischief. He liked to hide things and see people hunt for

them. Once when Jack was getting ready for school, he could not find his



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hunted till Mama said he must put on his rubber



and be off. One of those

boots would not go on. There was something in the toe.



held it up and

shook it, and out fell—the top!



flapped his



and cried "Caw,

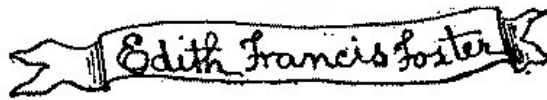
caw!" That was his way of laughing. Jack laughed too, as he took his



and



and hurried off.




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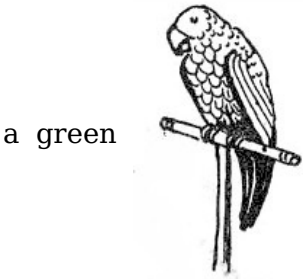


THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

JIMMY CROW

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Grandma lives at Jack's . She has a bird, too. Grandma's bird is



a green . The parrot's name is "Pepper."




loves , but




Jack's crow does not love Grandma's parrot.

Pepper can talk like a ,

mew like a ,



bark like a ,



and then laughs.

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When Jimmy says "Caw, caw!" Pepper says "C-a-w,

c-a-w!" and then laughs.



doesn't like to be laughed at. Once he flew at

Pepper, and pushed her off her .




But Pepper scratched him with her






and pulled out a tail-feather with her






Now Jimmy keeps away from



her, unless he wants to steal her .



n Christmas Eve  came to Jack's Tree. Mama had

trimmed it with  and , and hung  everywhere. When



she went with a  to light the candles, they were gone! "Where are the candles?"



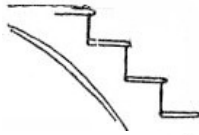
cried . "Somebody has carried them off, and I can't light the .

Betty, the littlest girl, began to cry—two  ran down her cheeks.  sat


on her perch cracking a . When she heard the outcry, she dropped it and screamed "Jimmy Crow, Jimmy Crow! Oh, oh! Oh, oh!" "Oh, naughty  [Pg 21]

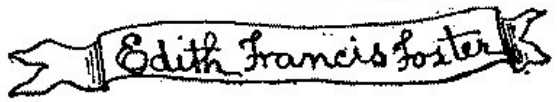
!" said Mama. "He has hidden them. Pepper is telling tales. Run,

, and hunt! We'll play a new game, 'Hunt the .'"

ight pairs of  ran "up stairs, down , in my lady's

chamber." At last Betty tipped over a , and out rolled the . The littlest

girl had won! So  held her up, and she lit the Christmas Tree.

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AFTER THE SNOW STORM.

JIMMY CROW.

III.



ust after Christmas there was a great storm. The drifts were



higher than the



. When it cleared off,



put on



and reefer,



and rubber boots, and went out.



went

with him. First, Jack took



and



and made a wide clean path to the



. This was "working for Mama." Jack likes to work for Papa and Mama.



hen



came to play with him, and they had a fine

frolic. They rolled big



, and built a



. They put an old



on his head and the



over his shoulder. Then Jack rang the



, and

Mama came to the door. "Here is a man with a shovel," he said. "Don't you want him to shovel paths for you?"

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might," laughed



, "but somebody has been ahead of him—and here

are four hot



for that smart somebody." Jack gave the other boys



and they all sat down on the



to eat them.



sat on the



. He

begged till each boy gave him a



hen they made a pile of



to throw at the snowman. Just as Bob threw

one, Jimmy Crow lit on the shoulder of the



, and the



knocked him

off into a deep drift!



was not hurt, but he was angry. He flew at



, and carried off his



in his



, and dropped it into that same deep



. Then



had to wade through snow over his



, to

get his cap again. And Jimmy Crow perched on Jack's



, flapped his wings,

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and laughed "C-a-w, c-a-w, c-a-w!"




"THE ROSE IS RED"



JIMMY CROW





IV.

tomorrow is St Valentine's day," said . "Whom can I send a



to, Mama?" "Who is the nicest little  you know?" asked .

Jack tried to think. "I guess it's the one in the big brick ,

her hair is curly, and she gave me an  when I climbed the  for her



. Her name is Kitty, too, and that's a pretty name."



o Mama took a sheet of



and painted



all around it, with two

little



at the top; and Jack wrote a verse in the middle, with pictures—

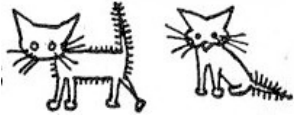
like this story. "Dear Kitty; The



is red, the



blue—I like



so I like you. Yours truly, J." Then he put it in an



and

went out to send it.



went too.



f course Jack could not carry it himself, or Kitty would know who sent it. So

he tied it around



's neck. When they reached Kitty's house he set him down

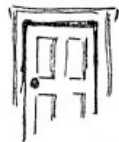
on the



and rang the bell. Then he ran and hid behind the



he



opened quickly, for Kitty was just coming out with her sled. She

looked all around but she could only see



, busy picking a bone her



had left there. Then she caught sight of the



, and untied it. She

dropped her

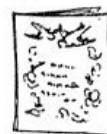


and the



slid down the steps and away to the

gate. Jack jumped out and caught it. "Oh, what a pretty



!" cried Kitty. "Thank

you, Jack." "No, no!" said



in a hurry. "You mustn't know it's me." "Well,

then, thank you, Jimmy," laughed



. "Now let's go sliding." "All right," said

Jack. He put



on the sled and off they all went.

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DROPPING STITCHES.

JIMMY CROW.

V.



ne day,



sat down to knit on Jack's



, and found one



was gone. "Oh dear, that's too bad!" said she. "All the stitches dropped!" Pepper giggled, "Too bad, too bad!"




randma looked into her



, and under the



—and when she got

up  were gone. "Dear, dear!" said she. "Where do they go?"




giggled louder, and called, "Dear, dear! Too bad!"



Grandma looked behind her



, and under the  —and

when she came back



were gone. "Dearie me!" she cried, and held up both



. Pepper giggled and giggled, and shrieked, "Dearie me! Jimmy Crow!" "Why,

yes," cried Grandma, "



is the thief, of course. Now where has he hid

them?"



ust then he flew down and tried to pull out the last



. Grandma saw him,

and called Jack.



looked in the



, he crawled under the



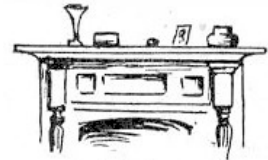
he climbed on a



and reached into the



on the



Jimmy Crow hopped about him and chuckled softly, "Caw, caw!"

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hen



giggled and cried out, "Jimmy-Jimmy wants a

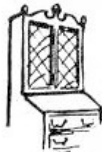


!" "Oh,

yes," said Jack, "let's give Jimmy a ,

and see where he takes it." Jimmy carried

the cookie to the top of the



. "That's the place. I'll get the



," Jack

laughed. When he had climbed to the top, he shouted, "Grandma! Here are the



—and all the other things we have lost—your



, and the



and my



—and—lots of things!" As he came down with both hands full, Jimmy

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fluttered about his , and Pepper giggled and shrieked.

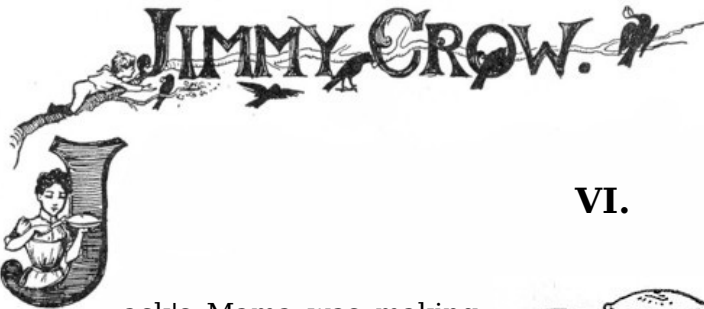


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APRIL FOOL!




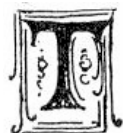
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VI.

ack's Mama was making . "Please, Jack," said she, "get me

some cold water." Jack took his  and went out to the . Jimmy Crow

went too. He sat on Jack's , bouncing up and down as Jack worked the



hen



took the



which hung on a



and filled it at the

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. But as it touched his



, Jimmy reached round and snatched it, and flew

up into the big cherry



. "April-Fool!" called out Pepper from Grandma's

window.



ack was vexed. "Bring that back!" he shouted—but



only chuckled.

Jack jumped on a



, and began to climb the tree. Just as he reached up to grab

Jimmy's



Jimmy hopped to the next



higher, tipping the



, and all

the water splashed down into Jack's



. "April-April-Fool!" cried



from the



. Jack felt more vexed than ever. He dropped his



and

hurried, but Jimmy hopped as fast as



climbed, till they reached the top of the

tree. Then, just as Jack thought he had him,



dropped the



bang! on his



, and flew off to the



of the



.



h, you bad Jimmy!" cried Jack, and started to climb down again. And all the

way Pepper screamed, "April-April-Fool!" and giggled and giggled till



had to

laugh too.




hen he carried in the




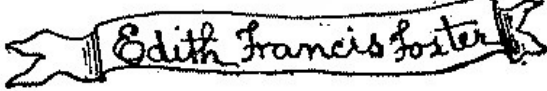


of water, and told



all about it. "I didn't

mean to get fooled once today," said he, "but  has fooled me three times already."

hey both laughed, and Mama gave him a whole little apple , baked in a . 

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JACK'S CIRCUS MONEY.

JIMMY CROW.

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VII.

he circus was coming! Jack wanted to go, but he had spent all his 

for  and a



hall I give you twenty-five cents now," asked



as she took out her



, "or will you earn it?" "I'll earn it, with my own



," said



. "It's

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more fun to spend money you have worked for." "Then you may weed the



and



for me," said Mama.

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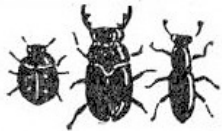
ack put on his



and went into the garden. Jimmy Crow went too.



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and a



, and then perched on the



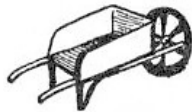
and watched



work.

W

hen the job was done Mama paid him his quarter. First he sat on the



and spun the coin like a



. Then he began to toss it up in the air,

and catch it in his



as it fell.

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T

he second time he didn't catch it—but



did, and flew off with

it.



ran after him, shouting, "Stop thief!" He chased him through the



bushes and across the



-bed, to the orchard



. There Jimmy sat till

Jack came up, then he dropped the quarter into a



between the stones. Jack

heard it rattle down to the ground.

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T






en





had to work hard! He pulled away the



till he could see

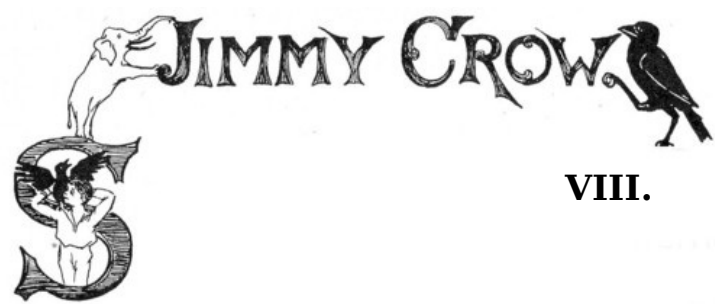
it, between two big rocks, but couldn't get his  in. So he took a  and poked. At last, out rolled the quarter—and out hopped a  ! Jack laughed, but  was so surprised he flapped his  and croaked.


Just then Bob came up. "Did your mother give you that?" he asked. "No," said , "I earned it, for the circus—and  made me earn it over again!"

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JIMMY'S CIRCUS.



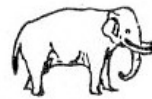
uch a fine circus! Jack and Bob went, but  was left at home. The



bought



and fed the



and



. Jack put his



full of nuts between the bars, and a little brown



pulled his



open and picked out the



hen they saw the grand parade in the big



—the



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the



, the



, the



, the



with



and



, the



and the



. Then a pretty



rode a

white



, standing up on the



and waving a



. Other

horses ran races, and jumped, and walked upright. The funny



tried to ride a

little



, and kept tumbling off.



t the last, all the animals marched round again, and a funny thing happened.

A big black



came flying into the



and lighted right on the

[Pg 56]



's back. He spread his



, and danced up and down in time to

the



. The people thought he was part of the circus, and clapped their



and laughed, but



ran out into the ring, crying, "Oh, he's mine, he's

mine! Please let me have him!"



he



got a and climbed up the elephant, but



kept out

of his reach, and everybody laughed. So he came tumbling down again, and told Jack to [Pg 57]

try it.



climbed up and crept along to the elephant's head—and

then Jimmy flew up on his shoulder, and the



clapped louder still.



hen Jack came down, the



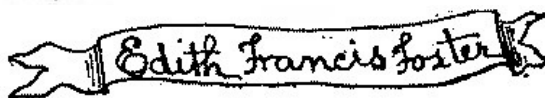
fished a penny out of his pocket, and

offered to buy Jimmy Crow. "No, sir!" said



. "Not for a hundred dollars! I'd

rather have my crow than this whole circus."



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A WHOLE BUNCH OF CRACKERS!



IX.

URRAH for the Fourth! Jack was out of



before the



rose. He could not wait for breakfast, but drank a



of milk, and ran out to find

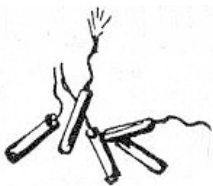
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the other



. Jimmy Crow went too. Bob and Russell came up just

then, with their pockets full of



, and they all began firing them on the

lawn.



liked the little red things, and begged for some, but the boys only

laughed at him.



retty soon



lighted a whole



, and threw it down,

and all the



ran away. Then



saw his chance, and he

seized the bunch of crackers and flew in at Grandma's open window!



e lighted on Pepper's



tried to bite him, but bang!

went a



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Both



jumped, and Jimmy dropped the bunch on the carpet. Bang! went

another



, and bang! bang! went



. Then a dozen flew out, banging,

over the floor.



aw! Caw!" screamed



. "Fire! Fire!" screamed



"Jack! Jack!" screamed



. She was trying to pick up the bunch with the



, when



ran in. He threw a



over the



[Pg 63]

gathered them up in it, and threw all out of the



sat down in her

arm-



very pale. Jack kissed her. "I'm sorry we scared you so," he said. "Now you

rest while I clear up."



e brought the



and



, and swept up the litter. Then he gave



a



and took



under his



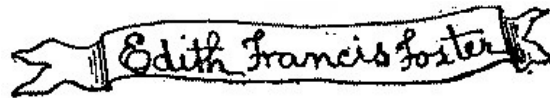
. "Pepper didn't 'want a cracker,'

that time, did she, Grandma?" said he. "Now we'll go further away." But just then the

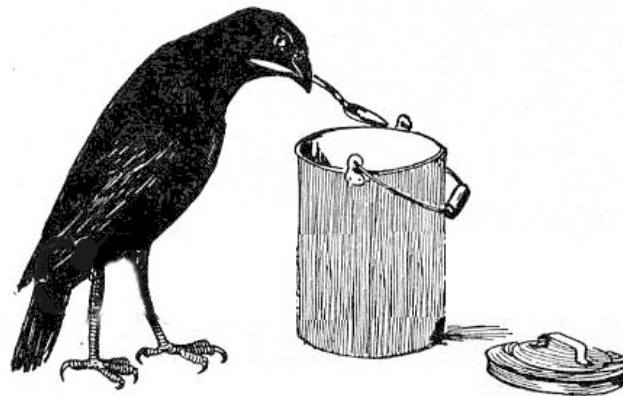
breakfast



rang.



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JIMMY CROW'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.



JIMMY CROW



X.

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t was a year ago today I found



," said Jack. "He must have a 'birthday'

party." So



invited the



he and Jimmy liked best to "Jimmy's

picnic."



hey all went up to the



-pasture where Jack found



. First there

was little Ibelle, carrying Jimmy Crow in her



. Next came her big brother

Alden, who had a



with



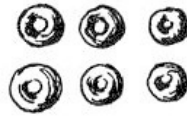
in it. Louise had



in a



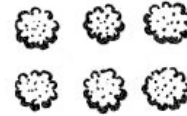
and Bob brought



in a



. Russell carried



in a



, and last came Jack with a tin



. Nobody knew what was in it. That was

Mama's "surprise."

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hey sat down under a shady



and divided the goodies.



sat in the middle, and they each gave him a piece. After they had all eaten



and



and



and



, Jack opened the



. The children all put their

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close together to see, and as the



came off they shouted, "Oh,

oh! Ice-cream!"



hen they sat down again in a circle,



in the middle, with a



. He gave each one a



in turn. Oh, how good it tasted!



ut



wanted some, and when Jack would not let him eat from the

spoon, he grabbed it in his



and flew away. The



chased him

until he dropped it, and then gave him a taste of the ice-cream. He didn't like it, so the [Pg 69]



ate it all.



hen they picked



, until Alden's



and Bob's



and

Louise's



were all full.



ust as they were starting home, a little tired after all the fun—"Hurrah!" shouted

Russell. "Here comes Uncle Charlie, with his



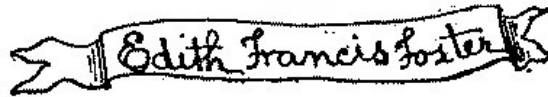
. He will give us a ride." So

kind

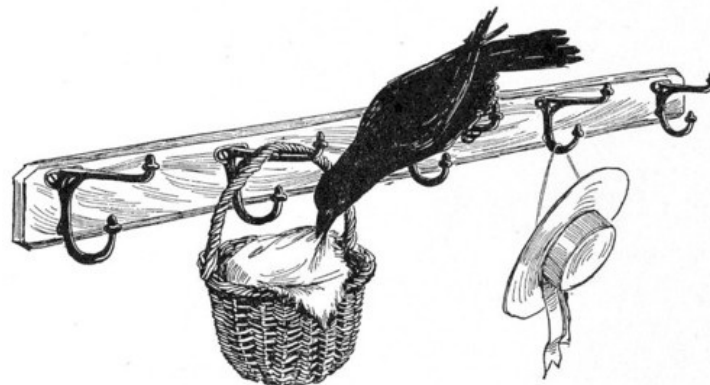


tossed them up into the hay, one by one—little Ibelle first—and they all

rode home on the



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IN SCHOOL.

JIMMY CROW

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XI.

he first day Jack went to school in the fall,  was very lonesome. The



was near by, and about noon he flew over and hopped in at the open



All the  were bending over their



, writing, but Jimmy

knew Jack's



as well as his



, and lighted on his



. The children

laughed at that, and the



laughed too.

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hen she said, "If Jimmy Crow does not disturb anyone, he may stay, as it is

nearly noon." The children promised not to be disturbed, and the



went to work

again.



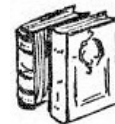
behaved beautifully, though at first he tried to walk on Jack's



and to bite his pencil. Jack pushed him away, and he flew to the teacher's



where he walked about quietly, looking at the



and



of



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hen the lesson was finished, the teacher said, "Jack may collect the



. " He got the



and began, but Jimmy flew ahead of him, and picked

up a pencil. Jack took it, and put it in the box. Then



brought

another. The



were delighted. They held their pencils in their



and Jimmy Crow collected them all.



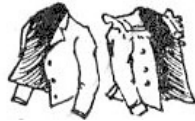
hen the



rang and the children marched out for



and



. When they came back, Jimmy Crow was gone!

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looked under the



and in the



. Then the



looked in

her closet, and there he sat on a



. He had found her lunch-



, and eaten a

whole



. Jack was very sorry, but the teacher only laughed.



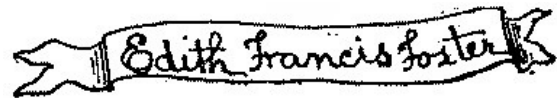
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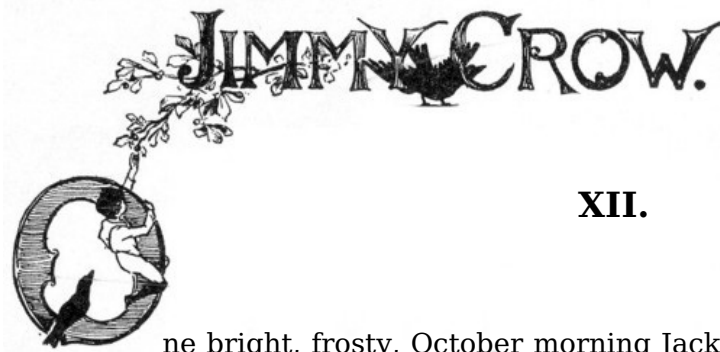
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NUTTING.












XII.

One bright, frosty, October morning Jack went up to the walnut  in the pasture to gather . Jimmy Crow went too. Jack drew his little , and  rode on the .  picked up all the nuts on the ground, then climbed the tree and shook down more, still in their thick, green .

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When he came down,  was busily picking up the nuts and dropping them into a  in the tree. "Stop that!" cried Jack. "These are my . The  can pick for themselves." "Caw, caw!" said Jimmy Crow.


Jack took home a -load. Then he brought a  and spread the nuts out on the  of the  to dry the husks.

Toward night Jack took  out to look at his . Half of them were gone! "Oh dear!" said Jack, "It is  again. Now where has he put them all?" Just then he saw Jimmy's  disappear into the . He ran after,



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but could see no nuts—only an old  . He climbed up on the  , but


found no nuts inside—only a  , lying on its side. He reached into the barrel




and felt nothing but a  . He pulled it out and peeped into it—and at last he had

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found the  ! And Jimmy Crow perched on his  and laughed,

"Caw, caw!" When the nuts had all been carried back to the  , and 

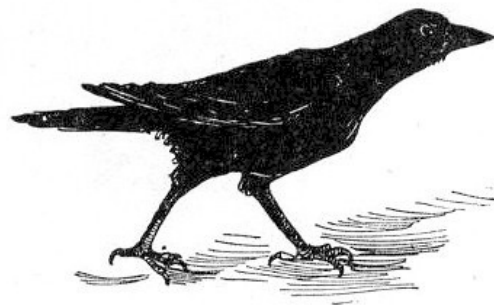
had praised Jack's work, she said, "Now we must hurry in to supper. The 
has set and it is getting late and cold. Let us run, to keep warm." So she and

 took  and ran all the way back to the  . Then they

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went in to their supper—and  went too.

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"AND JIMMY CROW WENT TOO!"

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