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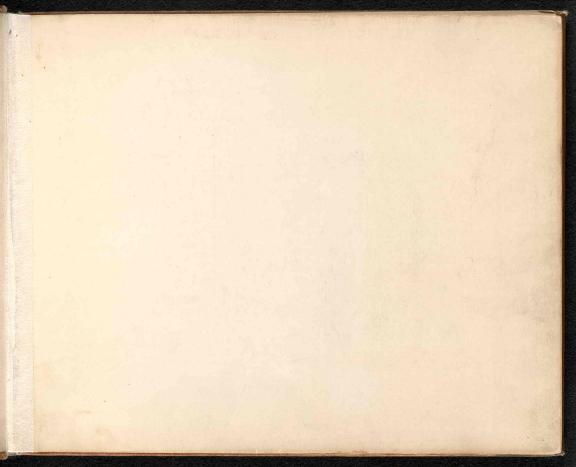
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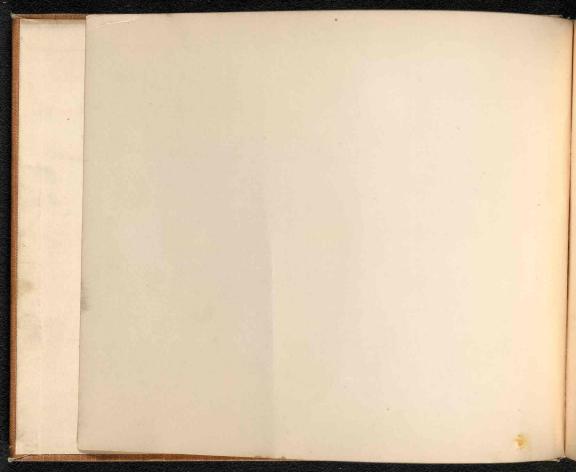


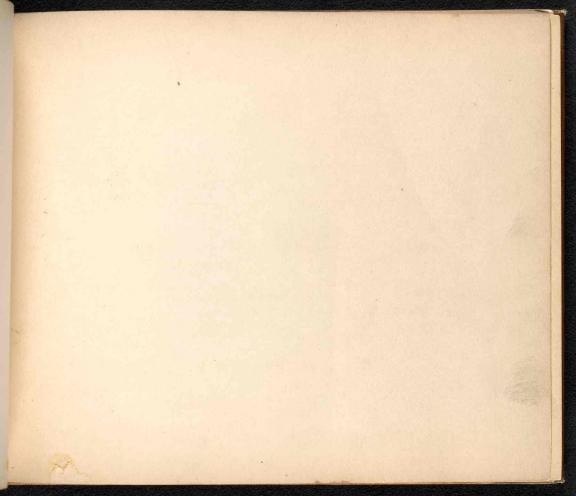
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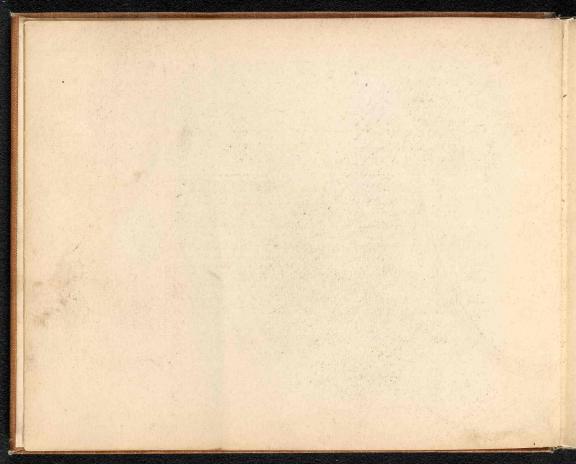
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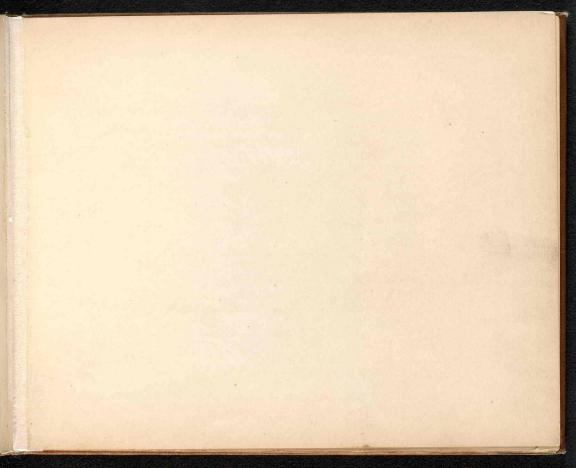
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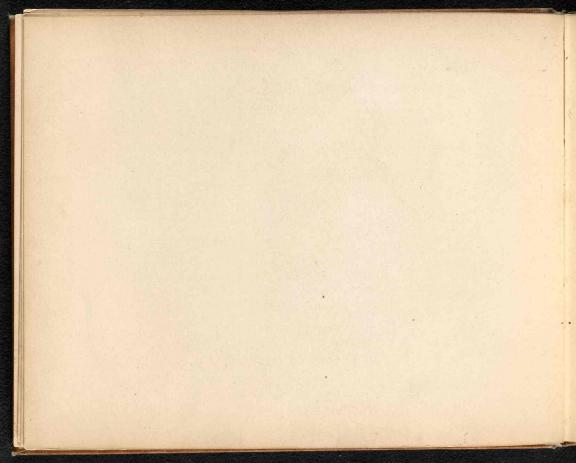
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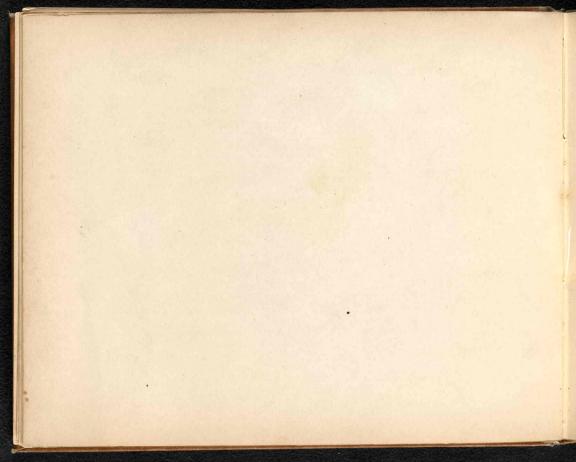
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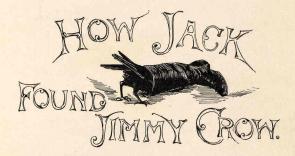




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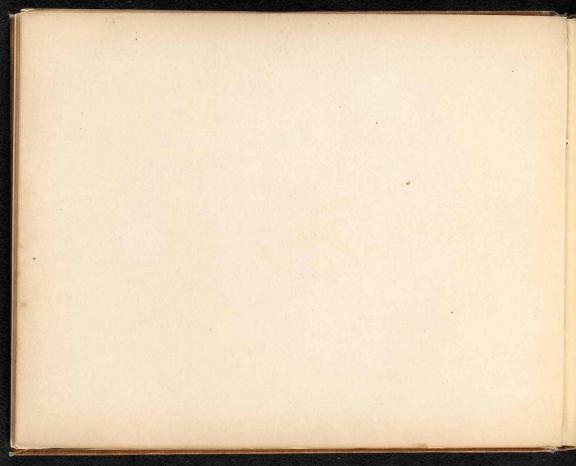


Timmy Crow belongs to Jack. Jack is a little Jimmy is a big . Jack wears a white . Jimmy wears black Jack says Good Morning, and "Yes, sir," and "Thank you." Jimmy can say only "Caw, caw." Jack thinks Jimmy is a funnier pet than a or a the One day, last

in the pasture, 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 his new pet Jimmy Crow."

Jack 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 fimmy Crow liked mischief. He liked to hide things and see people hunt for them. Once when Jack was getting ready for school,

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. The held it up and shook it, and out fell—the top! I flapped his and cried "Caw, caw!" That was his way of laughing. Jack laughed too, as he took his and and hurried off.

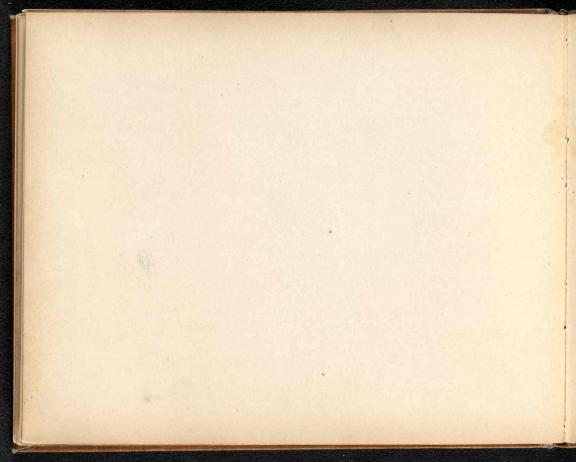


## THE CHRISTMAS ANDLES

JIMMY CRO RANDMA 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 home she can cry and laugh. 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 . On Christmas Eve

with and it, 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 are 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, oh! Oh, naughty !" said Mama. "He has hidden them. Pepper is telling tales. Run, and hunt! We'll play a new game, Hunt the j." Eight pairs of the ran "up stairs, down in my lady's chamber." At last Betty tipped over a chamber." At last Betty tipped over a pirl had won! So wheld her up, and she lit the Christmas tree



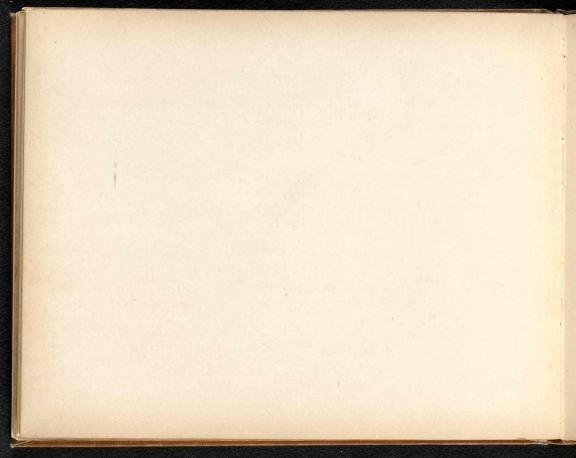


ust after Christmas there was a great storm. The drifts When it cleared off, put on and reefer, and rubber boots, and went out. went with him. First, Jack took and and made a wide clean path to the This

was "working for Mama". Jack likes to work for Papa and Mama. Then they had a fine frolic. They rolled big on his head, and the over his shoulder. Then Jack rang the Q, 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?"

might," laughed ,", but somebody has been ahead of him—and here are four hot of 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 ø. Then 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 k, 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, and laughed "C-a-w, c-a-w, c-a-w!"





# omorrow is St Valentine's day," said "Whom can I send a to, Mama?" Who is the nicest little you know?" asked to think. "I guess it's the one in the big brick "he said. "Her hair is curly,

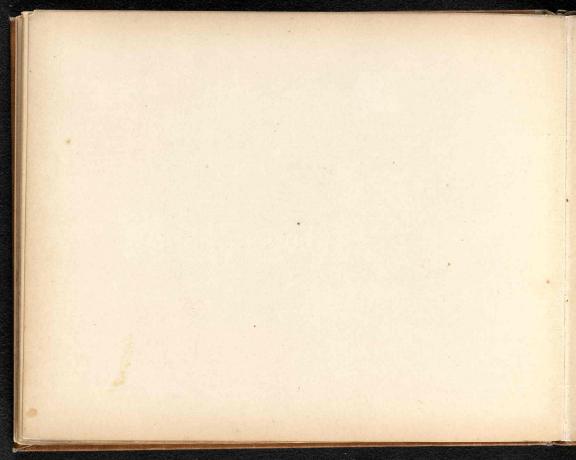
and she gave me an when I climbed the for her Her name is Kitty,

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—like is so like you. Yours truly, J. Then he put it in an and went out to send it. went too. Of course Jack could not carry it himself, or Kitty

would know who sent it. So he tied it around is neck. When they reached kitty's house he set him down on the and rang the bell. Then he ran and hid behind the interpretation opened quickly, for Kitty was just coming out with her sled. She looked all around but she could only see had left there. Then she caught sight of the , and un-

tied 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."





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!" Grandma 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 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?" Just then he flew

down and tried to pull out the last.

Grandma saw him, and called Jack.

looked in the , he crawled under the looked in the , he climbed on a and reached into the on the Jimmy Crow hopped about him and chuckled softly, "Caw, caw!" Then 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 fluttered about his ... and Pepper giggled and shrieked.



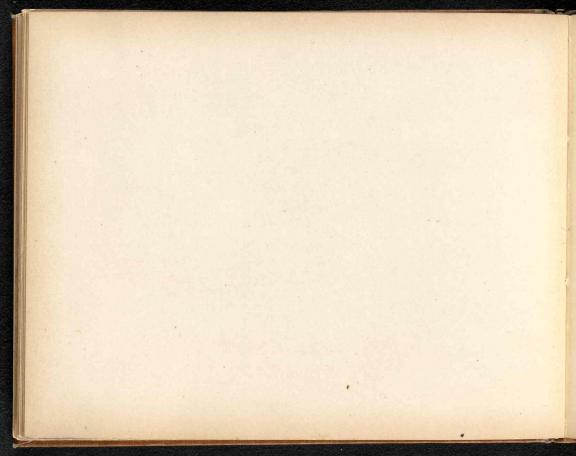


## JIMMY CROW.

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 pouncing up and down as Jack worked the hung on a and filled it at

Jimmy reached round and snatched it, and flew up into the big cherry ... "April-Fool!" called out Pepper from Grandma's window. Dack 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 Jim-my'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 downed the thought he had him, dropped the B, bang! on his . and flew off to the 

cried Jack, and started to climb down again. And all the way Pepper screamed, "April-April-Fool!" and gippled and gippled till had to laugh too. Then 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." They both laughed, and Mama gave him a whole little apple , baked in a





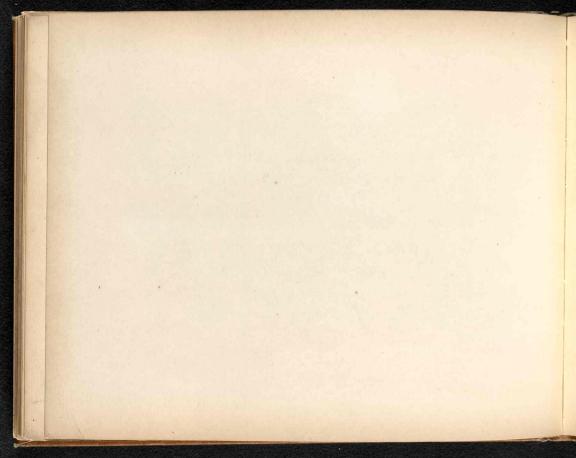
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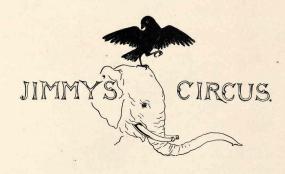
he circus was comino! Jack wanted to go, but he had spent all his for and a hall loive you twenty-five cents now, asked as she took out her of, or will you earn it?" I'll earn it, with my own of, said of it's more fun to spend money you have worked for." Then you

may weed the and for me, said
Mama. Jack put on his and went
into the parden. Jimmy Crow went
too. ate and and watched
work. Then 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.

The second time he didn't catch itbut 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. Then had to work hard! He pulled away the

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!"



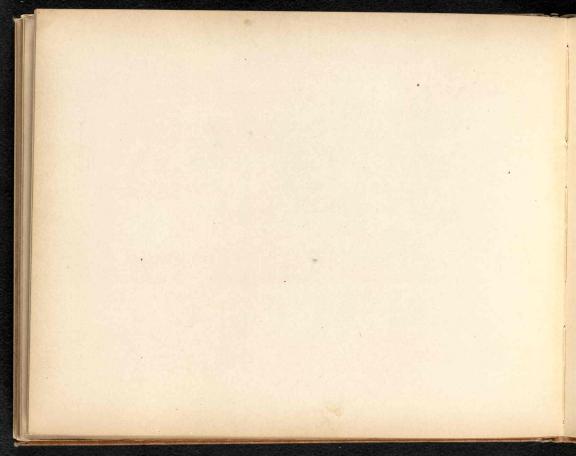


Fuch a fine circus! Jack and Bob went, but was left at home. The pought and fed the and the ... Jack put his of full of nuts between the bars, and a litthe brown pulled his open and picked out the . Then they saw the grand parade in the big A-

the M, the M, the with and and the 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 stried to ride a little of, and kept tumbling off. At the last, all the animals marched round again, and a funny thing happened. A big black

came flying into the sand lighted right on the r'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!" The opt 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 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. When 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.





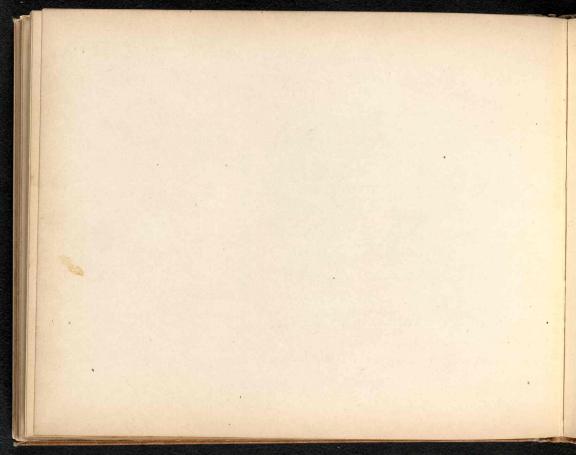
URRAH for the Fourth! Jack was out of before the wrose. He could not wait for breakfast, but drank a 뜇 of milk, and ran out to find the other . Jimmy Crow went too. Bob and Russell came up just then, with their pockets full of the, and they all began firing

them on the lawn. liked the little red things, and begged for some, but the boys only laughed at him. Pretty soon lighted a whole was, 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! He lighted on Pepper's lighted to bite him, but bang! went a light to bite him, but bang! went a light to bite him, but bang!

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. "Caw! Caw! screamed \*\* "Fire! Fire! "screamed ... "Jack! Jack!" screamed ... She was trying to pick up the bunch with the ... when a over the ran in. He threw a over the gathered them up in it, and threw all out

of the said 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." He brought the and and swept up the litter. Then he gave a a and took under his .

"Pepper didn't 'want a <u>cracker</u>, that time, did she, Grandma?" said he. "Now we'll go further away." But just then the breakfast & rang.





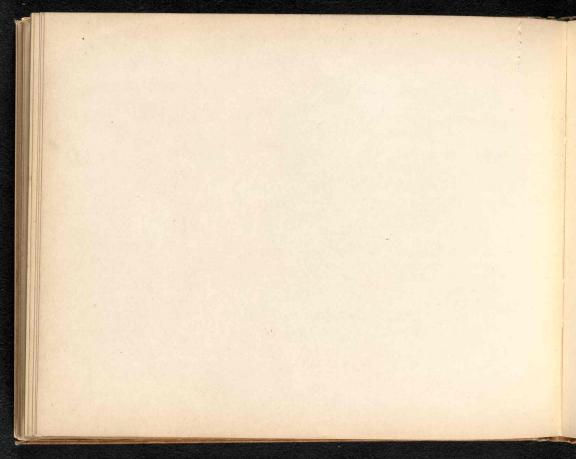
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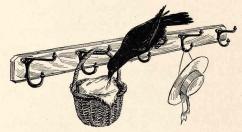
Twas a year aço today I found I,
said Jack. He must have a birthday
party." So invited the he and Jimmy liked best to Jimmy's picnic." They all went up to the -pasture where Jack found . First there was little Ibelle carrying Jimmy Crow in her . Next came her big brother Alden, who had a

with 3 3 in it. Louise had IIII in a 6, and Bob brought so in a . Russell carried in a . and last came Jack with a tin 3. Nobody knew what was in it. That was Mama's "surprise". They 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 a and and and and o, Jack opened the 3. The children all put

their close together to see, and as the came off they shouted, "Oh, oh! Ice-cream!" Then they sat down again in a circle, with a He gave each one a in turn. Oh, how good it tasted! But wanted some. and when Jack would not let him eat from the spoon, he grabbed it in his name 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 ate it all. Then they picked it, until Alden's and Bob's and Louise's were all full. Just as they were start ing home, a little tired after all the fun—"Hurrah!" shouted Russell. Here comes Uncle Charlie, with his tossed them up into the hay, one by one—little Ibelle first—and they all rode home on the





IN SCHOOL.

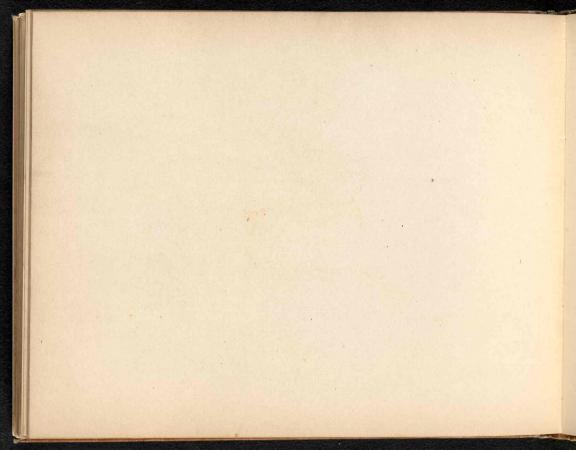


he first day Jack went to school in the fall. was very lonesome. The was near by, and about noon he flew over and hopped in at the open were bending over their work, writing, but Jimmy knew Jack's as well as his and lighted on his The children laughed at

that, and the said, "If Jimmy Crow does not dis turb anyone, he may stay, as it is near ly 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 quietty, looking

at the and I of . When 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. When the rang and the children marched out for

and . When they came back, Jimmy Crow was gone! I looked under the and in the . Then the R looked in her closet, and there he sall on a G. He had found her lunch - and eat en a whole . Jack was very sorry. but the teacher only laughed. That aft ernoon Jimmy did not go to school, but brought her a big red and said it was from





NUTTING.

JIMPNEROW.

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

down, was busily picking up the nuts and dropping them into a in the tree. "Stop that!" cried Jack. "These are my caw!" said Jimmy Crow. Jack took home a load. Then he brought a and spread the nuts out on the of the Jack took out to look at his load. 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. but could see no nuts-only an old ... He climbed up on the , but found no nuts inside—only a ... I ving 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 found the ...! And Jimmy Crow perched

on his and laughed, "Caw, caw!"
When the nuts had all been carried back to the and 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 took and ran all the way back to the went in to their supper – and went too.



"And Jimmy Crow went too!"

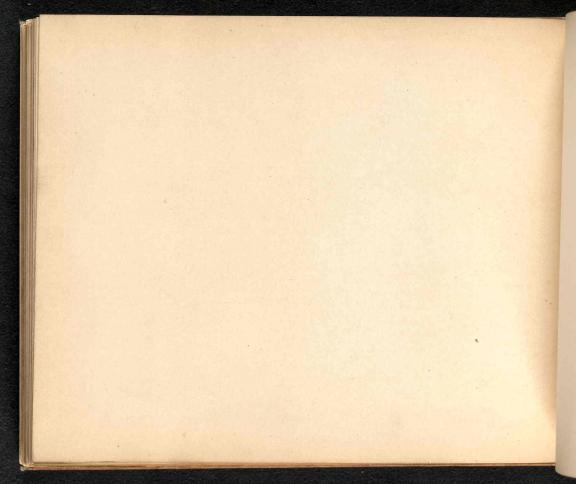
on, and a big of cream in the morning, and in the afternoon the party began. Six little boys and girls came when the struck four, and they petted and praised Puss till he purred with delight. But when he saw the his back went up, and he spit and snarled till away ran the visitor, and over the he flew, and never stopped till he was safe at home.

Polly was shocked. "I am afraid," she said to (who had brought the , "that Puss does not know how to behave at a party!" When Mama had set the little with and pretty and good things to eat, the children brought out their gifts for Puss. There was a silver of for his neck, a new for his nap, a soft to play with, and many more things. But - where was Puss? "Maybe

he is bashful," said one. "Maybe he is lost, said another. But Polly went and looked at his in the corner "Dear, dear!" she said,

with a laugh and a frown. He might have kept awake for once! Puss does not know how to behave at a party!" For while they were all planning for his pleasure, what had the Black Cat done? Cyess!





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