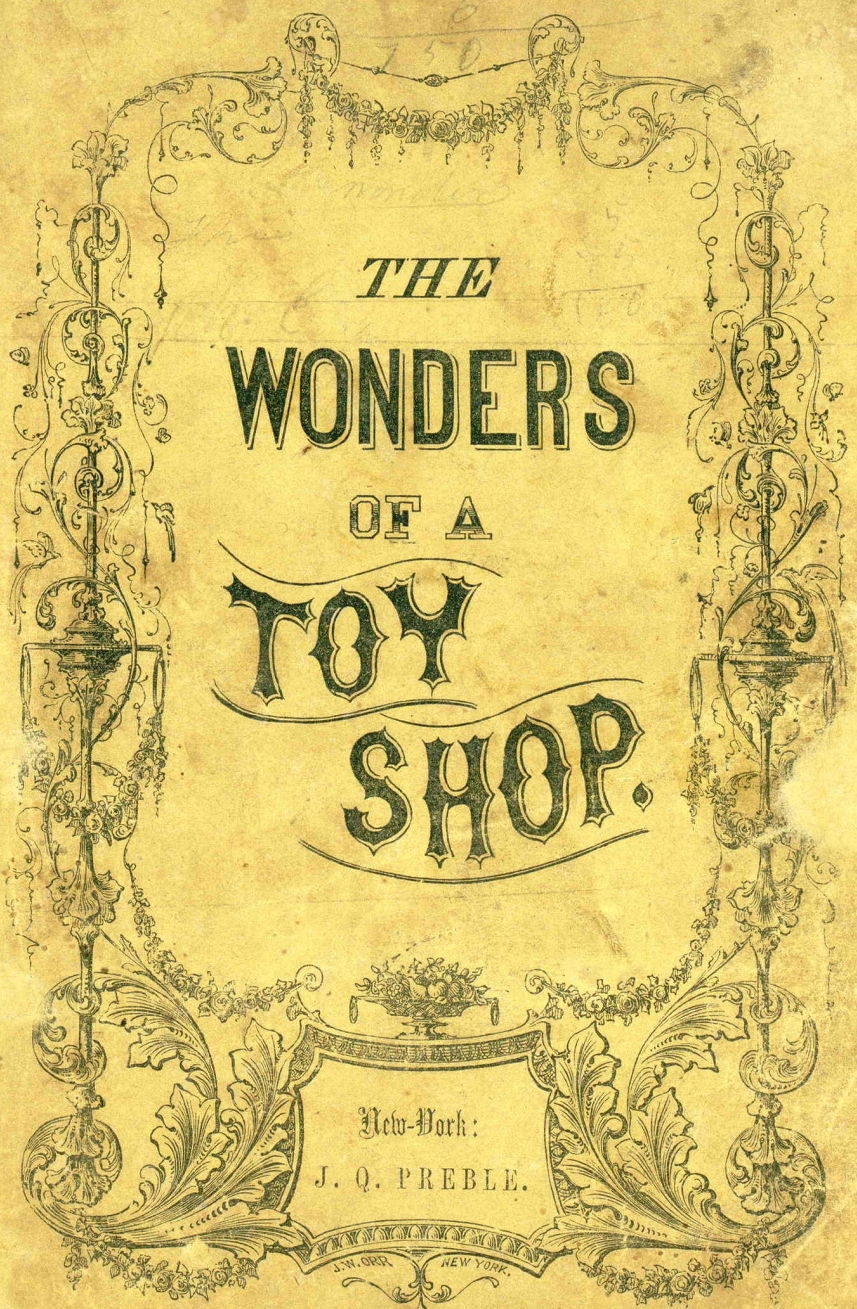


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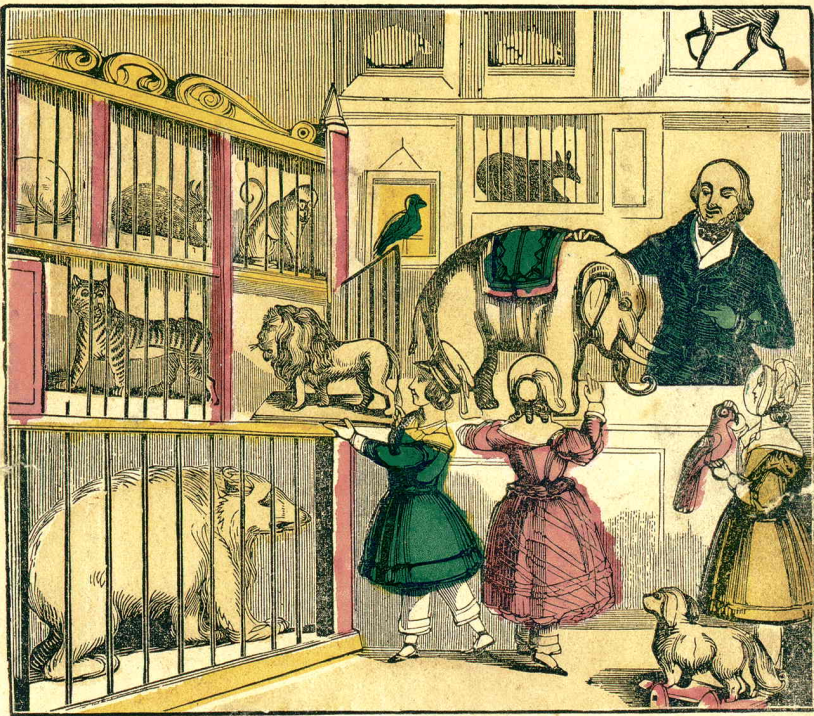
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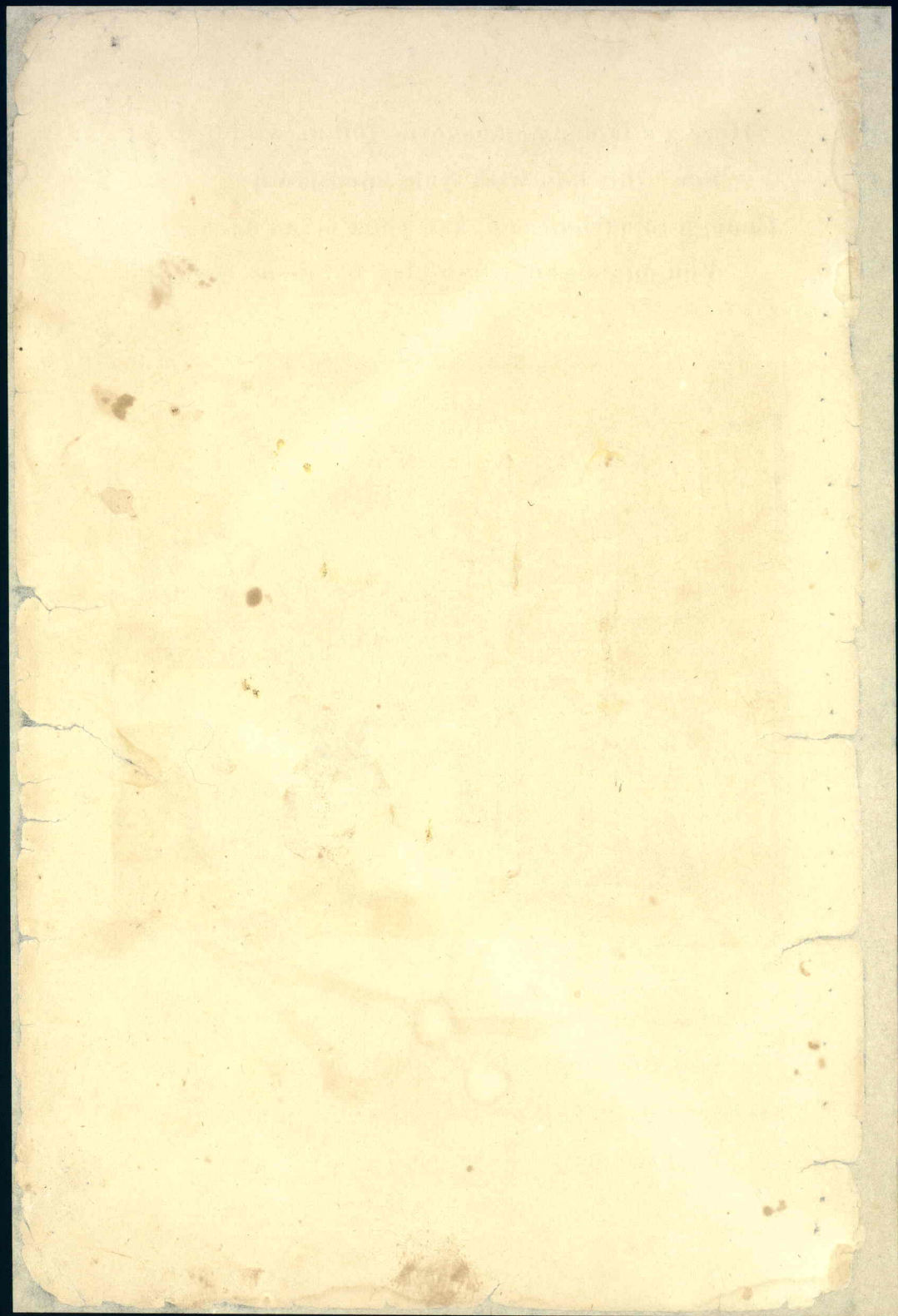


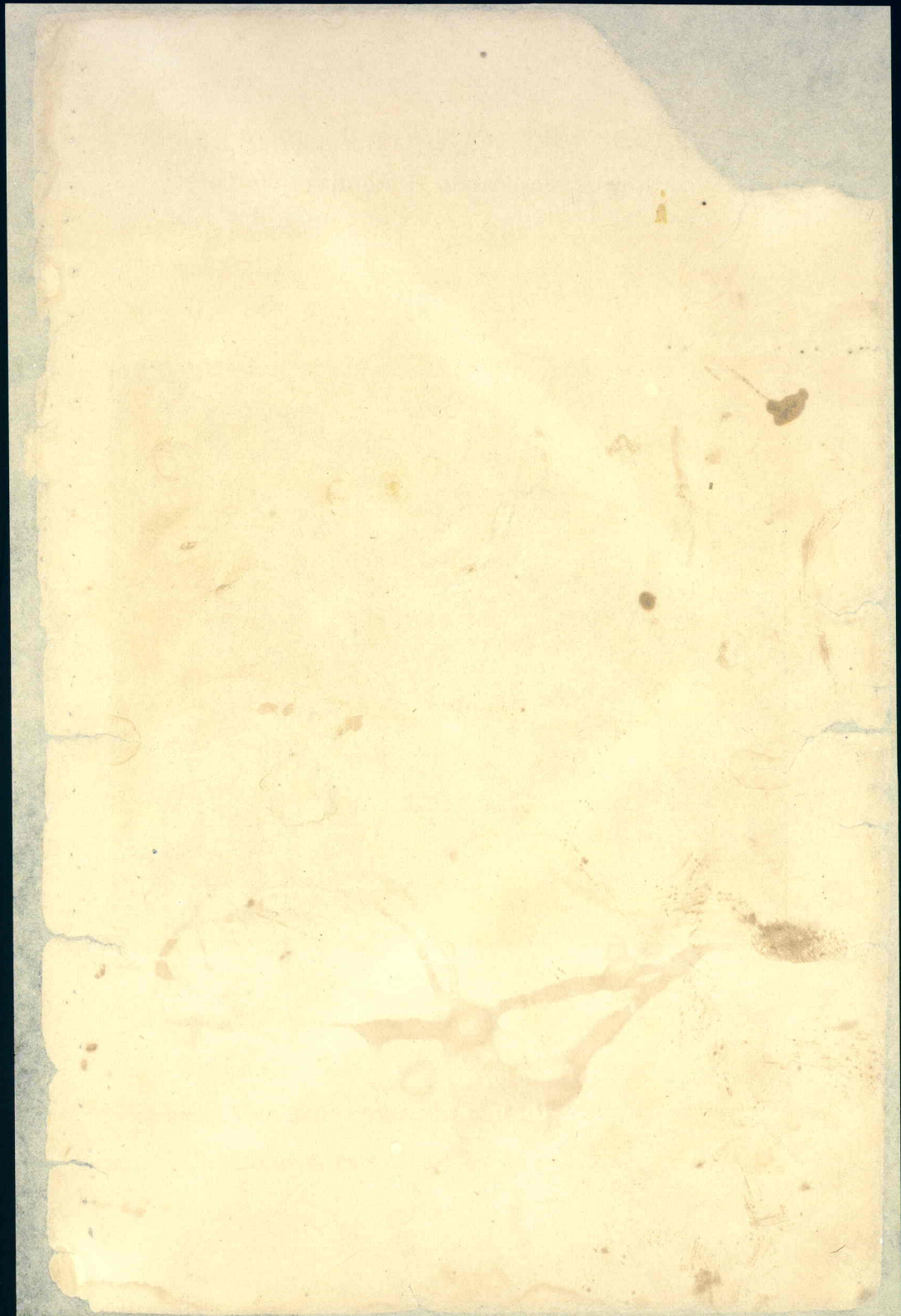
“ Pray, what would you like?” said a Toyman,
one day,
Addressing a group of young folks,
“I have toys in abundance, and very cheap, too,
Though not quite so cheap as my jokes.

“ Here’s a famous managerie, full of wild beasts ;
See ! this lion with wide open jaws,
Enough to affright one, and yet I’ve no doubt,
You might venture to play with his claws.



“ Here’s a tiger as tame as a lap-dog, you’ll find,
And a fox that will not steal the geese :
So here you must own the old adage is proved,
That wonders are never to cease.”





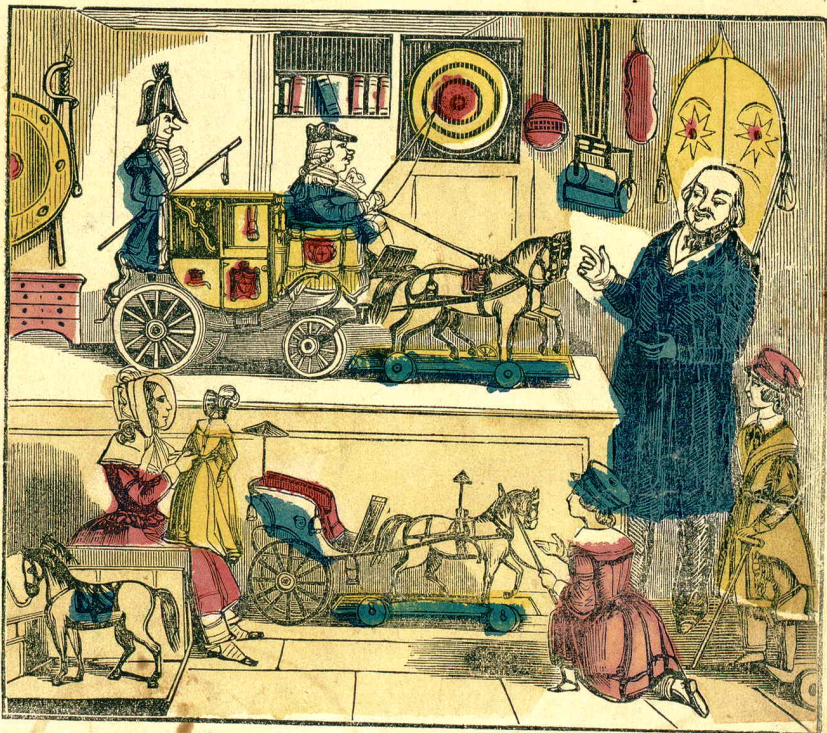
It's a wagon well laden, and here is a dray,
With horses and harness complete ;
You can drive them in parlour and drawing-
room, too,
As easily as in the street.



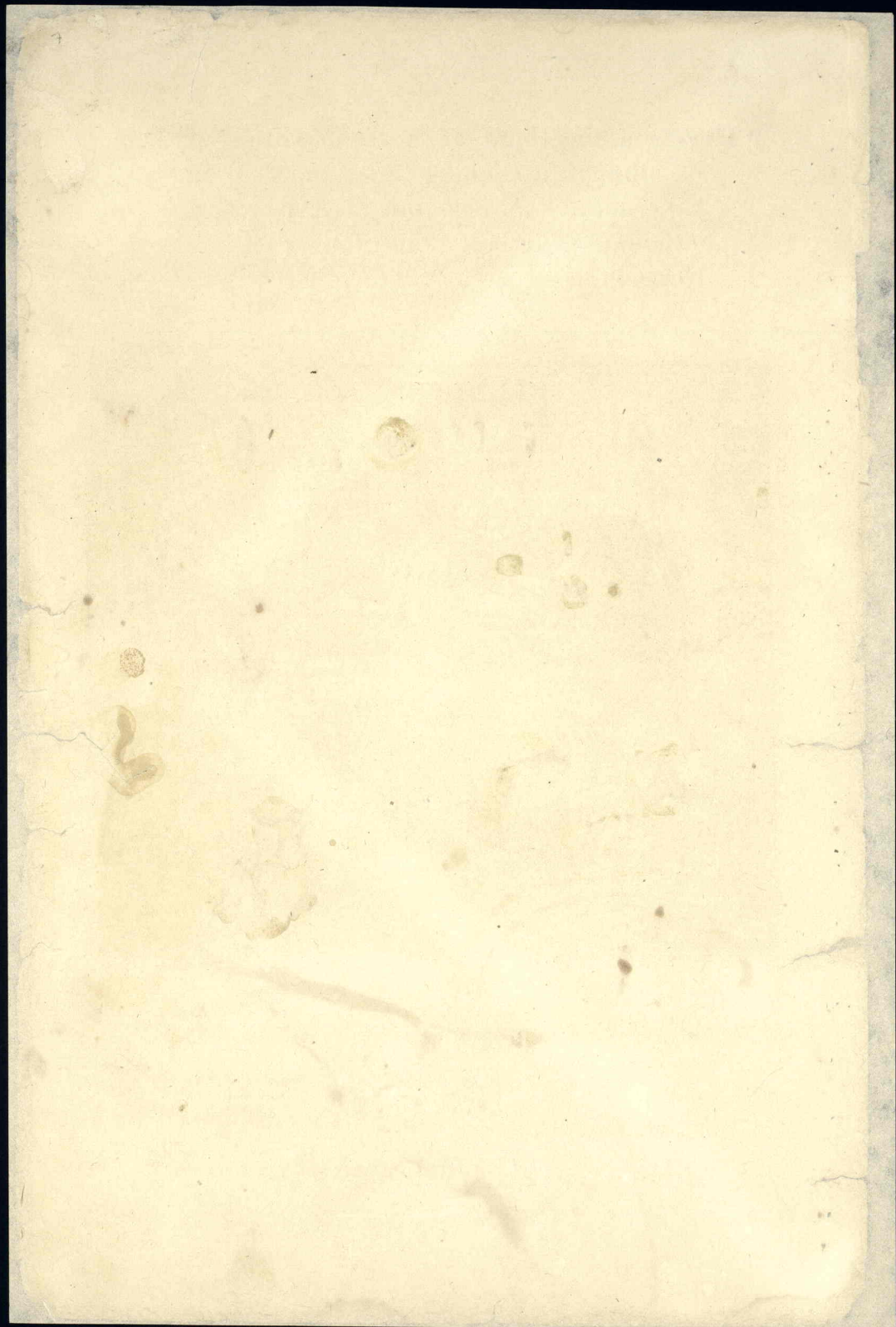
“ Here's a whole file of soldiers, quite ready for
fight,
And each of them armed with a gun ;
You may knock them all down with a feather,
and then
You may pocket them—every one.

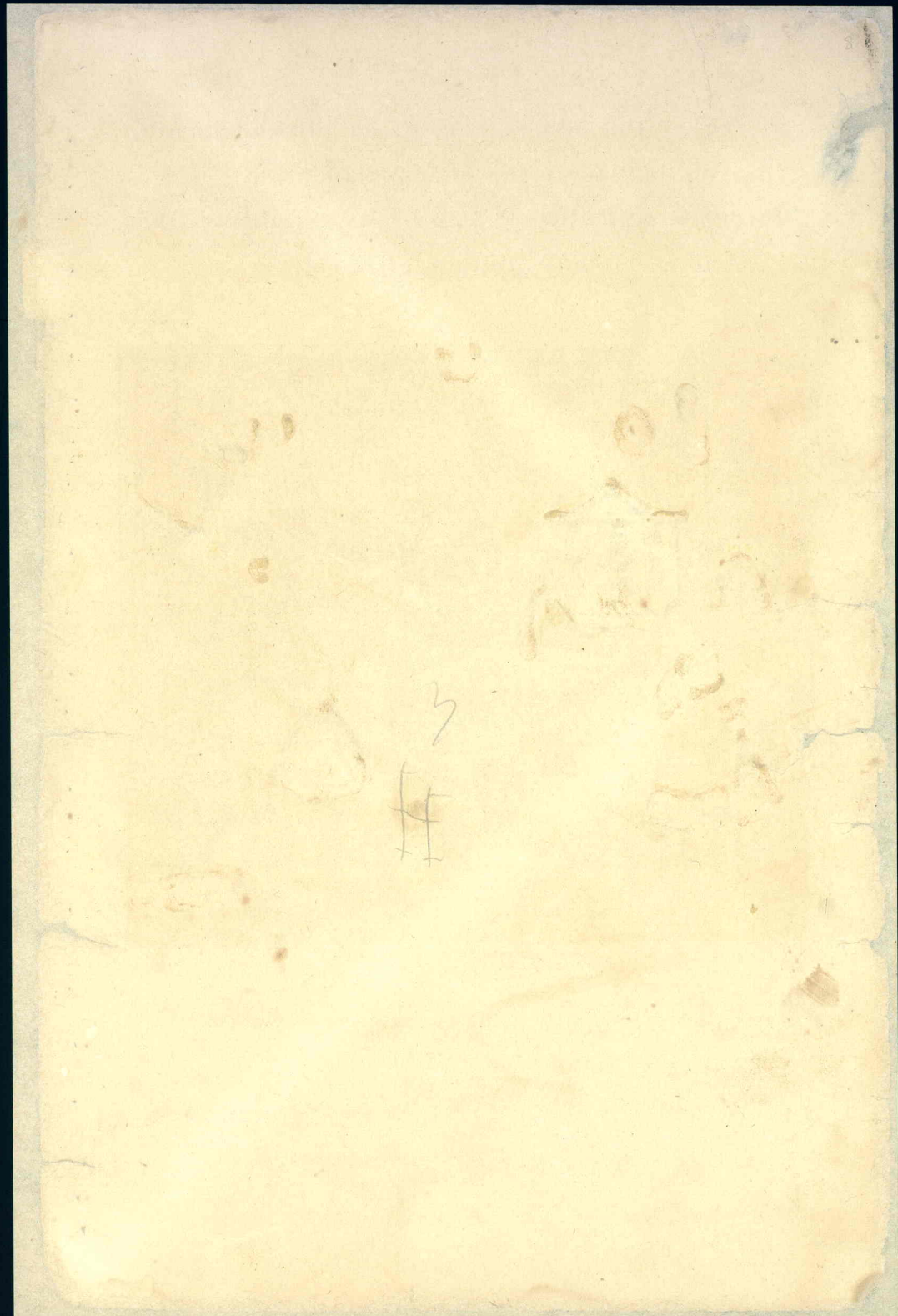
“Here’s a fine stud of horses, which, strange
though it sounds,

Live neither on corn nor on hay ;
A gentleman’s carriage, and tilbury, too,
For which we’ve no taxes to pay.



“A coachman so plump, and a footman so tall,
Who cost not a penny for food;
For to tell you the truth, all their insides are
filled
With a permanent dinner of wood.



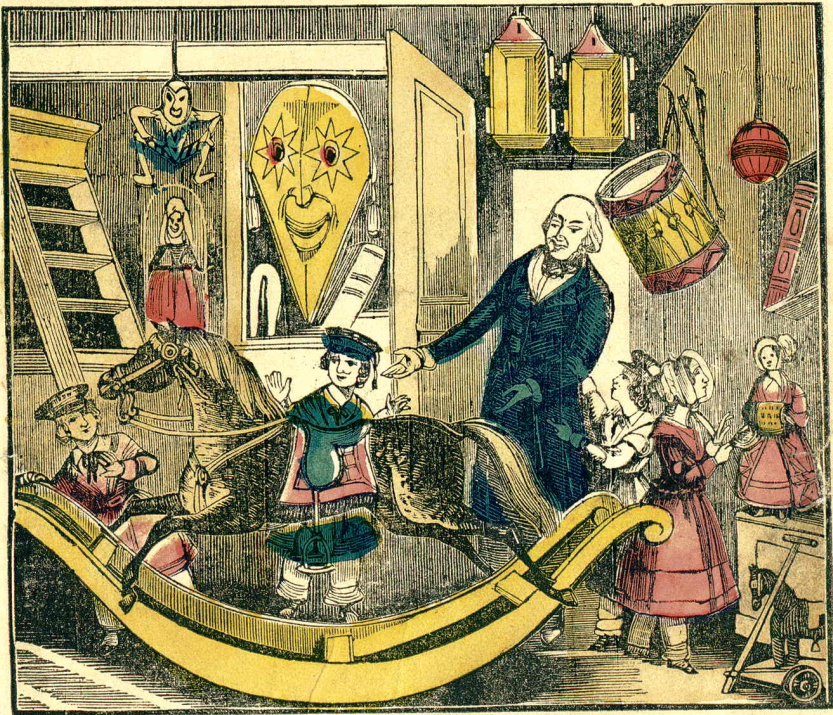


“ Examine this sword, with its handle and sheath,
And its blade made of innocent wood ;
’Twere well if all swords were as harmless as this,
And as equally guiltless of blood.

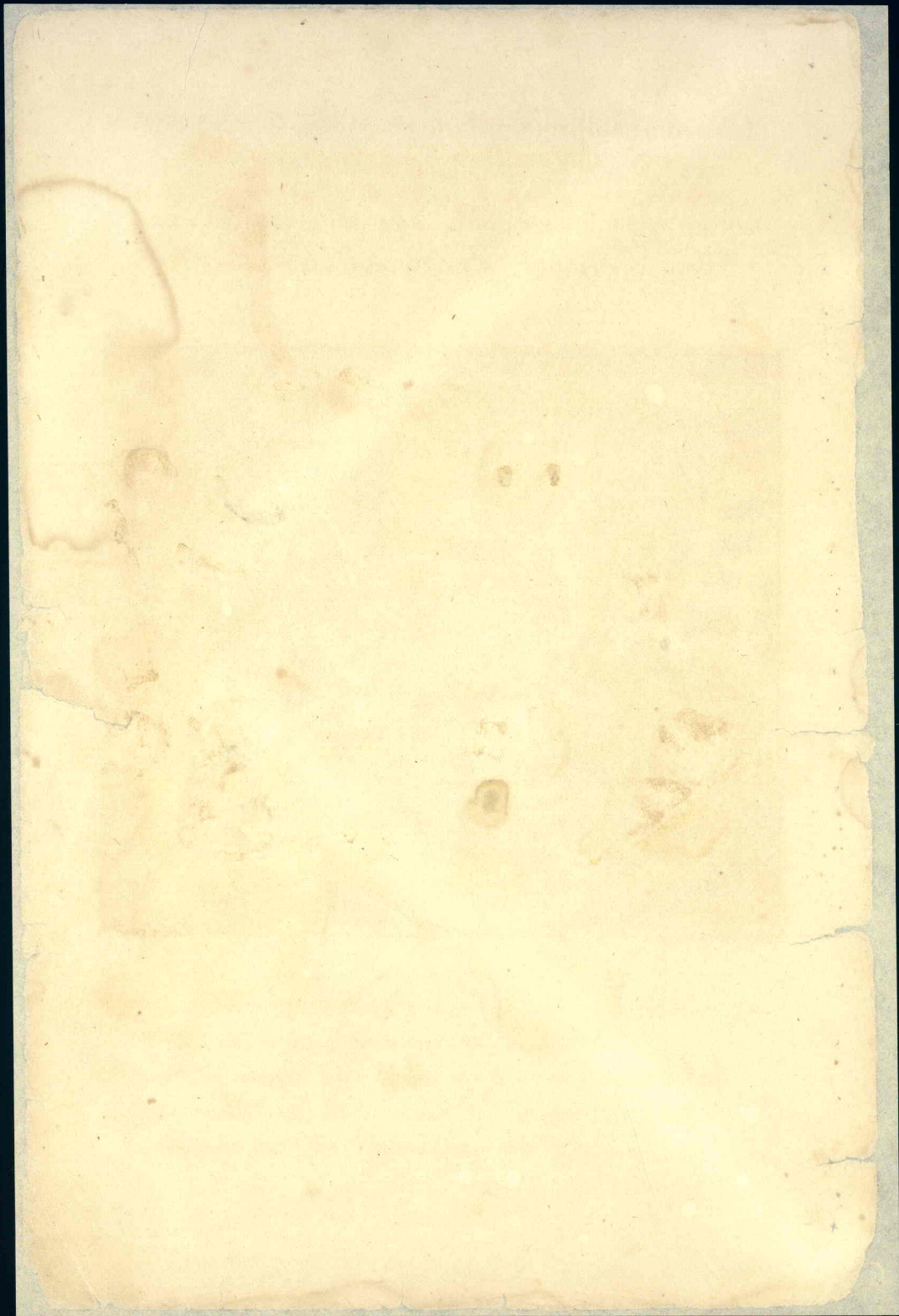


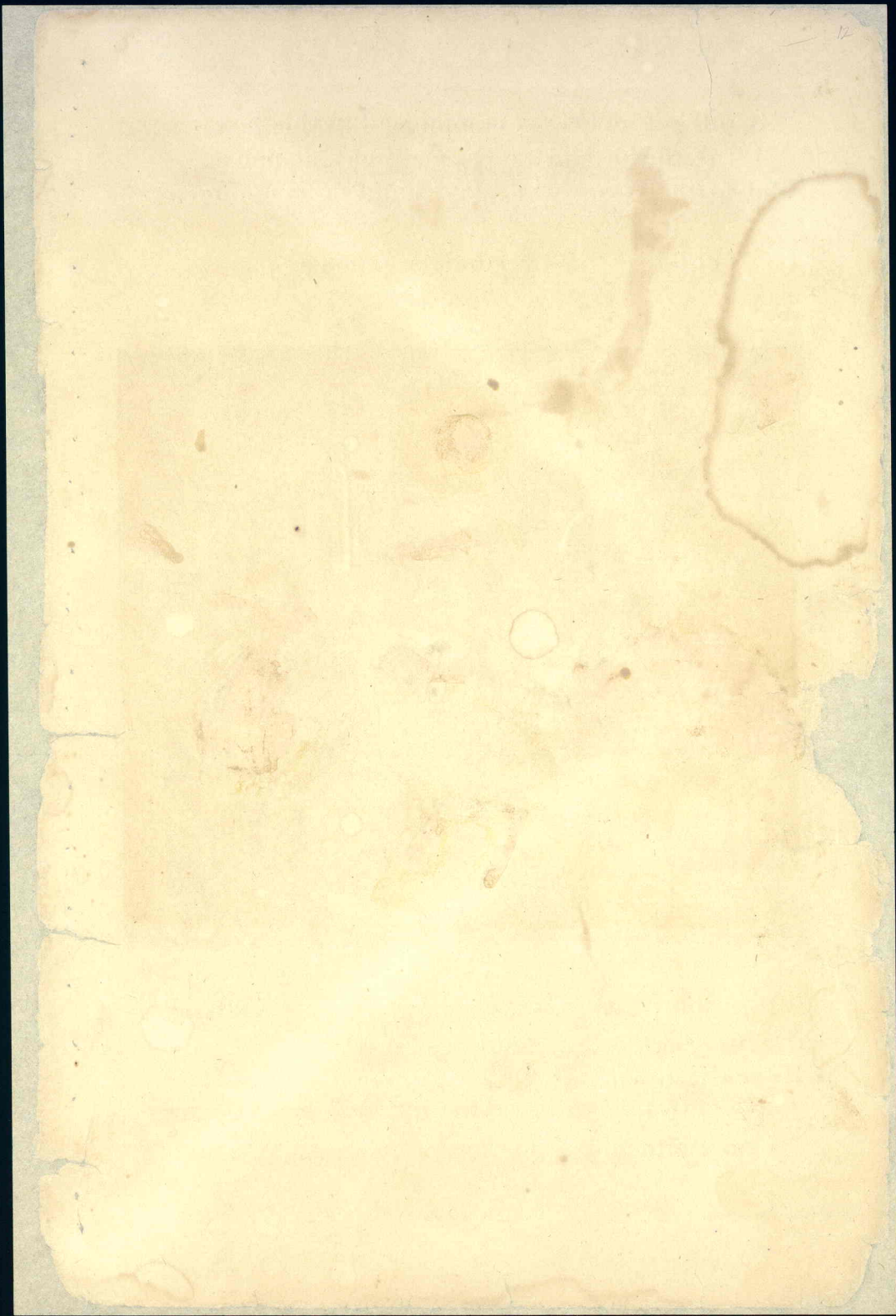
“ Here’s a mill that will go without water or wind,
A wonder, you cannot deny ;
I really can’t say whether it will grind corn,
But it will be easy to try.

That iron-gray rocking-horse, close at your side,
With saddle and bridle complete,
Will go without whipping, and, equally strange,
Without making use of his feet :

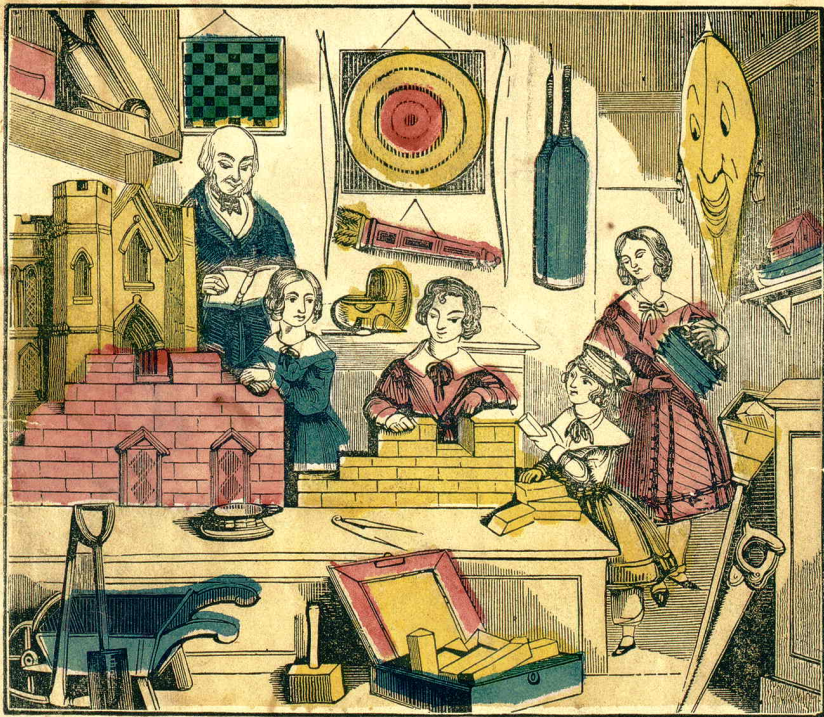


“ Yet, stranger than that—whatsoever his pace,
Whether canter, or gallop, or trot,
Though moving at ten miles an hour—he ne'er
Advances one inch from the spot.





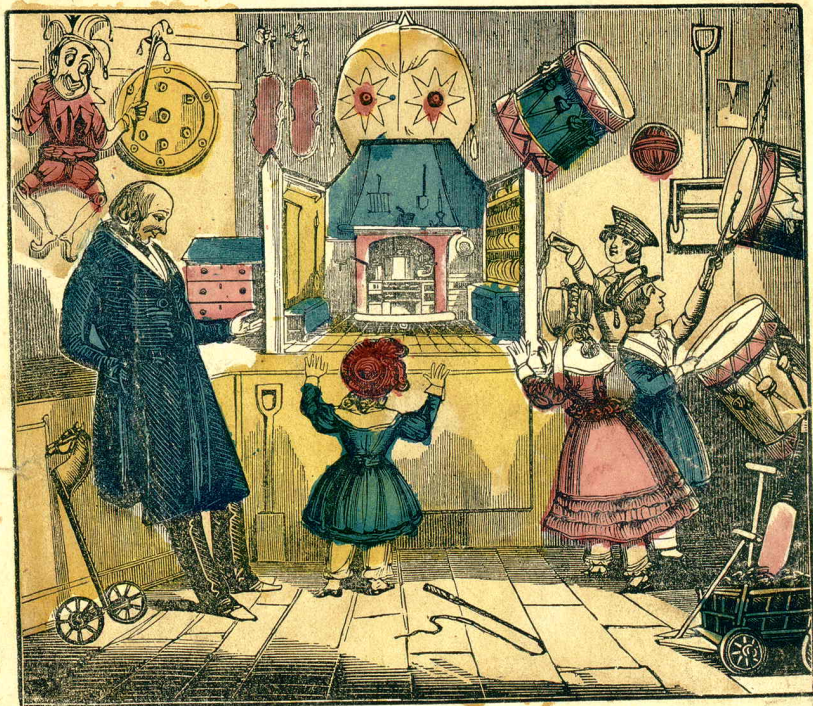
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“ A full set of bricks is enclosed in this box,
(With the mortar we well may dispense,)
But with these you may build a magnificent
house,
Without e'en a farthing's expense.



“ With these you may raise up a Royal Exchange,
In less than five minutes, and then
Knock it down, and build up a new Parliament
House,
In another five minutes,—or ten.

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“ A doll's pretty kitchen, stands next on the shelf,
With grate, pans, and kettle, and pot ;
With dish and tureen, and all crockery-ware,
Knives and forks, and I cannot tell what ;



“ They would not quite do for a great city feast,
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