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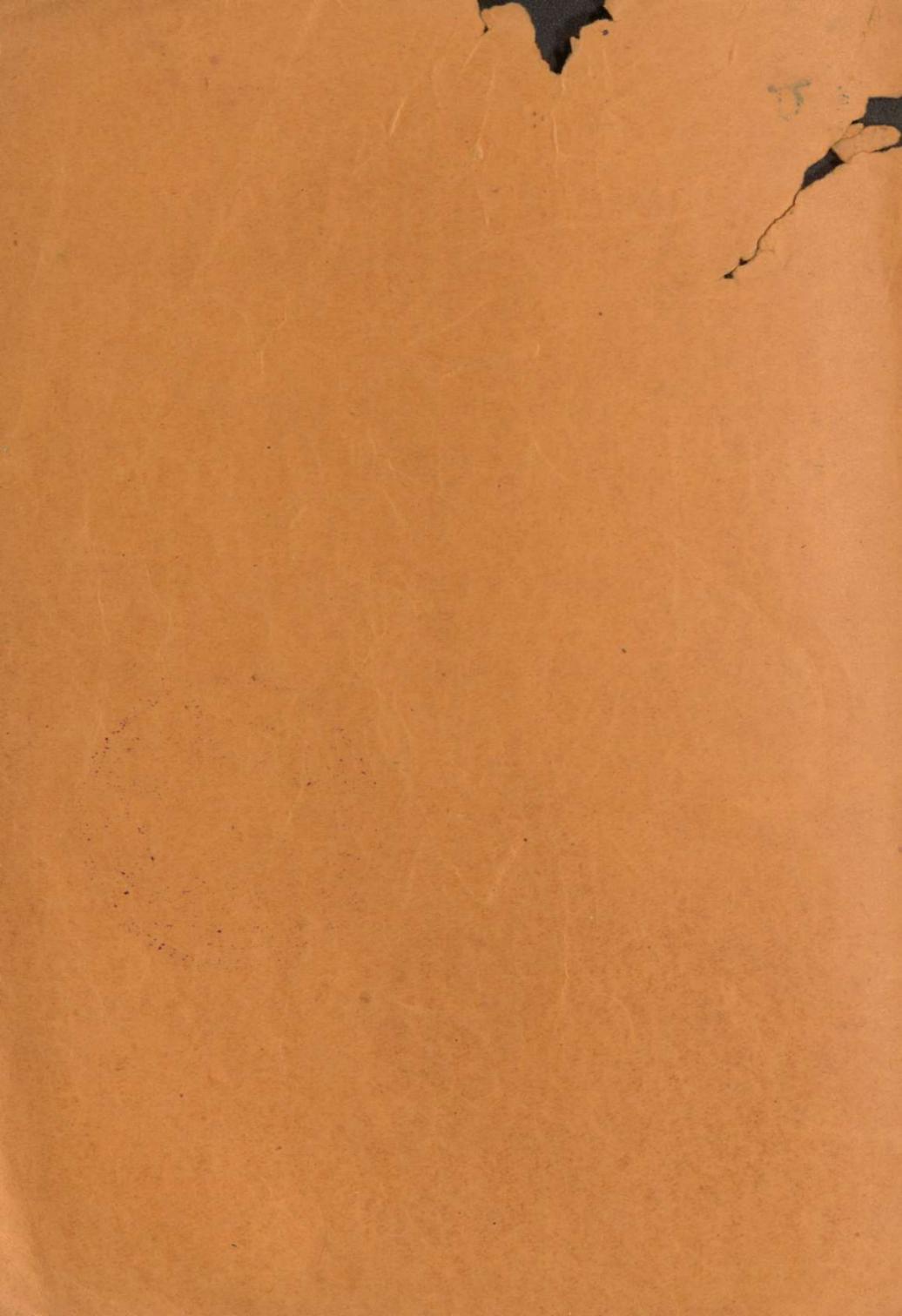
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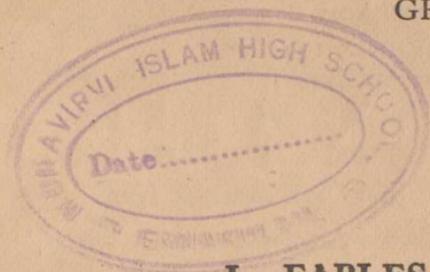
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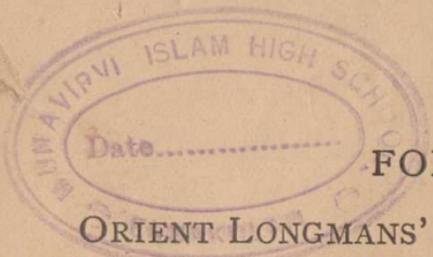
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## FOREWORD

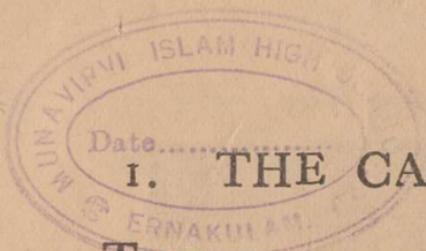
ORIENT LONGMANS' New Supplementary Readers have been specially written for use with the New Method Readers, New Series. Books in Grade I are to be read after completing Reader I, and the books in Grade II after Reader II. This does not mean that they cannot be used independently as library reading material.

The books are written in very simple English and it is hoped that boys and girls who read them will enjoy them.

Questions are given at the end of each story.

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1. THE CAT AND THE MICE.

THERE was a cat who ate many mice. But the cat became old, so she was not able to catch any mice.

She thought of a way to get the mice. She bound two of her feet together and hung herself on a peg.

The cat thought, 'The mice will think I am a dead cat or a bag and come near.'

The mice saw her and one of them said, 'We have seen many a bag but never one with a cat's head.'

Another mouse said, 'You may be dead but we will not come near you.'

The cat did not catch any mice.



The cat got a bad name, so the mice would not go near her.



EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Mark each sentence *R* for right and *W* for wrong :—

- ( ) 1. When the cat was old she could not catch mice.
- ( ) 2. The cat could not think of a way to catch mice.
- ( ) 3. The mice thought the cat was a bag.
- ( ) 4. The mice all went near the cat.
- ( ) 5. The cat was not able to catch the mice.

## 2. THE OX AND THE FROG.

AN ox was walking in a field of grass. He put his foot on a young frog and the young one died. His sister saw this and ran home and told the mother the sad news.

She said, 'Oh mother! we were playing in the field. A big thing came. It put its foot on brother and now he is dead.'

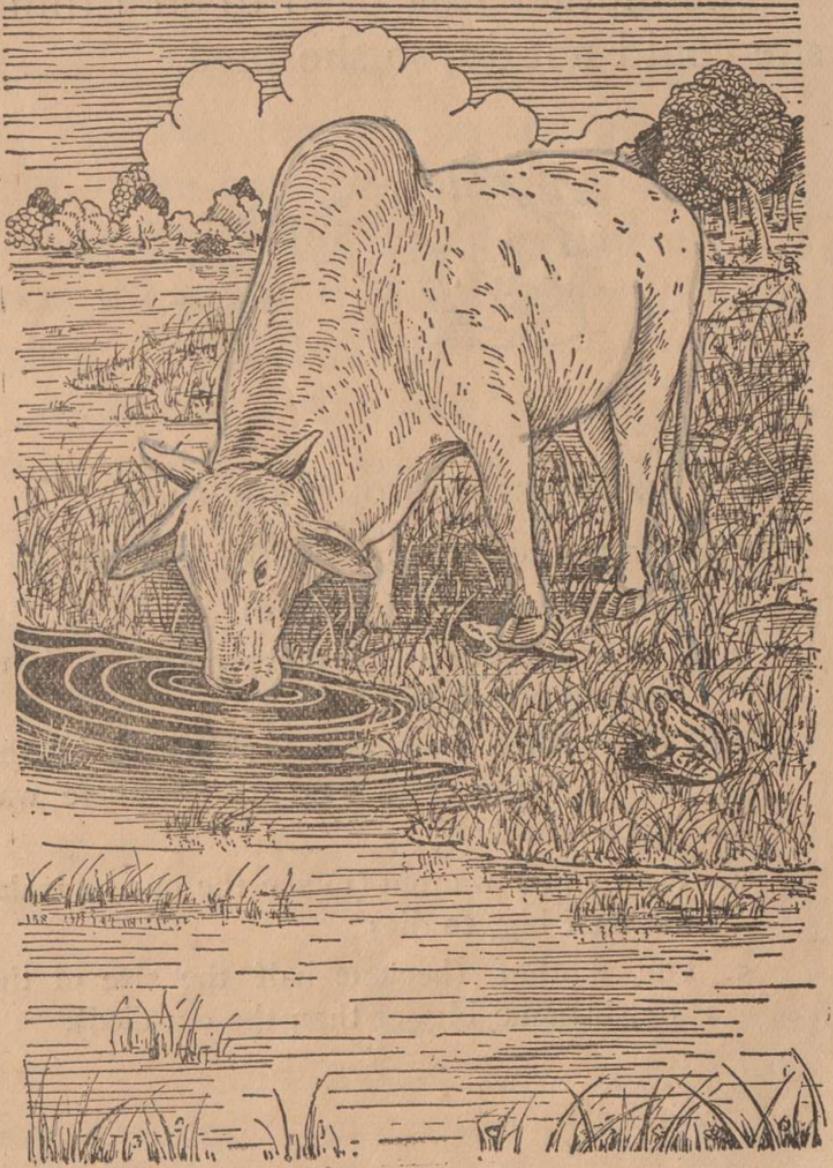
'How big was it?' asked the mother. She gave a puff to make herself big.

'Oh!', said the little one, 'bigger than that.'

'Well, was it so big?' said the mother, and she puffed again.

'Oh much bigger than that,' said the young one. 'I do not think you would ever become half as big.'

The mother gave a third puff and fell dead.



The mother frog tried to do a thing she could not do, so she died.



### EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Underline the correct words in the brackets :—

1. The ox was (big, dead, sad).
2. It put its foot on (the mother frog, a sister frog, a young frog).
3. The mother frog asked, ('Where is the ox?') ('How big was it?') ('Where was your brother?').
4. The mother wanted (to see the ox, to make herself big, to die).
5. The mother (became half the size of the ox, became bigger than the ox, died).

### 3. THE HORSE AND THE STAG.

ONCE upon a time, long long ago, a horse was feeding on the grass in a field. He had the field all to himself.

One day a stag came in and walked upon the grass. This made the horse angry.

A man was standing nearby. The horse asked the man to help him to drive the stag out.

‘Yes,’ said the man, ‘I will help you. But the stag runs very fast. If you will take me on your back and run after the stag, I shall drive the stag out.’

Together they drove the stag out. The horse was very pleased. He thanked the man for his help.

‘No, do not thank me,’ said the man. ‘I did not know until now how useful you could be to me. Hereafter, I should thank you, for I shall keep you for my servant.’



To drive the stag out, the horse took the man on his back. From that time, the horse has become the servant of man.



### EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Match the phrases in *A* with those in *B*. Put in the bracket before each phrase in *B* the number of the phrase in *A* that goes with it:—

*A*

*B*

- |                             |     |                          |
|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| 1. A horse was feeding      | ( ) | the servant of man.      |
| 2. The man helped the horse | ( ) | got on the horse's back. |
| 3. The man                  | (2) | to drive out the stag.   |
| 4. The horse is now         | ( ) | is very useful to man.   |
| 5. The horse                | (1) | on the grass in a field. |

#### 4. THE TORTOISE AND THE EAGLE.

A TORTOISE did not like his life on land and in water. He saw many birds flying in the air. He also wanted to fly. 'If only I could go up into the air,' he said, 'I could fly as well as any of the birds.'

One day an eagle came to rest on a big stone near him. He asked the eagle to teach him to fly. He said, 'I will give you all the riches of the sea, if you will only teach me to fly.'

The eagle knew that the tortoise could not fly and he said, 'You will never be able to fly.' But the tortoise asked the eagle again and again. At last the eagle said, 'Yes, I will teach you.'

The eagle took the tortoise very



high up into the air and then let him fly if he could.

Before the tortoise could thank the eagle for doing this, he fell upon a stone and broke his neck.

The tortoise wanted to do what he could not, and he got hurt.



### EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Mark each sentence *R* for right or *W* for wrong:—

- ( ) 1. The tortoise liked living in the water.
- ( ) 2. He wanted to fly.
- ( ) 3. The tortoise asked the eagle to teach him to fly.
- ( ) 4. The eagle said, 'You will soon learn to fly.'
- ( ) 5. The tortoise went high up in the air.
- ( ) 6. The tortoise learnt to fly very well.

## 5. THE FOX AND THE GOAT.

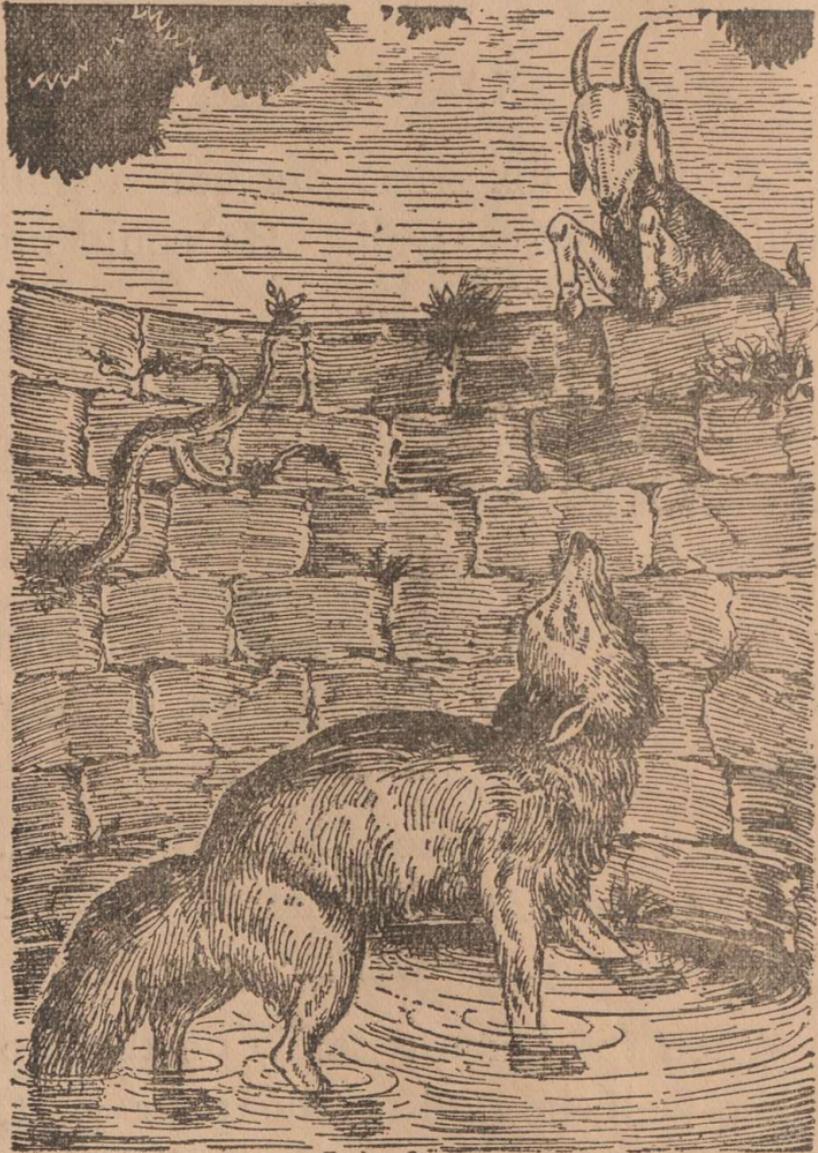
ONE day a fox went out for a walk and fell into a well. He could not get out.

After some time a goat came along and looked into the well. He wanted to drink some water and asked the fox, 'Is the water good?'

The fox said, 'Yes, come down and see, my friend. The water is very nice.'

The goat jumped into the well. The fox jumped on to the goat's back and got out of the well.

When the fox was safely on the top of the well, he said to the poor goat, 'You should have thought well before you jumped into the well.'



The poor goat could not get out of the well. He remained there for a whole day. Then a farmer saw him and took him out of the well.

Wise people will think well before they do a thing.



#### EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Put in the brackets before each phrase in *B* the number of the phrase in *A* that goes with it:—

- | <i>A</i>            | <i>B</i>                             |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. A fox fell       | ( ) 'Is the water good?'             |
| 2. The goat         | ( ) climbed on the goat's back.      |
| 3. The goat asked   | ( ) wanted to have a drink.          |
| 4. The fox said     | ( ) get out of the well.             |
| 5. The fox          | ( ) into a well.                     |
| 6. The goat did not | ( ) 'Come down and drink the water'. |

## 6. THE ASS, THE FOX AND THE LION.

ONCE there were two friends—an ass and a fox. They said, ‘We will always live together and help each other.’

Soon after they went out to get food. They had not gone far when a lion came along.

The fox saw the lion first and was afraid: He told his friend the ass, ‘We must make friends with the lion.’

So saying, the fox went bravely to the lion and said, ‘My lord, I have come to give you the ass. Please take him and let me go.’

The lion was quite willing. The fox made the ass get into a hole in the ground from which it could not come out.



When the lion saw that the ass could not get out of the hole, he caught hold of the fox first and made a meal of him.

The fox was not true to his friend the ass, and the lion was not true to the fox.



### EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Underline the correct words in the brackets:—

1. The ass's friend was (a lion, a goat, a fox).
2. The fox was (happy, sad, afraid) when he saw the lion.
3. The fox wanted (to run away from the lion, make friends with the lion, eat the lion).
4. The ass (could, could not, did not want to) come out of the hole.
5. The lion first ate (the fox, the ass, the goat).

## 7. THE ASS AND THE LION'S SKIN.

ONE day an ass went out for a long walk. On the way he found the skin of a lion. He put it on and went home.

When his friends saw him they thought he was a lion and away they all ran. The ass was very pleased. He was indeed very happy that he could make them all run.

Sometime after, he met an old fox. He did not run away, like others. He saw his long ears and at once knew that it was only his old friend—the ass.

‘Though you have a lion’s skin,’ the fox said, ‘I know you are only an ass. You cannot make me run away.’

When all the other animals saw that it was the ass that made them run with fear, they fell on him and hit him.



The ass tried to be what he was not; so he was punished.



### EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Mark each sentence *R* for right and *W* for wrong:—

- ( ) 1. The ass put on the skin of a lion.
- ( ) 2. He was very sad when his friends ran away.
- ( ) 3. The old fox also ran away.
- ( ) 4. Lions do not have long ears.
- ( ) 5. The other animals were not pleased with the ass.

## 8. THE ASS, THE COCK AND THE LION.

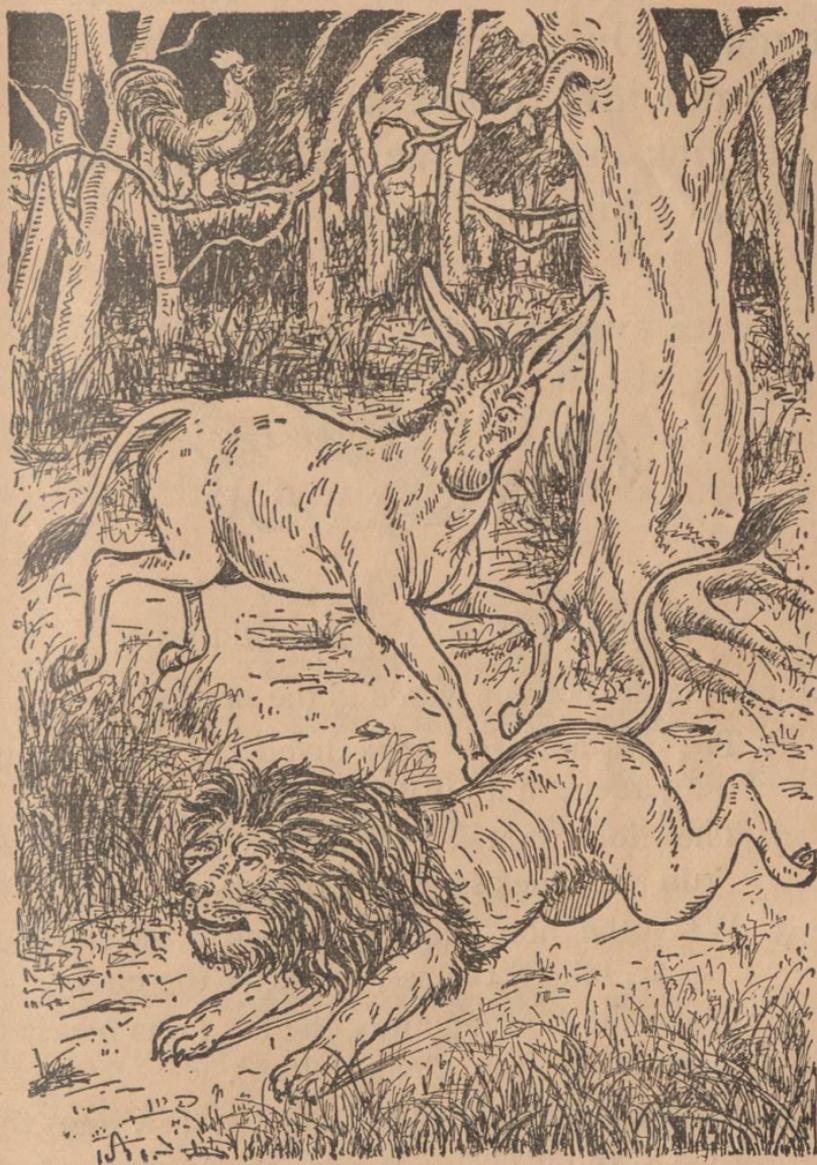
AN ass and a cock were very great friends. They were living in a garden.

One day a lion came to that garden. He had not had any food for a long time. When he saw the ass so fat and nice he was very pleased.

Just then the cock saw the lion. He knew the lion would kill his friend the ass. To save his friend he began to crow.

A lion does not like to hear a cock crow; so he ran off as fast as he could.

The ass saw this. He said, 'The lion is running away because he is afraid of me. I shall run after him.' It was great fun for the ass to run after a lion.



After some time, the lion looked back. He saw the ass nearby. He was not afraid now as he did not hear the cock crow. He fell upon the ass and ate him up.



### EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Underline the correct words in the brackets :—

1. The ass and the cock lived (in a forest, in a garden, in a hut).
2. The lion wanted (to play with the ass, to run after the ass, to eat the ass).
3. When the lion heard the cock crow he (ran away, fell on the ass, ran after the cock).
4. When the lion ran away the ass (was pleased, was afraid, ran after the lion).
5. In the end the lion (ate the ass, ate the cock, ran away).

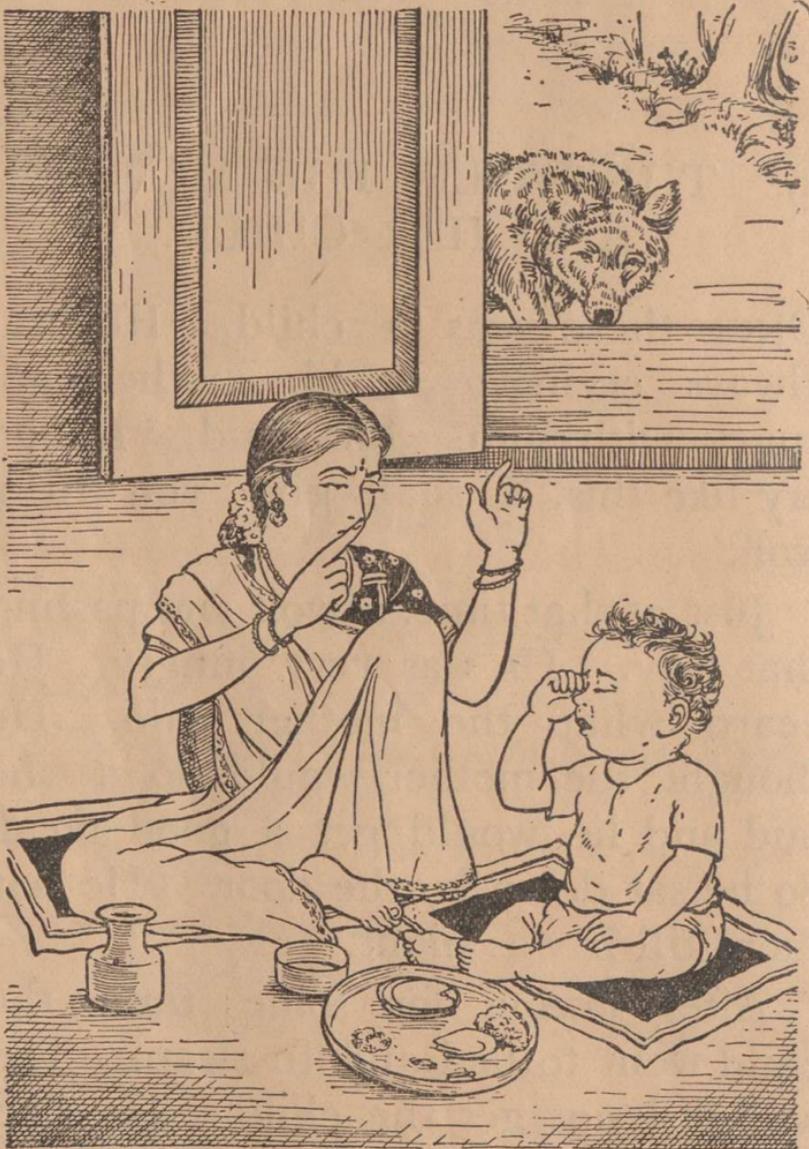
## 9. THE WOLF, THE MOTHER AND HER CHILD.

ONCE there was a child. He was always crying. So his mother got angry with him. She said, 'If you cry like this, I shall give you to a wolf.'

Just at that time, a wolf was passing that way. He was very hungry. He heard what the mother said. He thought the mother would do as she said and he would get a good meal. So he sat down by the door. He sat there till it was night.

After crying for some time, the child went to bed and to sleep. The wolf did not get the child. He had to go away without any meal.

He said, 'People do not always do



as they say. We should not trust them.'



EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION

Mark each sentence *R* for right or *W* for wrong :—

- ( ) 1. The child was always happy.
- ( ) 2. The wolf was very hungry.
- ( ) 3. The wolf sat by the door.
- ( ) 4. The mother gave the child to the wolf.
- ( ) 5. The wolf had no meal.

10. A DOG AND A COCK.

ONCE there were two friends—a dog and a cock. They were good friends. One day they made up their minds to go on a journey together.

They were going through a wood when night came on. The dog went to sleep in a hole at the foot of the tree. The cock rested in one of the branches above.

Early in the morning at its usual hour, the cock crowed. A fox that lived nearby heard it. He came to the tree, thinking to make a good meal of the cock.

When he saw the cock in one of the branches above, he praised his voice and asked him to come down. He





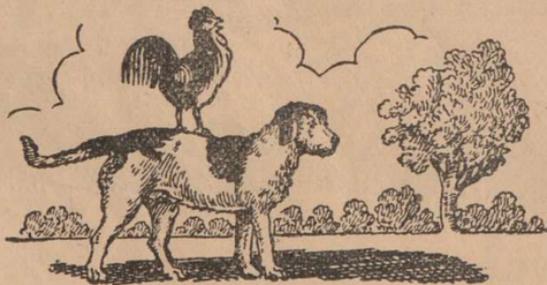
wanted the cock to come near so that he might hear him better.

The cock knew what the fox wanted to do with him. He told the fox, 'First of all ask my friend in the hole to come out.'

The fox said to himself, 'I shall make a meal of the cock and also of his friend.' So he called out the cock's friend.

When the dog awoke, he fell on the fox, bit him and drove him away. He and the cock then went on their journey in safety.

The dog was a true friend and he saved the cock from the fox.

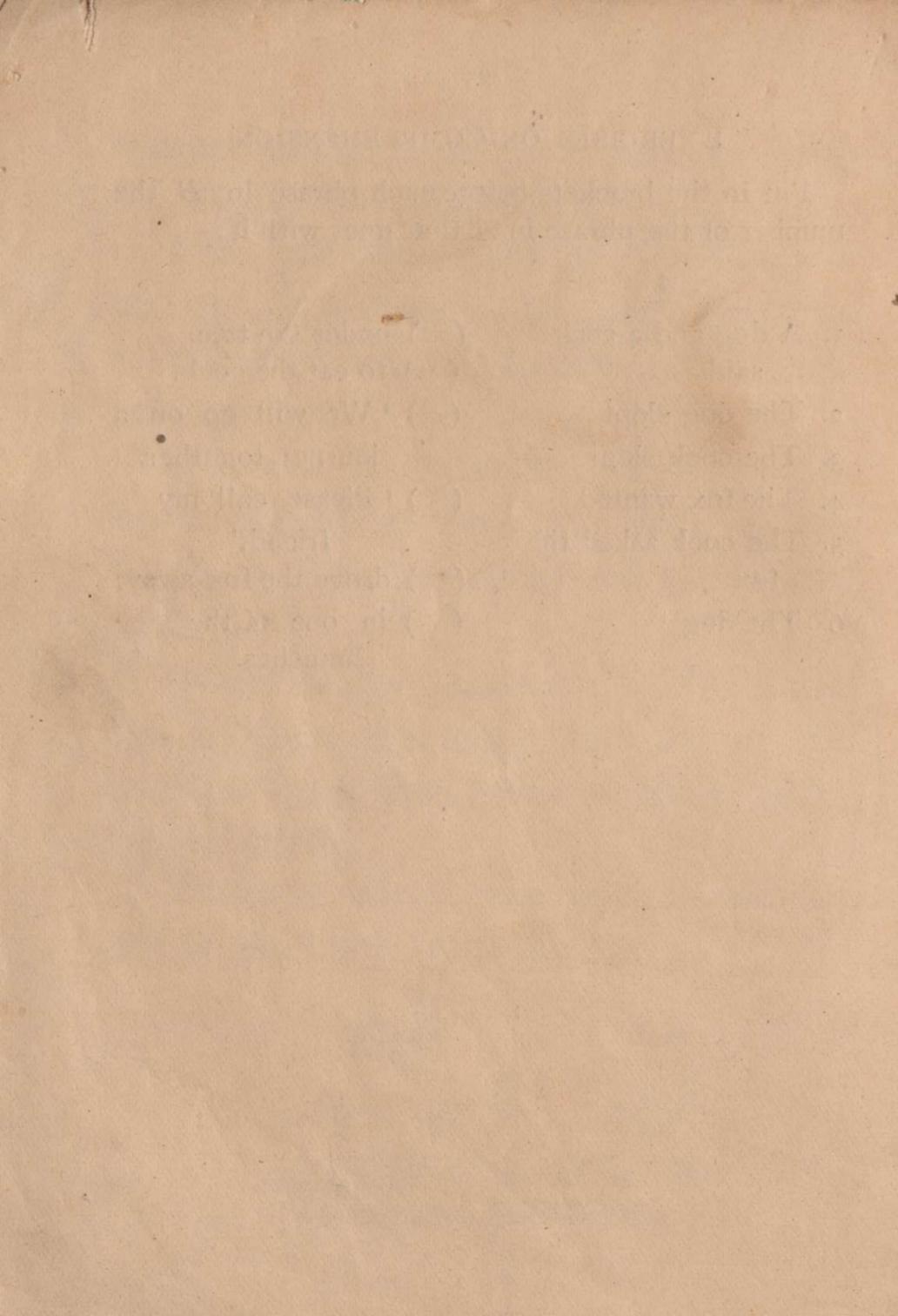


## EXERCISES ON COMPREHENSION]

Put in the brackets before each phrase in *B* the number of the phrase in *A* that goes with it:—

*A**B*

- |                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. A dog and a cock<br>said  | ( ) under the tree.<br>( ) to eat the cock. |
| 2. The dog slept             | (1) 'We will go on a<br>journey together.'  |
| 3. The cock slept            | ( ) 'Please call my<br>friend.'             |
| 4. The fox wanted            | ( ) drove the fox away.                     |
| 5. The cock asked the<br>fox | ( ) in one of the<br>branches.'             |
| 6. The dog                   |   |







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