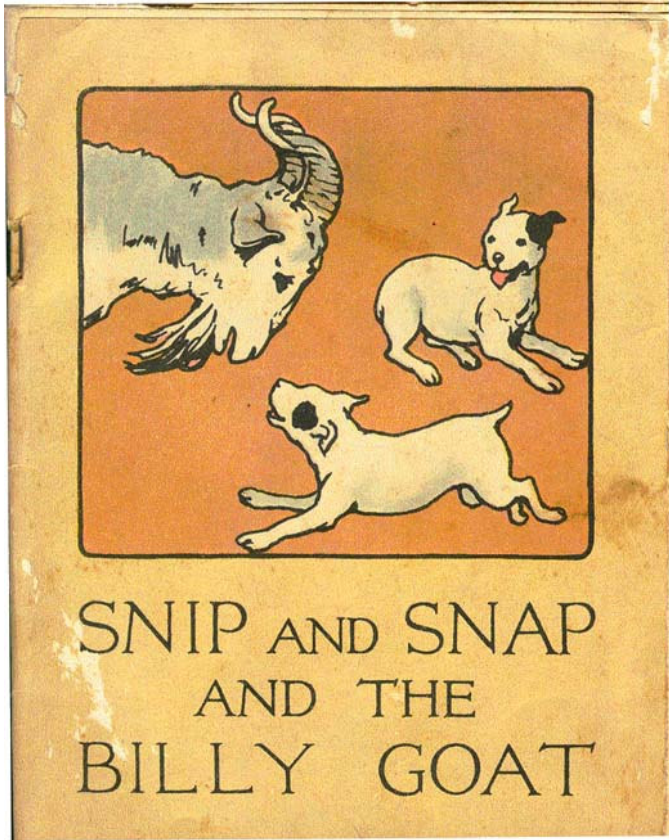


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SNIP AND SNAP  
AND THE  
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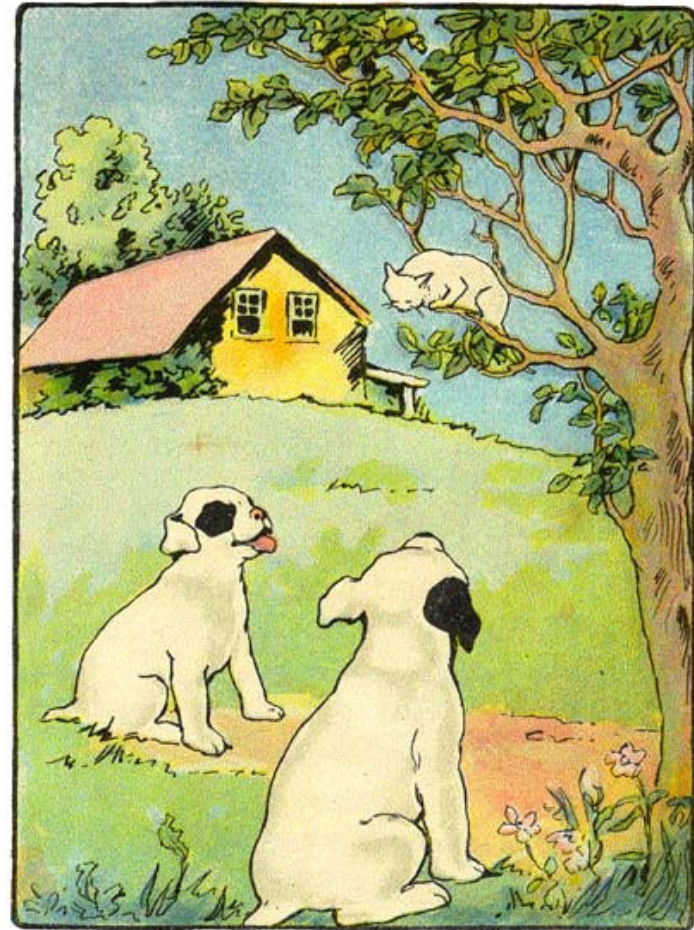


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**T**WO little dogs were Snip and Snap,  
Twin brothers, as you see,  
And close wherever you saw one  
The other one would be.

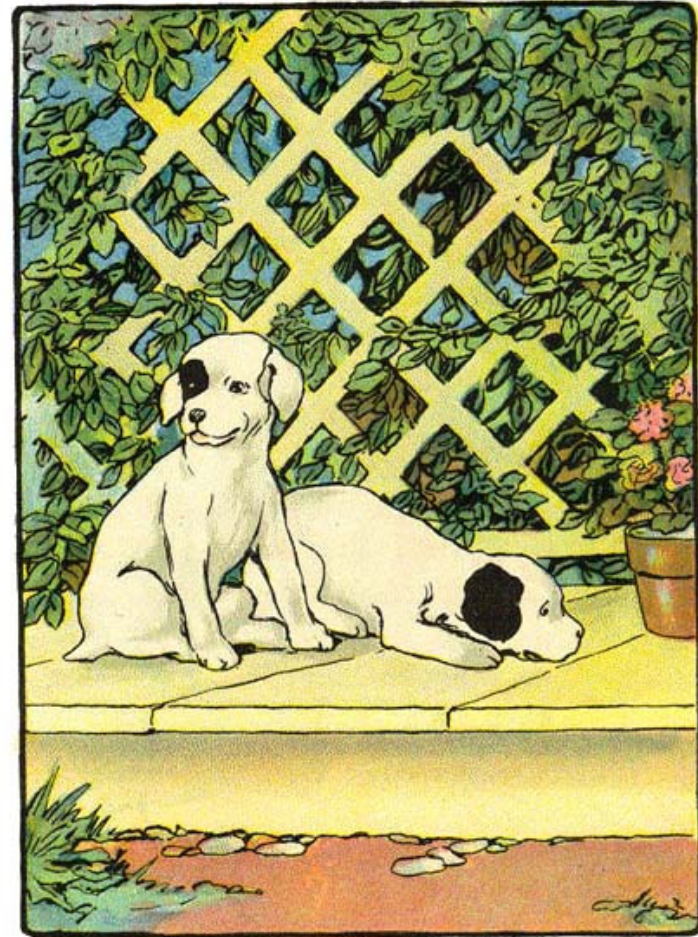
One had a black spot on his ear,  
And one upon his eye,  
And that's how you knew Snip from Snap  
Whenever they ran by.

They romped together on the lawn  
Sometimes the whole day through,  
And chased strange cats all up the trees,  
As dogs are apt to do.



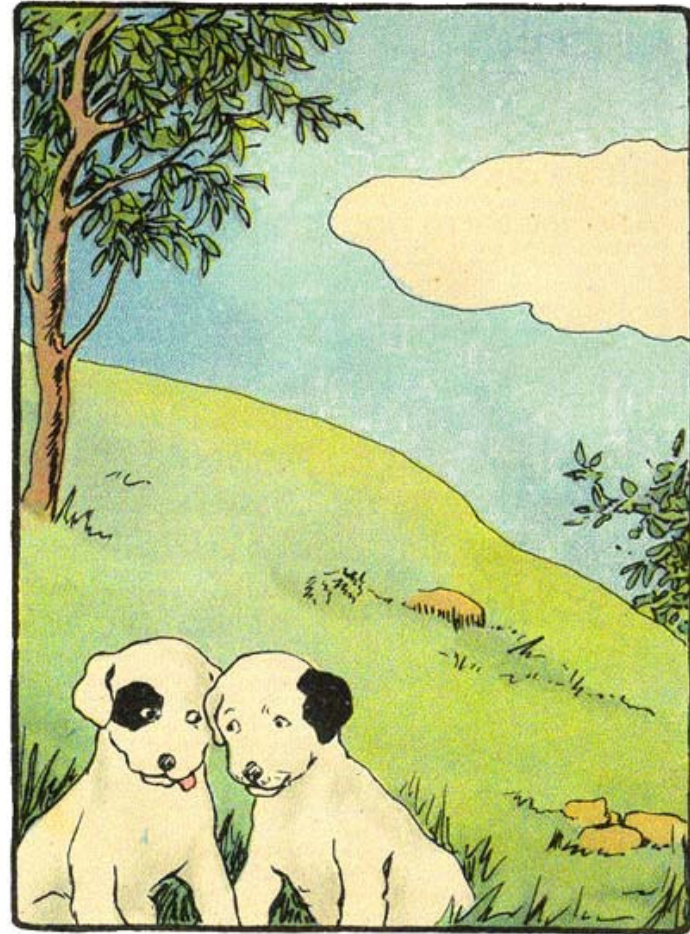
“Now, Snip and Snap.” their master said  
One fine and sunny day,  
“You two must stay and watch the house  
While we are all away.”

And then he waved his hand at them  
As if to say “Good Bye,”  
And Snip and Snap lay down on guard  
With bright and watchful eye.



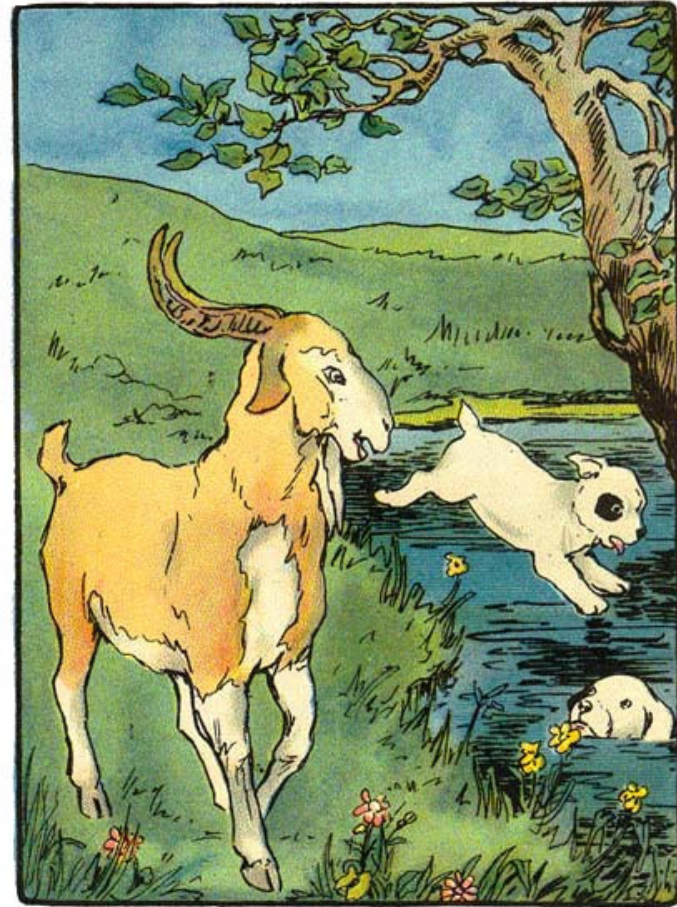
Said Snip to Snap: "'Tis very dull,  
I think you will agree;  
Let's take a run across the fields  
And right back home, you see."

And so across the fields they went  
Without one thought of care  
Until they met old Billy Goat  
With great long beard and hair.



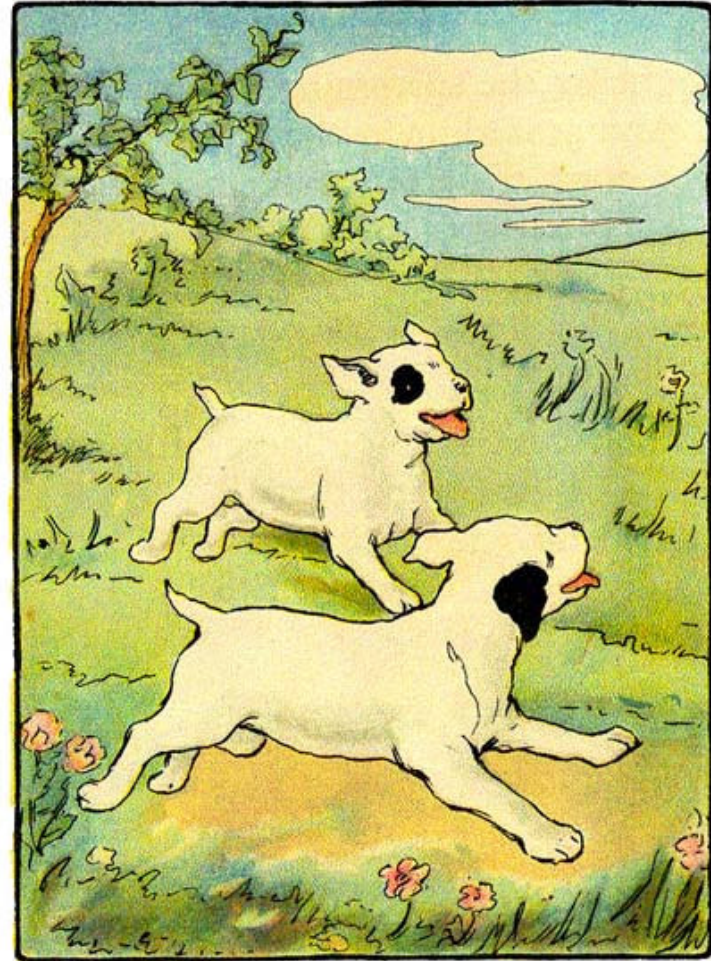
He stepped out to the very brink,  
And when, with bark and cry,  
The two dogs came he stepped aside  
And let them both go by.

Oh me! Oh my! They could not stop,  
So fast they came, those rash  
And naughty dogs, and o'er the brink  
They went and then—ker-splash!



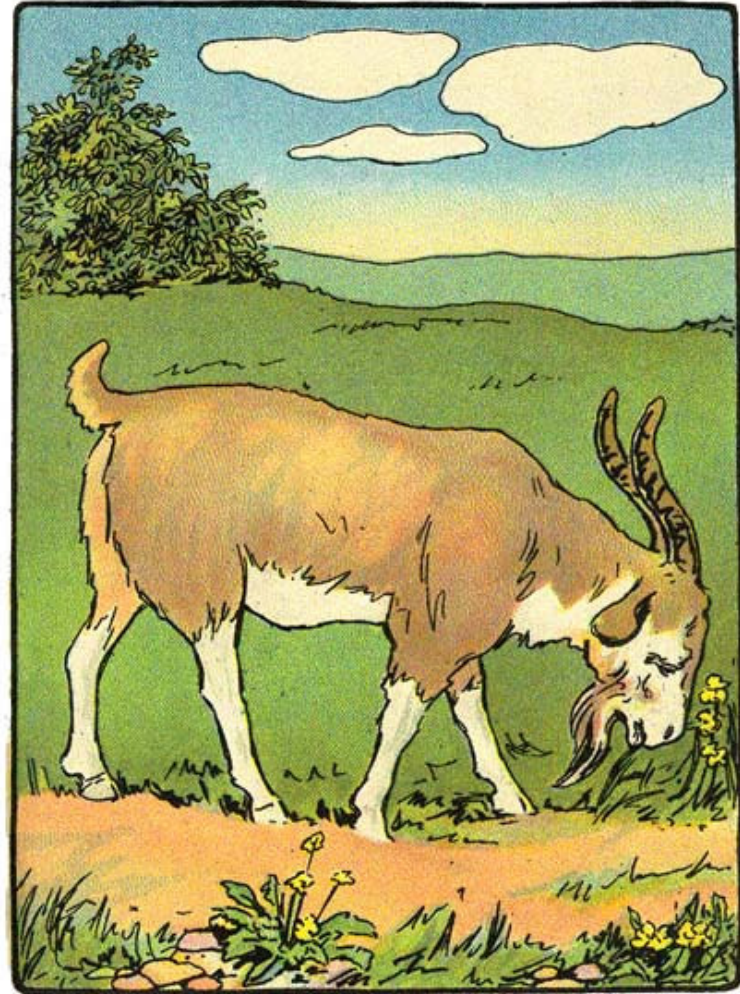
Into the swimming hole they went  
With gurgle, yelp and cry,  
And Billy Goat stood on the brink  
And looked and winked his eye.

“Oh-ho!” he cried, “my pretty pair,  
You are a sight to see;  
You fell into the very trap  
You tried to set for me.”



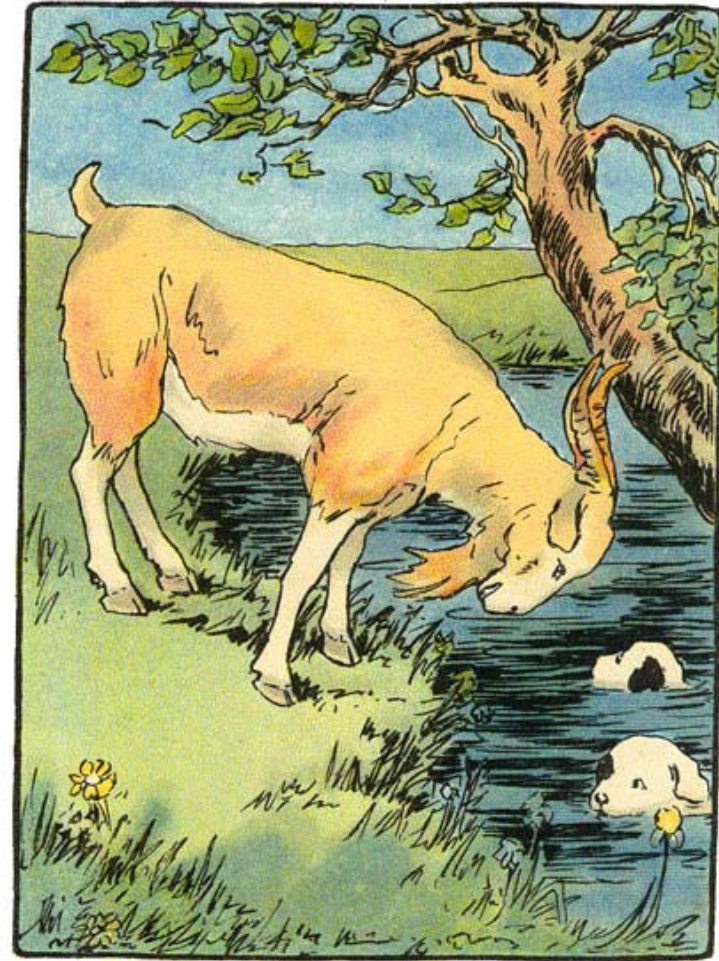
Right by the swimming hole he stood  
And grazed upon the brink,  
For down the steep and slippery bank  
He often went to drink.

“Oh-ho!” cried Snip, “here’s fun indeed;  
We’ll hide behind the hill,  
And then come tearing down like mad  
And frighten Brother Bill.



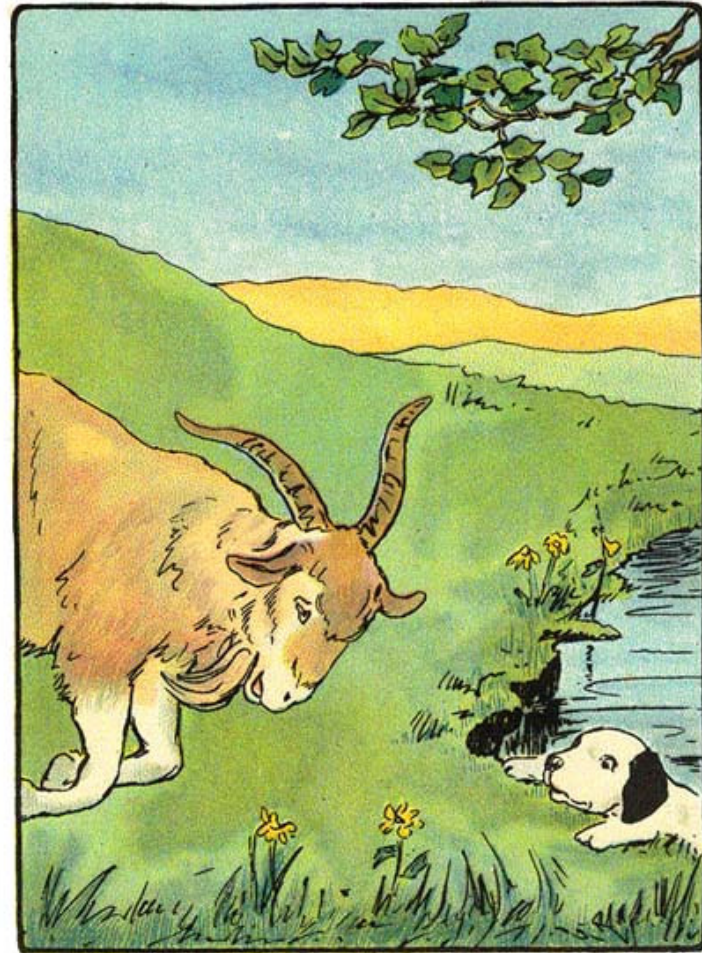
And Bill, so startled and surprised,  
Will jump to get away,  
And get the finest bath he's had  
For many and many a day."

Now Billy Goat was very wise  
And shrewd as he could be;  
He saw both dogs and wagged his beard  
Oh, very knowingly.



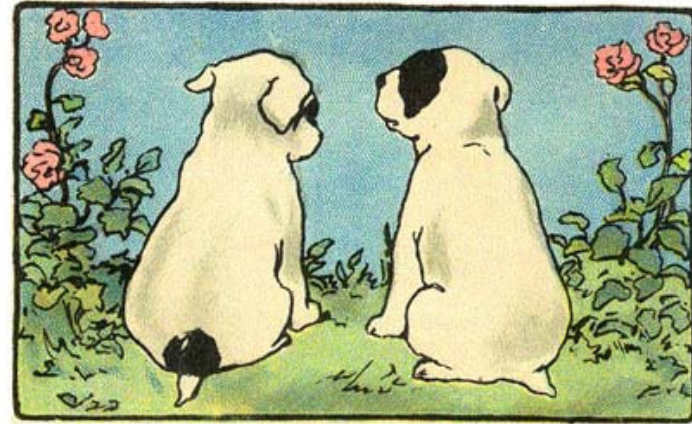
And when they tried to scramble out  
With all their might and main,  
Old Billy stood upon the bank  
And pushed them in again.

At last he let them both come out  
Upon the bank to dry,  
So wet and muddy and so cold,  
With shiver, whine and cry.



And when they got back home they were  
A sorry sight to see,  
All streaked with mud and soaking wet  
And cold as they could be.

Old Billy Goat just wagged his beard  
And saw them slink away;  
“I think,” he said, “those dogs have  
learned  
A thing or two today.”



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