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TO THE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN,
GRAND-NEPHEWS AND GRAND-NIECES
OF EDWARD, 13TH EARL OF DERBY,
THIS BOOK OF DRAWINGS AND VERSES

(THE GREATER PART OF WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY
MADE AND COMPOSED FOR THEIR PARENTS)

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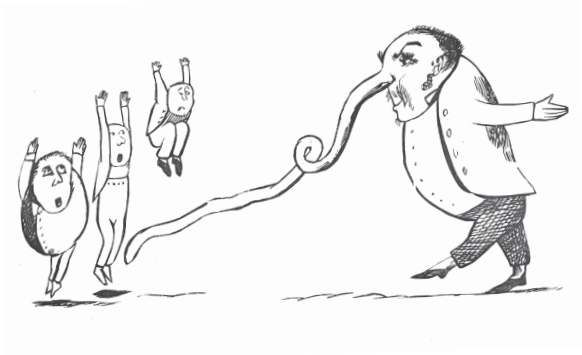
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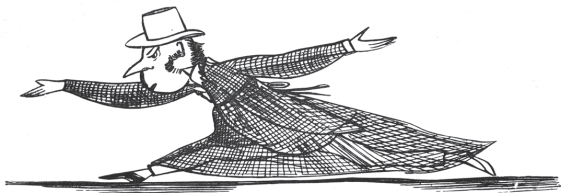
There was an old man with a beard,
Who said, "It is just as I feared!
Two owls and a hen,
Four larks and a wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!"



There was a young lady of Ryde,
Whose shoestrings were seldom untied.
She purchased some clogs,
And some small spotted dogs,
And frequently walked about Ryde.



There was an old man with a nose,
Who said, "If you choose to suppose
That my nose is too long,
You are certainly wrong!"
That remarkable man with a nose.



There was an old man on a hill,
Who seldom, if ever, stood still;
 He ran up and down
 In his grandmother's gown,
Which adorned that old man on a hill.



There was a young lady whose bonnet
Came untied when the birds sat upon it,
But she said: "I don't care!
All the birds in the air
Are welcome to sit on my bonnet!"



There was a young person of Smyrna,
Whose grandmother threatened to burn her,
But she seized on the cat
And said, "Granny, burn that!
You incongruous old woman of Smyrna!"

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