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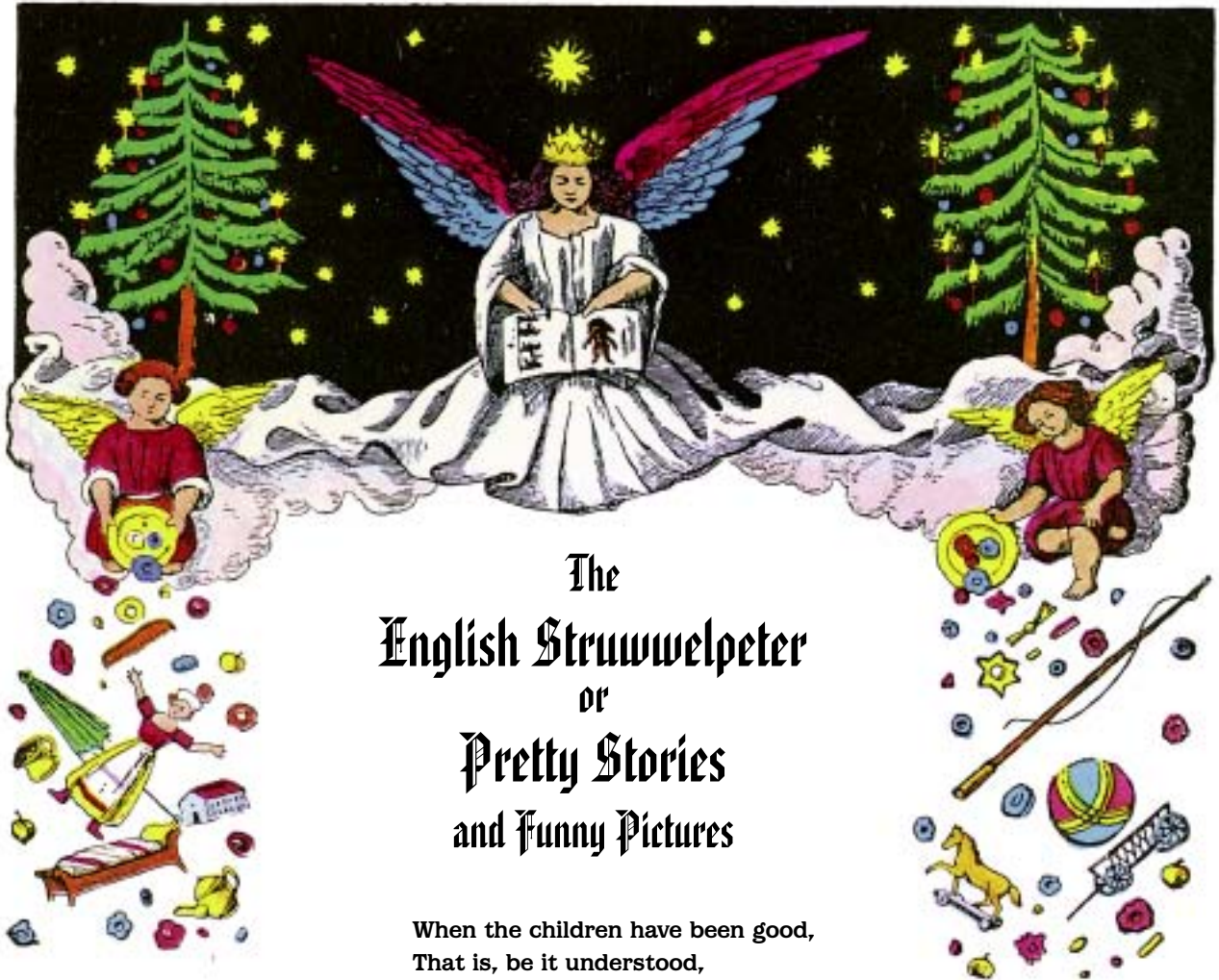
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The
English Struwwelpeter
 or
Pretty Stories
 and Funny Pictures

When the children have been good,
 That is, be it understood,
 Good at meal-times, good at play,
 Good all night and good all day, —
 They shall have the pretty things
 Merry Christmas always brings.
 Naughty, romping girls and boys
 Tear their clothes and make a noise,
 Spoil their pinafores and frocks,
 And deserve no Christmas-box.
 Such as these shall never look
 At this pretty Picture-Book.

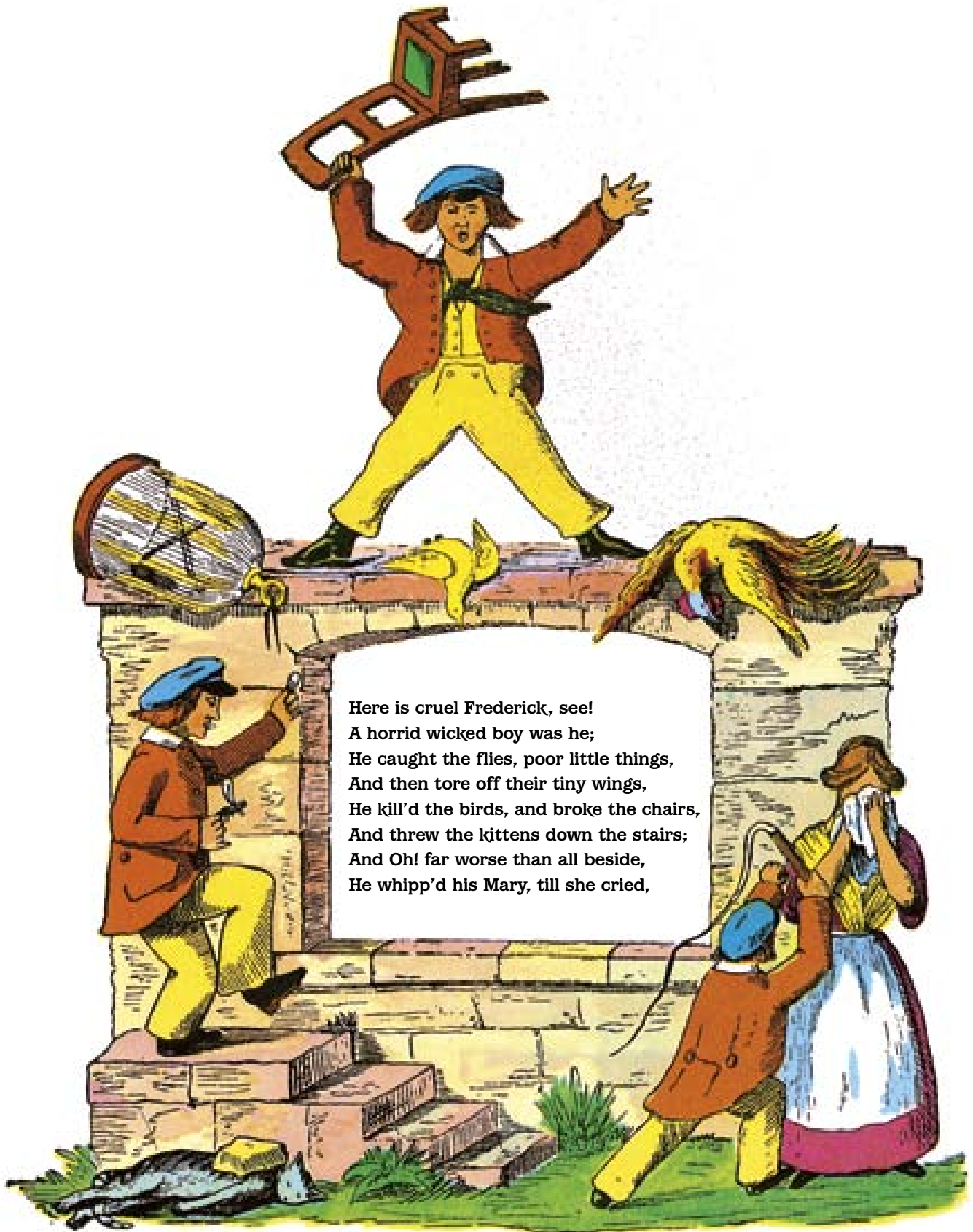


1. Shock-Headed Peter

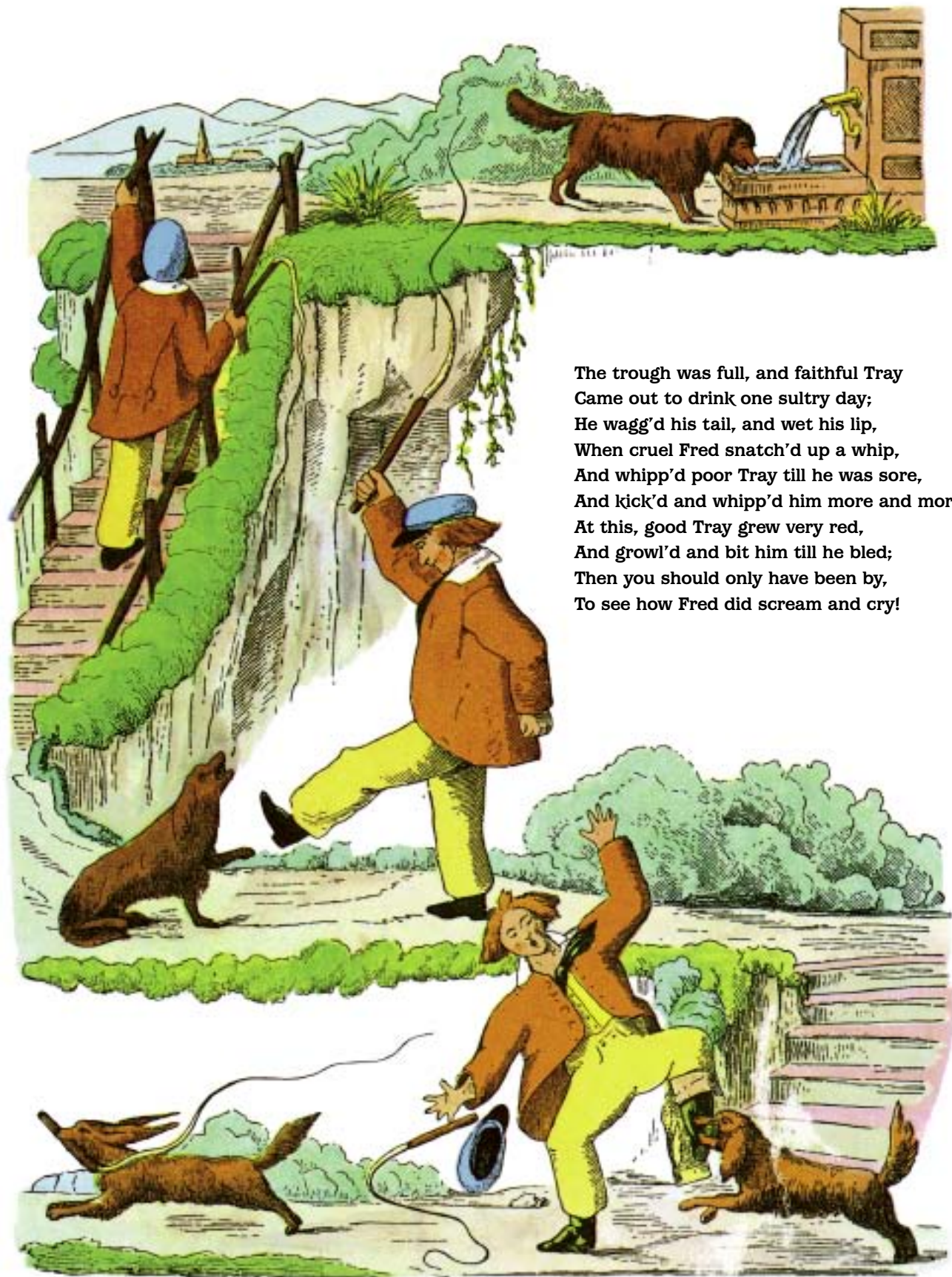


Just look at him! There he stands,
With his nasty hair and hands.
See! his nails are never cut;
They are grim'd as black as soot;
And the sloven, I declare,
Never once comb'd his hair;
Any thing to me is sweeter
Than to see Shock-headed Peter.

2. The Story of Cruel Frederick



Here is cruel Frederick, see!
A horrid wicked boy was he;
He caught the flies, poor little things,
And then tore off their tiny wings,
He kill'd the birds, and broke the chairs,
And threw the kittens down the stairs;
And Oh! far worse than all beside,
He whip'd his Mary, till she cried,



The trough was full, and faithful Tray
Came out to drink one sultry day;
He wagg'd his tail, and wet his lip,
When cruel Fred snatch'd up a whip,
And whipp'd poor Tray till he was sore,
And kick'd and whipp'd him more and more:
At this, good Tray grew very red,
And growl'd and bit him till he bled;
Then you should only have been by,
To see how Fred did scream and cry!