

"That ought to be our supper," said the dog.

"Yes, yes!" cried the cat. "I am so hungry that I cannot sleep."

"We must drive the robbers away," whispered the rooster. "But how can it be done?"

Then the four friends tried and tried to think of a plan.

At last the donkey said: "I know how we can frighten the robbers. When I count three. let us all begin to make as much noise as we can.

"Now! — One! two! three!" What a noise they made! The donkey brayed, and the dog barked, and the cat mewed, and the rooster crowed.

The robbers jumped up from the table and ran into the woods as fast as they could go.

The four friends went into the house and helped themselves to the food.

When they had eaten their supper, they put out the light and each found a place to sleep. The donkey lay down in the yard. The dog went behind the door. The cat curled up in front of the fire, and the rooster flew to the back of a chair.