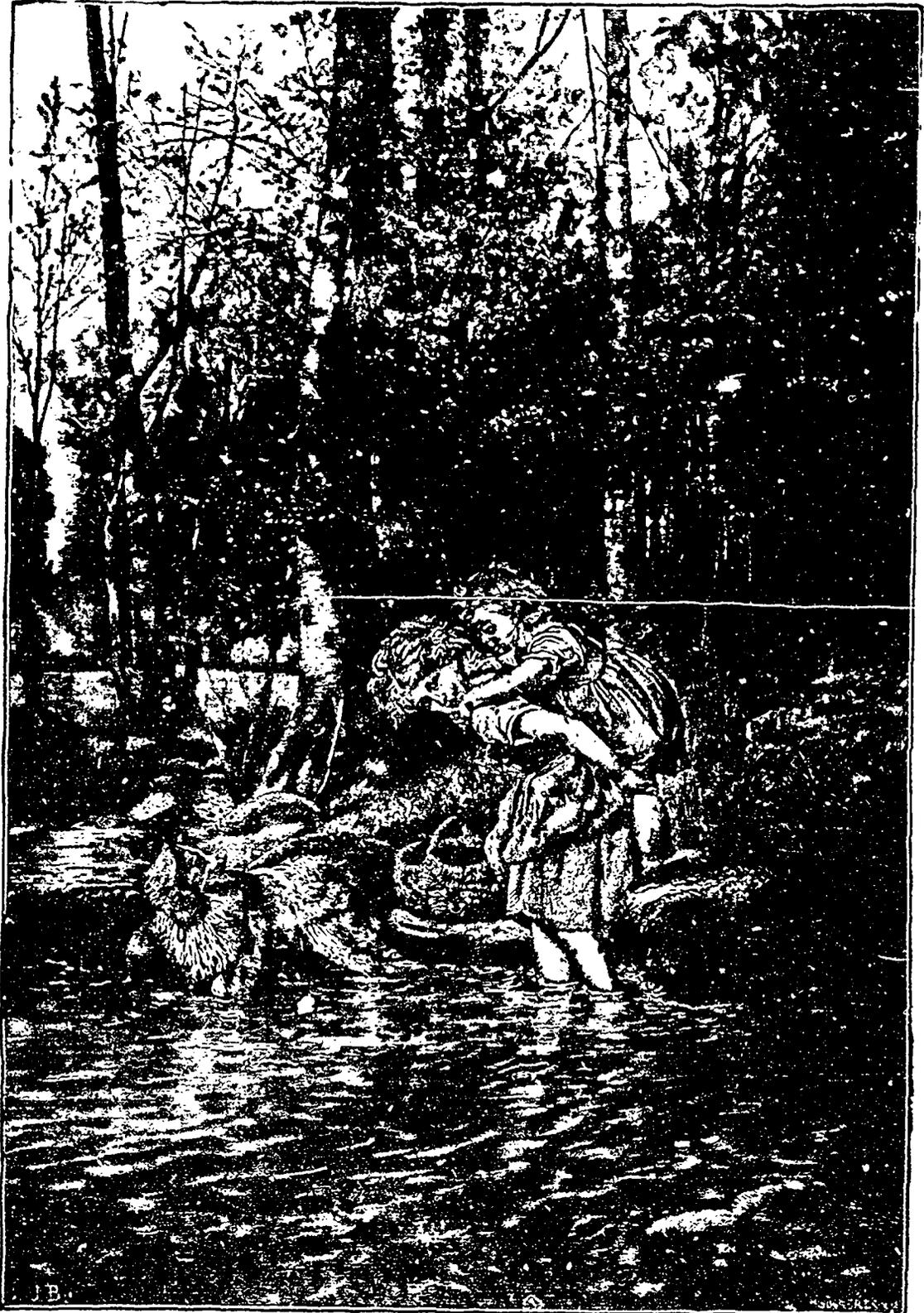


THE SHORTEST WAY HOME.

Yes! and the very nicest way, too. for does not Will be get a ride by going this way? and how much nicer the cool, soft

little friends are a long time getting started, he looks back as if to assure Master Will there is not the slightest danger.

little time returns, but not alone. It brings its companions with it, and they in turn bring others, till the box is filled with a swarm of bees. Those who have tasted



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water feels to Nell's feet than the dusty bridge would if she went the other way. No need of that anxious look on your face, Master Will; Nell can carry you and her basket, too, if you just hold on tightly. Jip likes this way the best, and thinks his

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

The bee-hunter in America puts a piece of honey-comb into a box and catches a bee. He then covers the box and very soon the bee fills itself with honey. When he let loose he finds his way back, and in a

word which is "sweeter than honey" likewise. They are not content with curing the blessings of salvation to themselves, but each help to spread the news, so that others may by their turn be "made partakers."