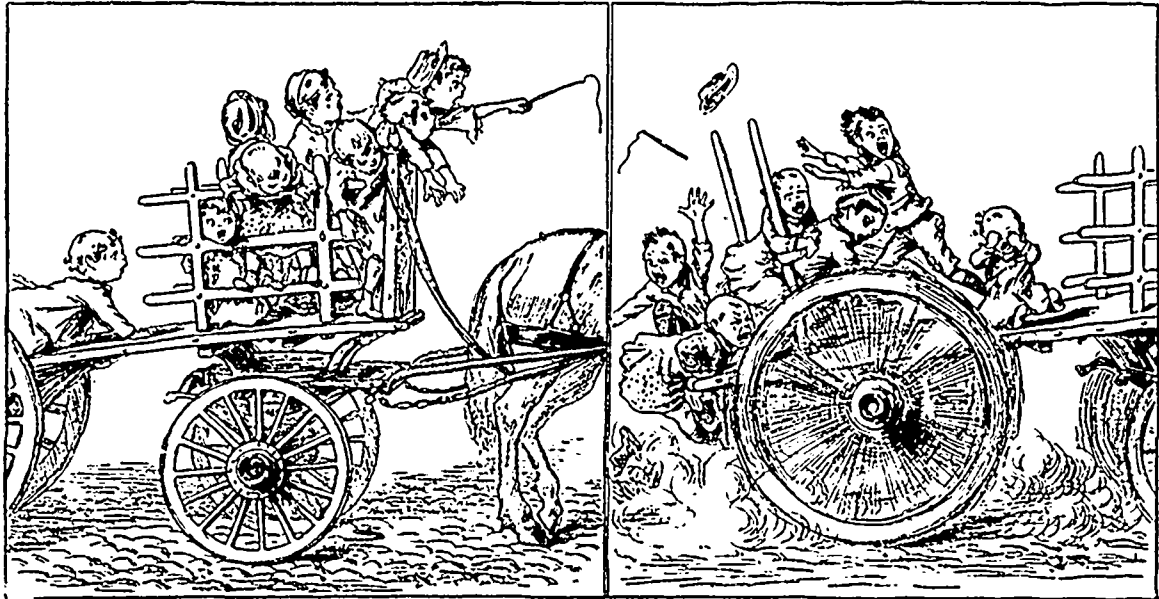
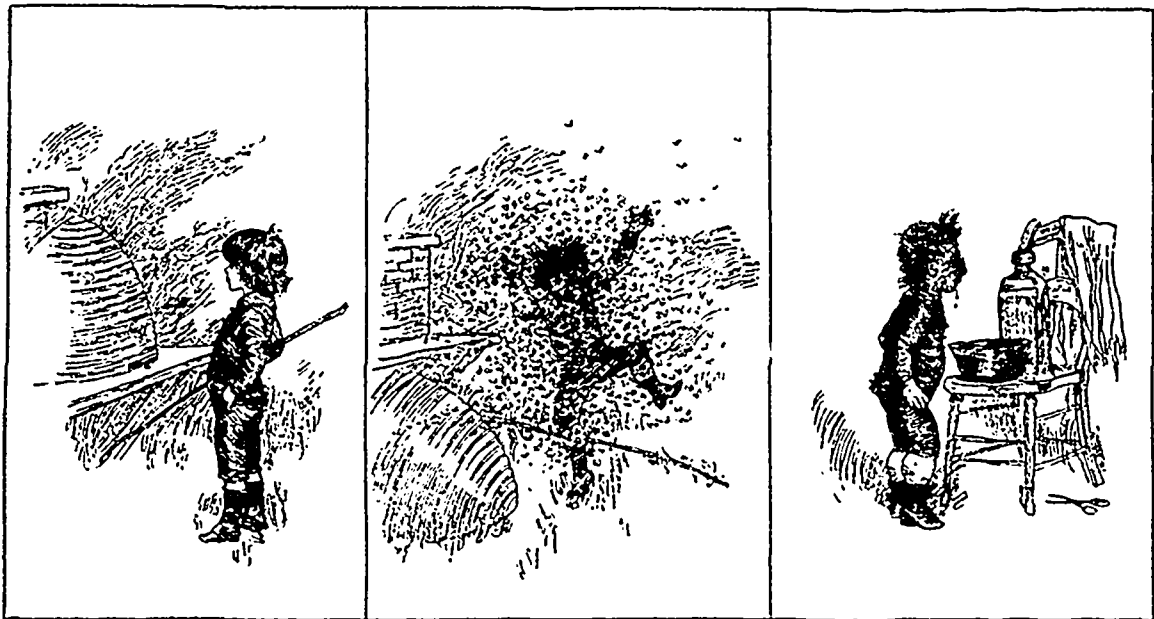




BUMPS OF EXPERIENCE A STOLEN RIDE.



OUR FIRST READER.—THE LETTER B.

This **B**-oy is a **B**usy-**B**ody.

These **B**-ees are **B**-usy **B**-ees. The **B**-oy will **B**-ehave **B**-etter next time.

Sporting dogs, which are used in mud, snow, and wet, are strangely clever and quick in cleaning and drying their coats; and it is a sure sign that a dog has been overtired if he shows any trace of mud or dirt next morning. Most of their toilette is done with the tongue, but they are very clever at using a thick box-bush or the side of a hay-stack as a rough towel.

In connection with the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the invention of the microscope, an International Exhibition is to be held in the course of this year at Antwerp. Microscopes of all kinds will be exhibited, from the earliest to the most modern, and apparatus of all kinds relating to microscopy.

When Wilberforce was a candidate for Parliament, his brilliant sister offered a new gown to the wife of every freeman who would vote for her brother, on which a cry was raised—"Miss Wilberforce for ever!" She replied—"I thank you, gentlemen, but I cannot agree with you; I do not wish to be Miss Wilberforce for ever."

Indulgent Mother—"Doctor, I wish very much to have you prescribe some more pills for my darling Willie."

Physician—"Dear me, is he sick again?"

Indulgent Mamma—"No; but they are so much more respectable for his pea-shooter. I do hate to see him blowing those horrible vegetables about!"