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one Jack,—it was older, larger, and stronger but was more mischievous and frolicksome than her first pet. It would lie in front of the fire on the hearth, like a dog, and rub its soft velvet nose against the hand that patted it very affectionately, but gave a great deal of trouble in the house: it would eat the carrots, potatoes, and cabbages while the cook was preparing them for dinner; and when the housemaid had laid the cloth for dinner, Jack would go round the table and eat up the bread she had laid to each plate, to the great delight of the children, who thought it good fun to see him do so."

"Ellen put a red leather collar about Jack's neck, and some months after this he swam across the rapid river, and went off to the wild woods, and was shot by some hunters, a great many miles away from his old home, being known by his fine red collar. After the sad end of her two favourites, Ellen would have he more fawns brought in for her to tame."

Mary was much interested in the account of the little girl and her pets. "Is this all that you know about fawns, nurse?"