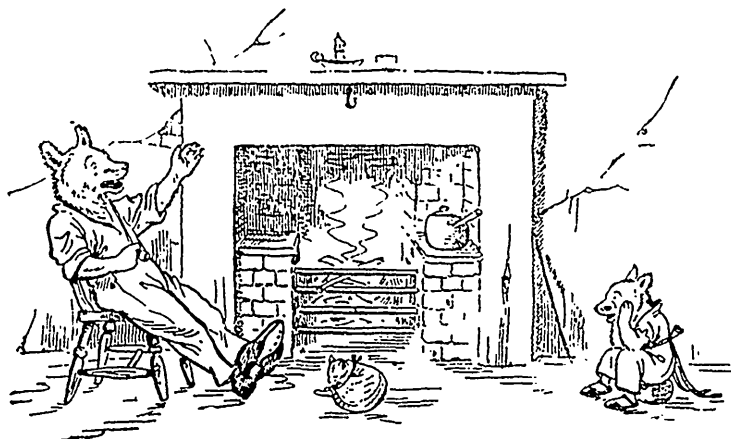


HOW IT LOOKS TO THEM, A FABLE.

BOYS who like the fun of frightening or hurting animals may learn a little lesson from the following funny fable. It is all right to shoot the bear if you can, but many a smaller animal might say with the frogs of another fable: "It is fun for you, but death for us."

"I've seen such a terrible beast, papa,
When out in the woods at play,

With never a nose and never a claw!
Said the Baby-Bear one day.



"It walked on its hind
legs all the time,
And its face was as
white as white!
It carried a stick that
banged and smoked,
And I hid in a bush in
fright.

"But when it had gone
and I could come out,
You'd better believe I
ran!"
The old bear laughed
till the chimney
shook,
"That beast, my son,
was a man!"

—Selected.

OPPORTUNITY.

A sculptor once showed a visitor his studio. 'It was full of gods. One was very curious. The face was concealed by being covered with hair, and there were wings on his feet.

"What is his name?" said the spectator.

"Opportunity," was the reply.

"Why is his face hidden?"

"Because men seldom know when he comes to them."

"Why has he wings on his feet?"

"Because he is soon gone; and once gone, can never be overtaken."

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