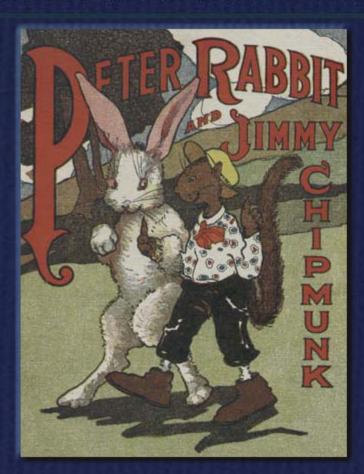
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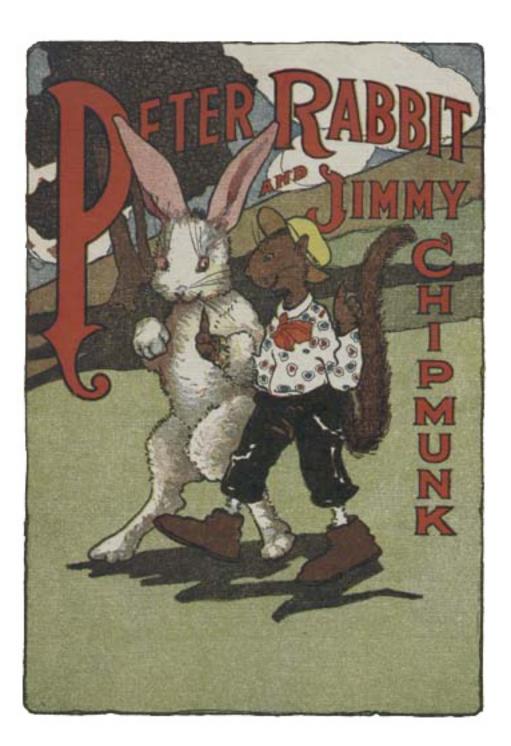
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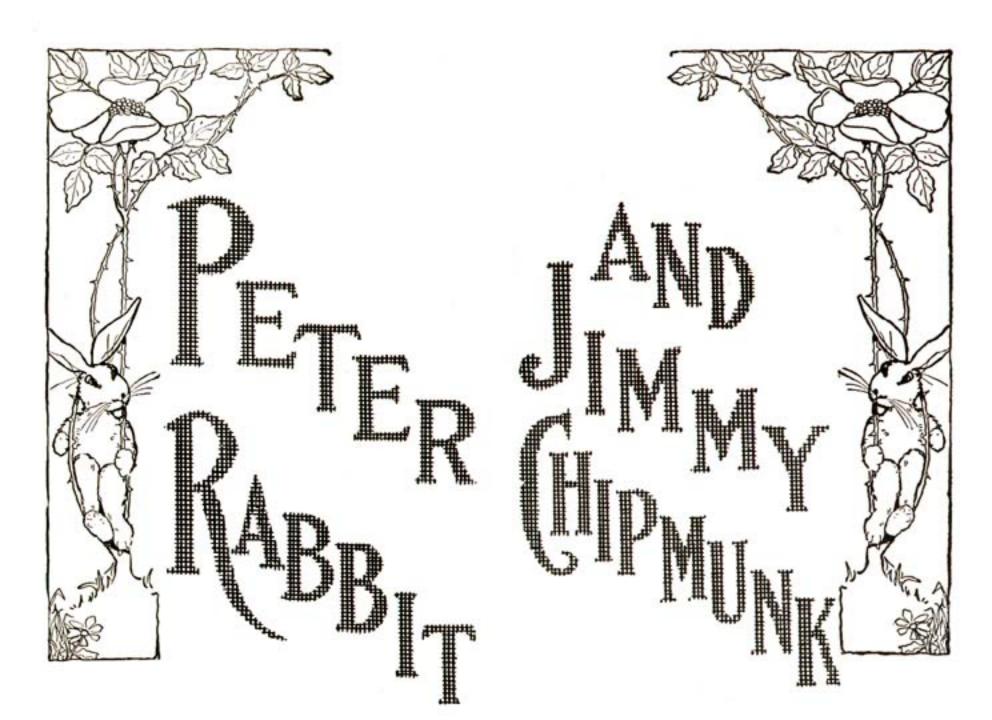
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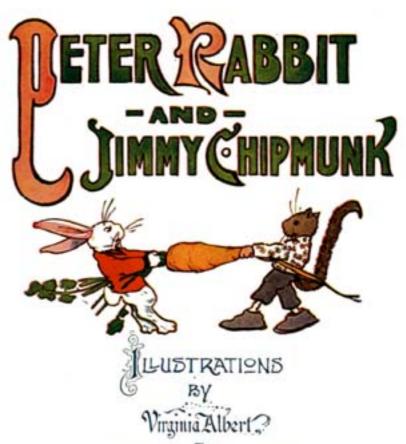




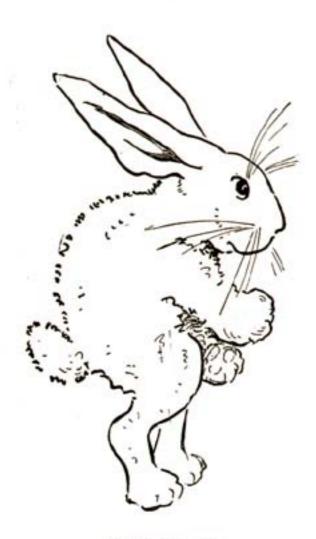








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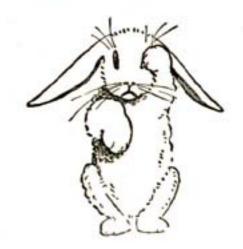
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PETER RABBIT JIMMY HIPMUNK

ETER RABBIT was feeling decidedly cross, for somehow it seemed that everything had gone wrong that day.



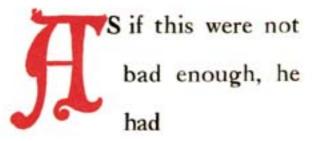
N the first place, his mother had been so grouchy when he returned from his visit to the beaver family. Possibly she would not have said very much had it not been for his ruined coat-the smart little red coat that

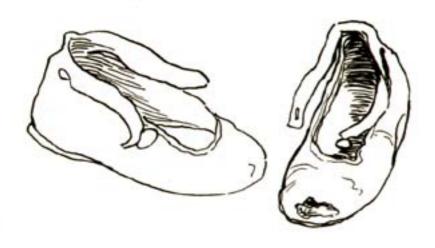


she had taken such pains to make.

His ducking in the pond had completely spoiled it. All the red had run into the black collar and cuffs, the buttons were rusted and the lining had shrunk so badly that it looked more like a bag than a coat.



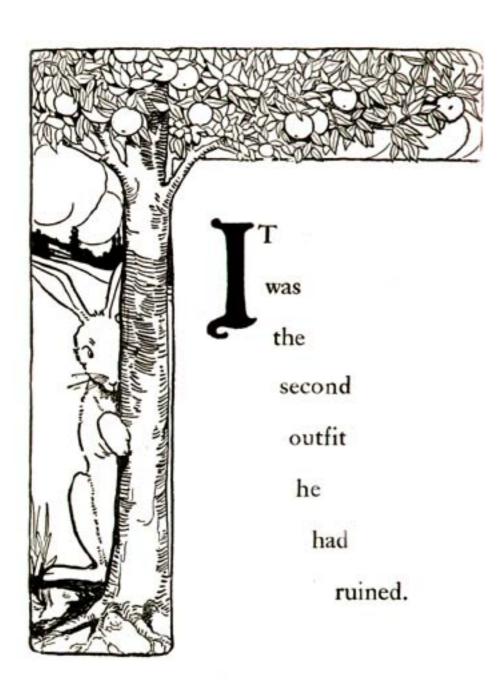




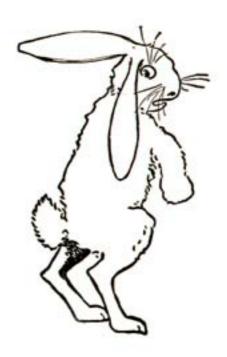
lost both shoes.



And his mother vowed that she would buy no more.



Here, then, was a cheerful prospect.



No

coat!

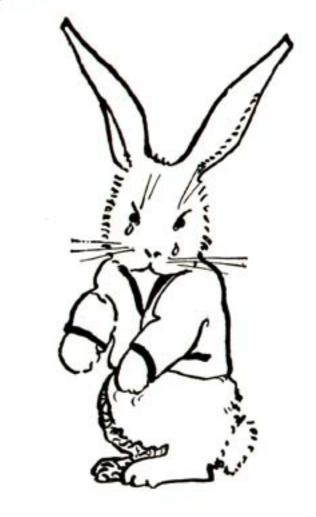
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shoes!



Peter Rabbit was a little dandy,

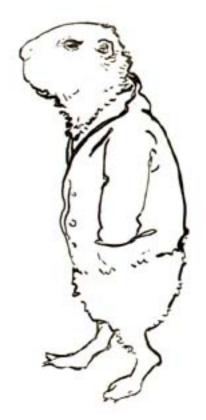
ND the very thought of it almost drove him to tears



He wished very hard that Jimmy Chipmunk would come along but there was nobody in sight except the fat guinea-pig.

Peter Rabbit did not like
the guinea-pig very well,
and pretended to be asleep
until it had waddled
slowly by. It was
very fat and proceeded slowly.

Thad a very short upper lip and two big front teeth that stuck out slantwise. Then there was usually a shred of



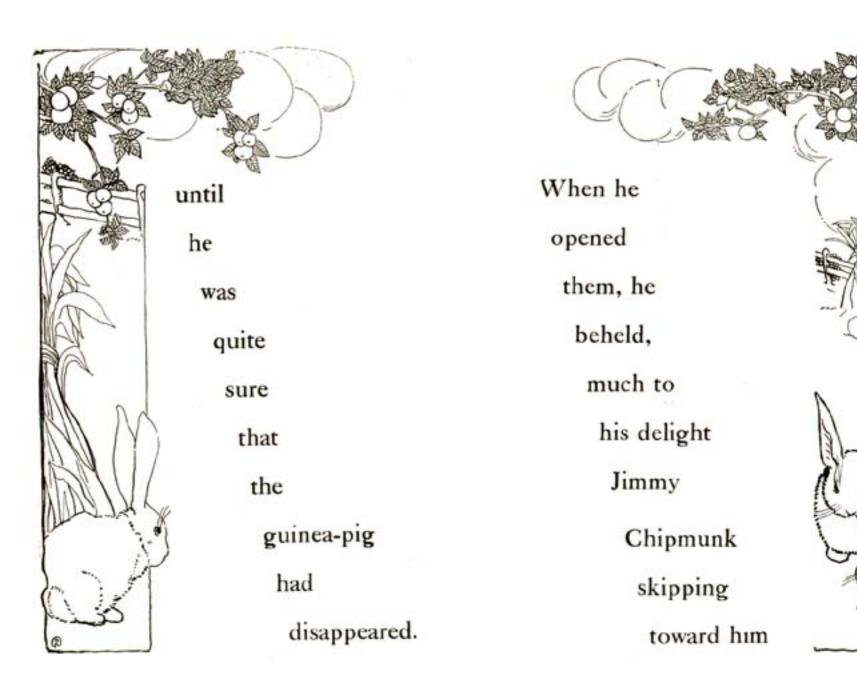


lettuce leaf
hanging from the
cerner of his mouth.

Altogether he
looked as though
he led a very
untidy life.



Peter Rabbit kept his eyes squeezed shut







As fast as he could come.

Peter greeted him with rapture

ND the two set off at once for a long trot. They wandered aimlessly along and soon came to a big garden with a white railing all around it. There was a great white house in the middle of it, and behind the house a barn and stables and some fine hothouses.

Down toward the barn they



saw a little gate opening in the side of a high fence and toward this they hurried as

HEY certainly had no idea of walking in at the front gate. It was a very private means of entrance and nobody saw them at all. But before they had gone very far they saw the gardener and his son at work in one of the hothouses.

HE gardener was a big redheaded man, and his son was also red-headed and freckled.



He had on a pair of very short blue overalls and an old straw hat with a hole in the crown, through which his red hair

stuck straight up like a plume.

Peter Rabbit knew right away that he was the same boy he had seen a few days before driving the



old white mule. Peter Rabbit figured that the mule could not be very far from the red-headed boy.



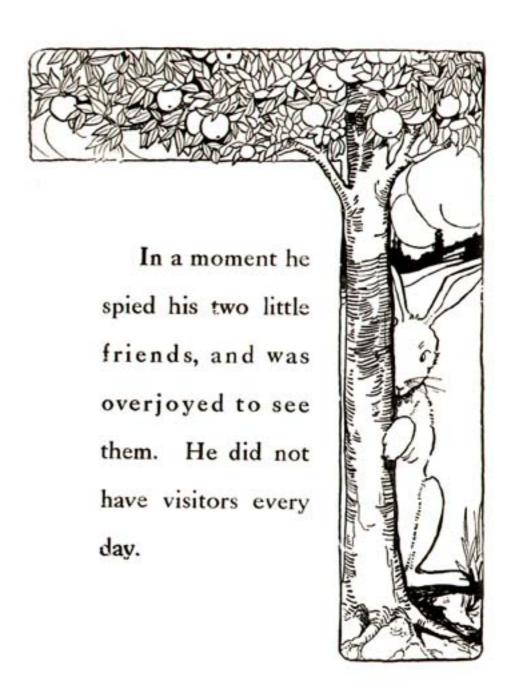


They scuttled across the open,

ND found themselves in a big, sweet smelling barn, fragrant with the odor of fresh hay. And there, sure enough, was the old white mule, chewing contentedly and switching his tail back and forth.

His left ear flopped every time he turned his head and looked over

his shoulder, which he did pretty often.



he greeted them warmly,



offered them part of his dinner, which was all he had in the way of refreshments, and the three fell to chatting very comfortably.

And the old white mule, whose name was Snowball, introduced them to the other inhabitants of the barn. The beautiful Jersey cows with their great, soft brown eyes, a couple of farm horses and a darling white and brown spotted pony. "Calico" the old white mule called him, and indeed that was his name.

After a pleasant hour, Peter Rabbit decided that it was time to go home. He thought it best to be on hand early and



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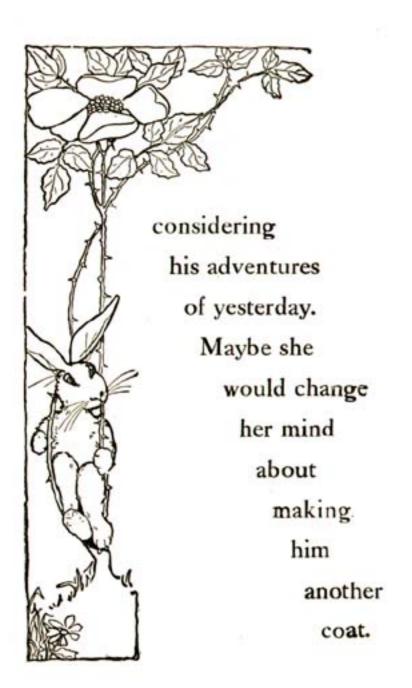
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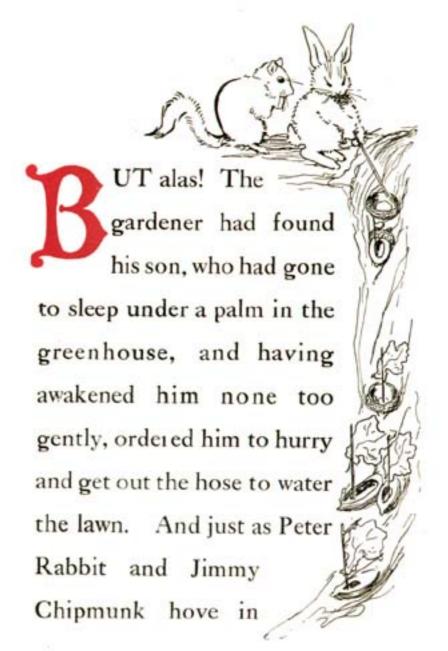


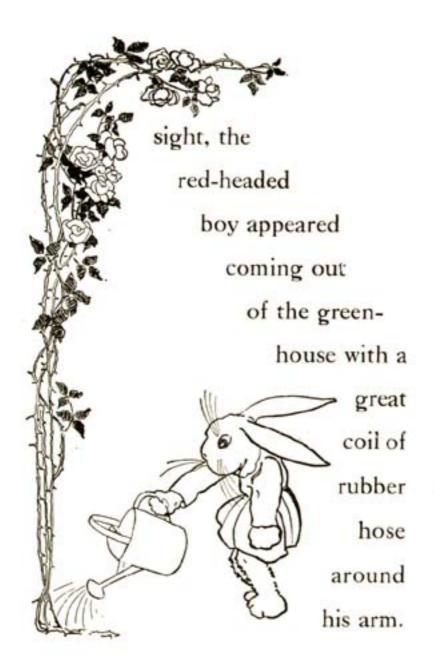
So, bidding good-bye to all the new friends and the old white mule, who promised to come around some



the two little friends crept cautiously out of the barn and skipped







IS father was right behind him, and he cried out angrily:

"Oh, there is that

troublesome

thief that

has been

spoiling

all our

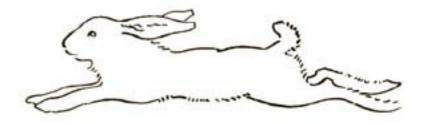
young

cabbages!"

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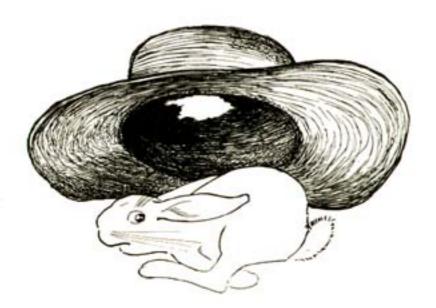


he made a great leap, waving in his hand a big broom with which he had been sweeping out the greenhouse. been near the place before,
but he did not stop to argue
the matter. He and Jimmy Chipmunk

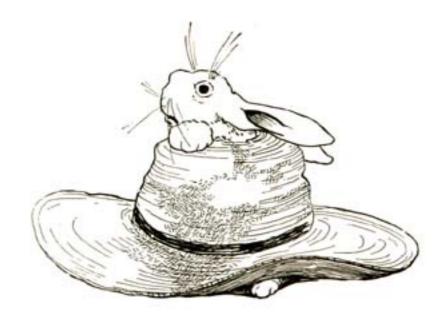


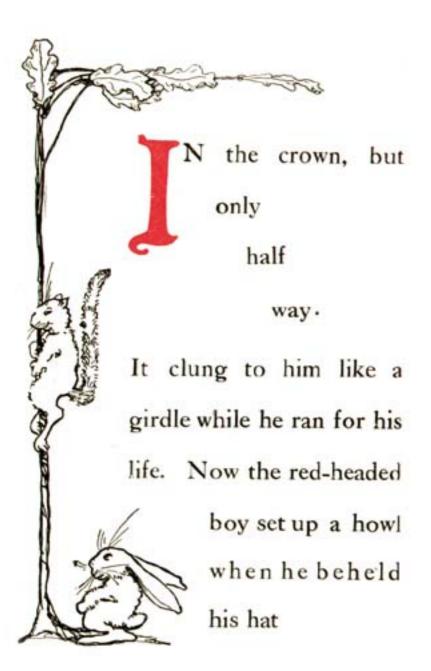
nimbly took to their heels and soon found that they were very well able to outrun both the gardener and his red-headed boy. THE boy seeing that he was pretty sure to lose the race, suddenly pulled off his old straw hat and sent it spinning after Peter Rabbit.

Now if it had possessed a whole



hard with Peter. But, as it was, the hat circled around in the air directly above his head and then dropped around and over him. Peter Rabbit leaped half way through the hole







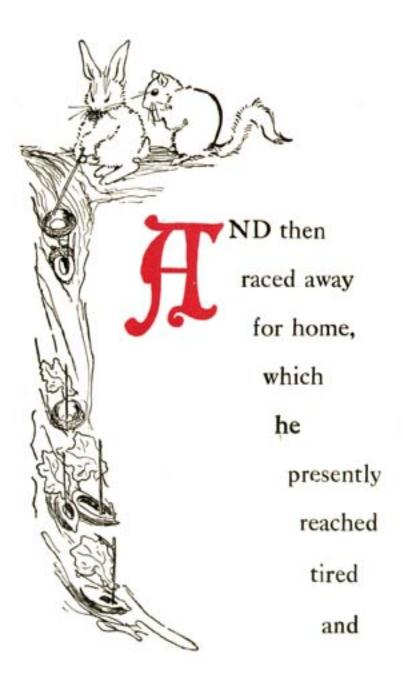
racing off on four legs.



UT as there was no help for it, he had to go back without it while Peter Rabbit, as soon as he felt quite safe from pursuit, stopped long enough

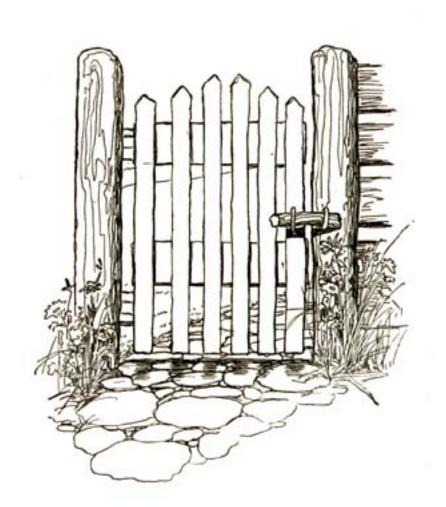


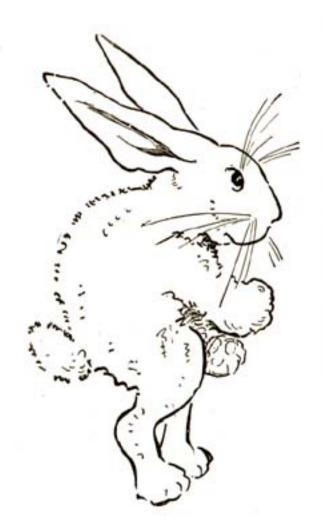
to step out of it.

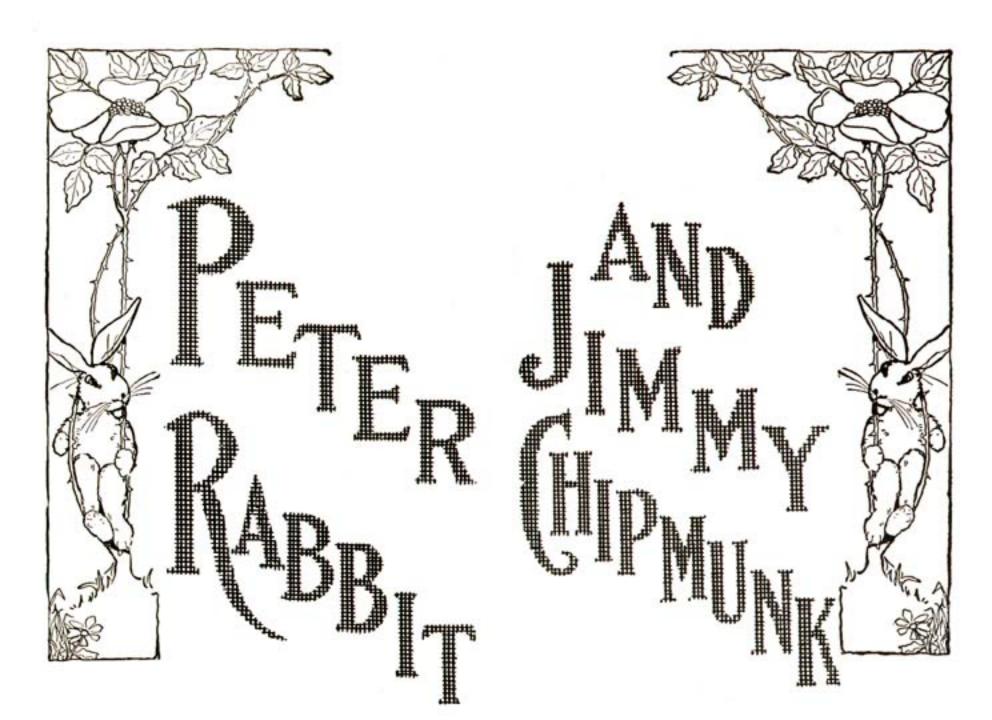




out of breath, but quite safe.







The End.

