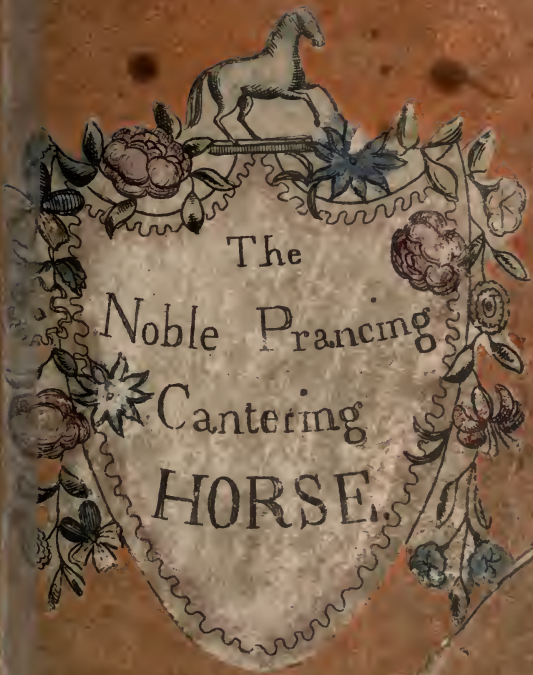
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And merry at their games you've been.
Come little friends, and look at me,
A new and pretty game you'll see.

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DIRECTIONS

For playing the Entertaining Game of "The Noble, Prancing, Cantering Horse."

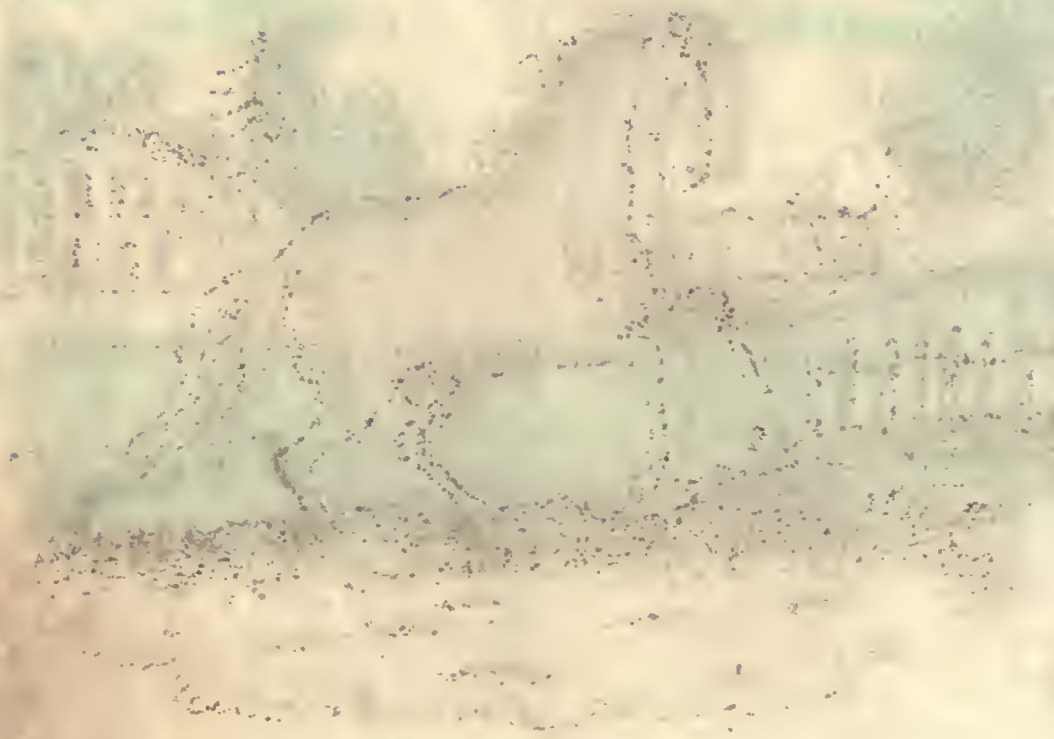
When the Company are seated, they first proceed to choose a Treasurer, who is likewise to play, and subject to the same forfeits as the rest of the Company. The first person, generally the Treasurer, begins with his command to the next, "*Take this.*" The second person asks, *What's this?* The first answers, "*A noble, prancing, cantering Horse.*" Whether it be a marble, or a pincushion, or any thing else, the name the first player gives it, in that name it must be received by the rest of the Company. Then the second person goes on to the third; and so through the Company, always passing it from right to left, till it comes to the first again; who, on passing it, adds each time a division of the game, as thus: "*Take this.*"—"*What's this?*"—"*Two Mules carrying gorse, with a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.*" Every one who blunders in passing it is to be fined by the Treasurer, and the command passed to the next. When all the divisions of the game are completed, the Crier is to be blindfolded, and laying his or her head in the Treasurer's lap, the Treasurer shall draw out the forfeits one by one, saying aloud, "*What shall the person do who owns this?*" To which the Crier answers, by informing the Company what punishment he chooses to inflict.

Command. Take this.

Question. What's this?

Answer.

A noble, prancing, cantering Horse.



Question. What's this?

Answer.

Two Mules carrying Gore.
With a noble, prancing, canteering
Horse.

Command. Take this.

Question. What's this?

Answer.

Two Mules carrying gorse.

With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Command. Take this.

Question. What's this?

Answer.

Three Crabs that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering
Horse.

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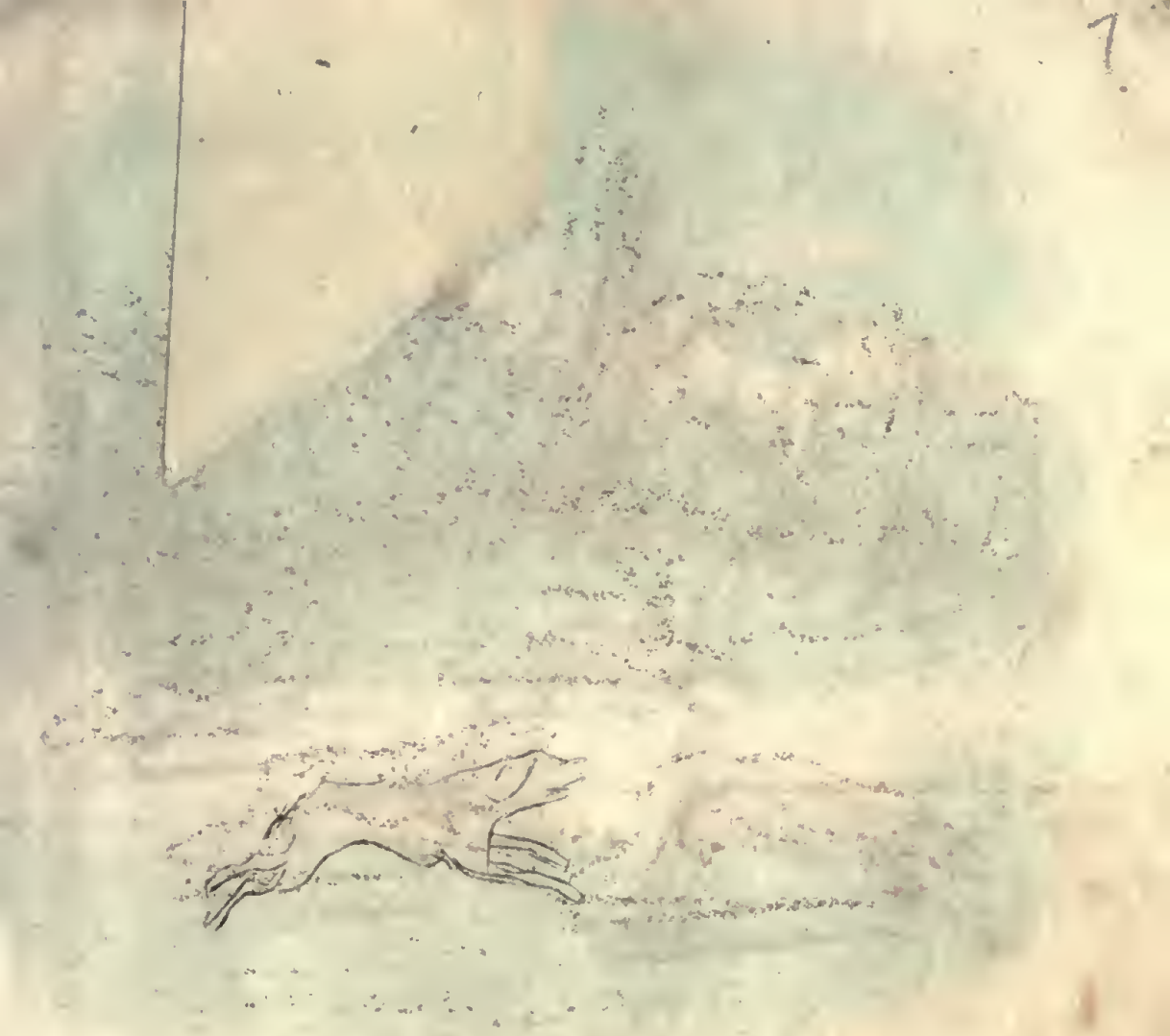

Command. Take this.

Question. What's this?

Answer.

Four Dogs, that have met with a loss.
Three Crabs, that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering,
Horse.

Command. Take this.——*Question.* What's this.

Answer.

Five Cooks, dressing calves' heads well;
And more good things than I can tell;
The brains they'll send, for certain reasons,
To some members of St. Stephen's.
Four Dogs, that have met with a loss.
Three Crabs, that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Command. Take this.

Question. What's this?

Answer.

Six Doctors, who can ne'er agree,
Except in taking of their fee.
Five Cooks, dressing calves' heads well,
And more good things than I can tell;
The brains they'll send, for certain reasons,
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Four Dogs, that have met with a loss.
Three Crabs, that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Command. Take this.
Question. What's this?

Answer.

Seven Tinkers mending kettles,
Made of various kinds of metals;
Though crack'd indeed, they are not worse,
Than some heads at the head of us.
Six Doctors, who can nee'r agree,
Except in taking of their fee.
Five Cooks, dressing calves' heads well,
And more good things than I can tell;
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To some members of St. Stephen's.
Four Dogs, that have met with a loss.
Three Crabs, that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Chorus and. Take care. Question. What's this?

Answer.

Eight Mousers in an alehouse,
Coming on towards the house,
Seven Tinkers meeting Bull,
Made of twenty heads of wools;
Then a crack'd indeed, they are not worse
Then some heads at the head of a
Six Doctors, who can [illegible]
Except in taking of their fee
Five Cooks, dressing [illegible] well,
And more good things [illegible]
The brains [illegible]
To some remedy [illegible]
Four Dogs, that have [illegible] a loss,
Three Cards, that look very [illegible]
Two Aldermen carrying [illegible]
With a noble, [illegible], [illegible]

Command. Take this. *Question.* What's this?

Answer.

Eight Monkeys in an air-balloon,
Soaring up towards the moon.
Seven Tinkers mending kettles,
Made of various kinds of metals;
Though crack'd indeed, they are not worse
Than some heads at the head of us.
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To some members of St. Stephen's.
Four Dogs, that have met with a loss.
Three Crabs, that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Command. Take this.
Question. What's this?

Answer. Nine Welchmen, on St. David's day,
Riding o'er the hills away.
Eight Monkeys in an air-balloon,
Soaring up towards the moon.
Seven Tinkers mending kettles,
Made of various kinds of metals;
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Four Dogs, that have met with a loss.
Three Crabs, that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Command. Take this. *Question.* What's this?

Answer. Ten little Pigs, with curly tails,
Making bonnets, caps, and veils,
Nine Welchmen, on St. David's day,
Riding o'er the hills away.
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With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Command. Take this ——*Question.* What's this?
Answer. Eleven Peacocks, at the play,
Learning how to faint away.
Ten little Pigs, with curly tails,
Making bonnets, caps, and veils.
Nine Welchmen, on St. David's day,
Riding o'er the hills away.
Eight Monkeys, in an air-balloon,
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Three Crabs, that look very cross.
Two Mules carrying gorse.
With a noble, prancing, cantering Horse.

Command. Take this.

Question. What's this ?

Answer.

Twelve regiments of Soldiers on Englefield green,
To shoot all the Sparrows that look at the Queen.
Eleven Peacocks, at the play,
Learning how to faint away.
Ten little Pigs, with curly tails,
Making bonnets, caps, and veils.
Nine Welchmen, on St. David's day,
Riding o'er the hills away.
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