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I've got a cent,
And now am bent
To have a book from Merrill's store;
For I am told
That there are sold
Full forty pleasing kinds and more



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THE ALPHABET.

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QUADRUPEDS.



Beaver.



This animal is a very good carpenter, and builds himself a good comfortable house, near the water. He gnaws down trees with his teeth, cuts them into proper lengths, and then floats them to the

place where he is going to build. He then gets some stones and mud, and goes to building his house. He lays the sticks and stones together in a very careful manner, and plasters them over with mud. He is particular to divide his house into several rooms. It takes him two months to build his house for winter. When it is done, it is a very convenient place. Several beavers usually live in one house, and spend the winter together as one family. They eat fish, and seem to enjoy themselves much.

Raccoon.

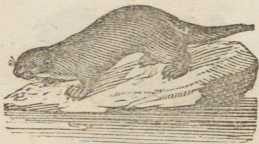
This fellow seems to be between a bear and a monkey. His fore paws are shaped a good deal like hands. He is very fond of looking about him. He will take up things in his paws, and look at and examine them as a watch-maker does a watch, which he is going to mend.

Sloth.



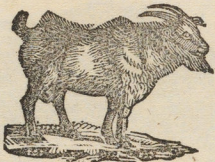
This creature is only at home on the trees. If he gets on the ground, he can hardly move, and cries as if in great distress. After he has consumed the foliage on one tree, it would be a labor of some days to descend; he goes a shorter way to work, by dropping himself to the ground from a branch.

Otter.

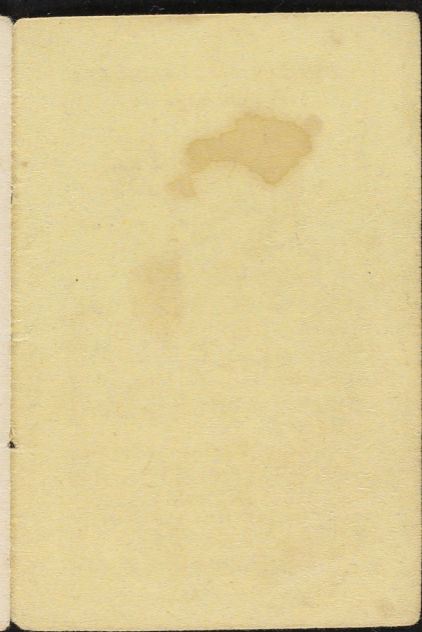


The otter is very fond of the water, and lives about ponds and lakes. He swims about as well as a fish. He is very fond of sliding down hill. Several of them will climb up a steep bank, and one after another will slide into the water. They seem to enjoy the sport as much as if they were school-boys

Goat.



The goat has a beard hanging from his chin. He is lively and playful, and easily attaches itself to man. He delights in climbing steep mountains, for which its hoof is peculiarly fitted, and it can walk as securely on the ridge of a house as on level ground. Its milk is better than that of the cow



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