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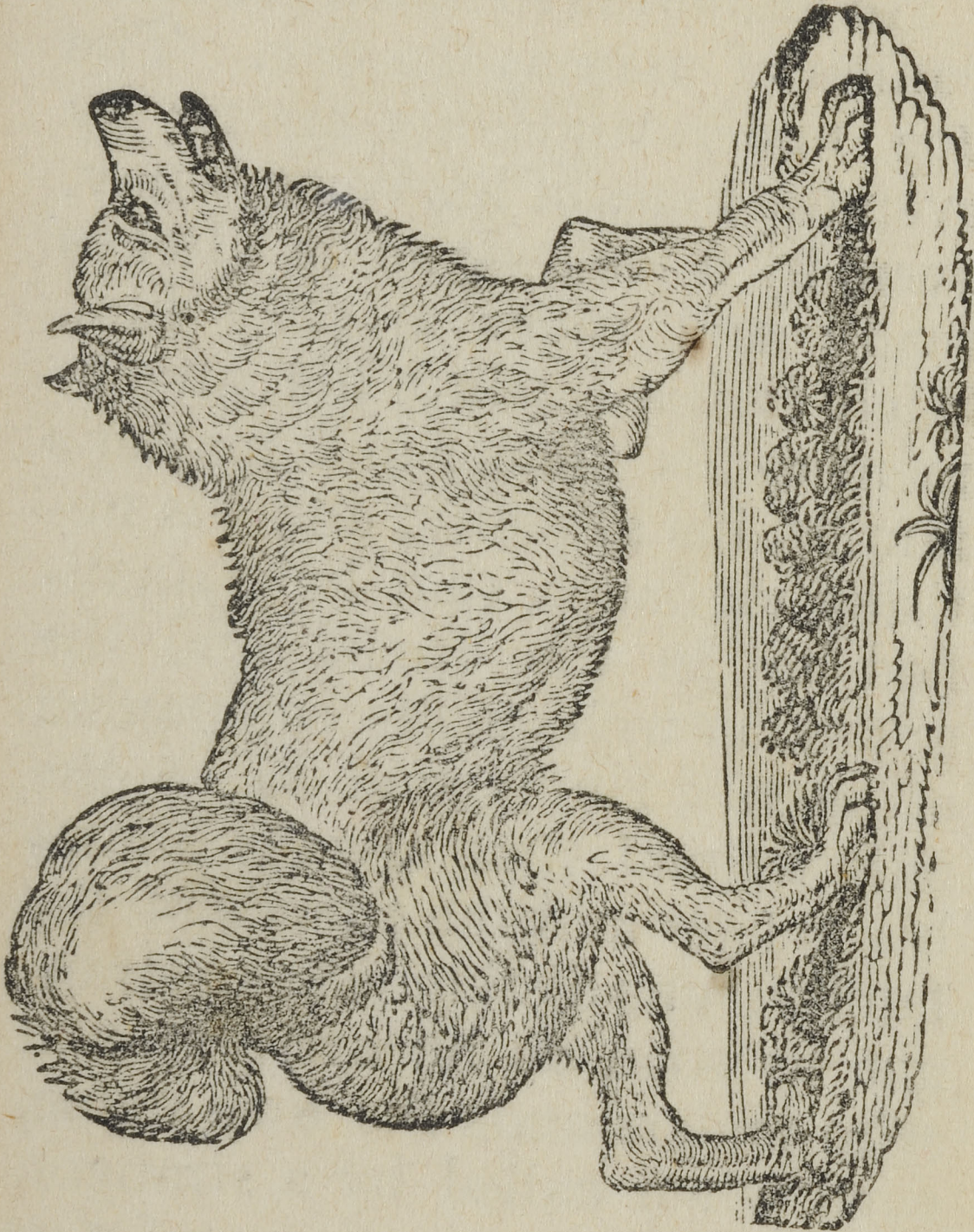
STORIES ABOUT DOGS.



Now look at yonder dog and cat,
And see them snarl and snap:
Each looks as surly as a rat
That's got into a trap.

THE DOG.

No animal is so much the companion of man as the dog. The dog understands his master by even the tones of his voice,—nay, even by a look,—and is always ready and eager to obey him. Such is his fidelity, his attachment to his master and master's family, his sagacity, and his untiring vigilance, that he is qualified to be the friend and the guard as well as the companion of man. He is said to be the only animal that always knows his master and the friends of the family; who distinguishes a stranger as soon as he arrives; and who understands his own name, even when called by a stranger. There are many varieties of this animal.

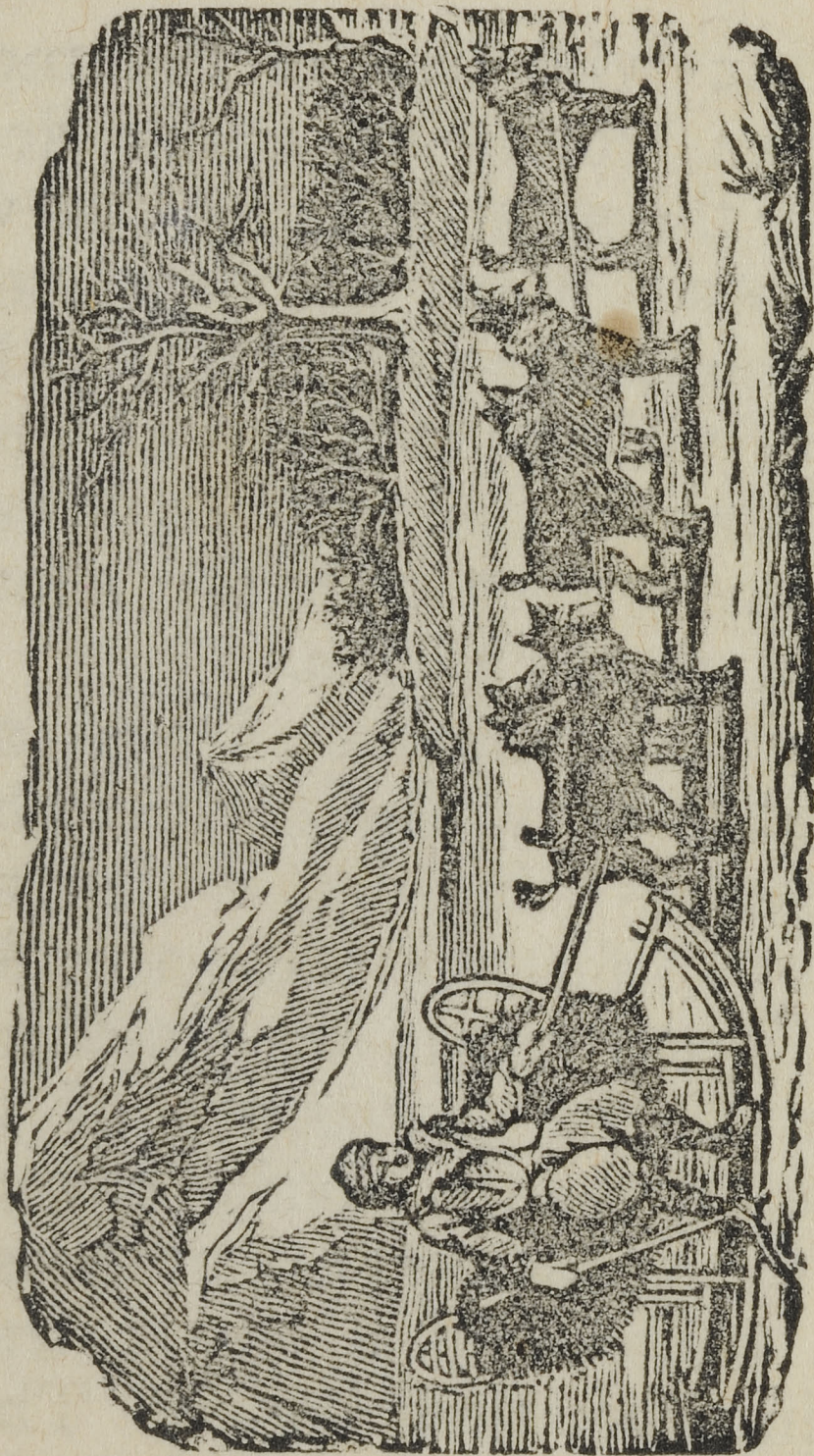


The Esquimaux Dog.

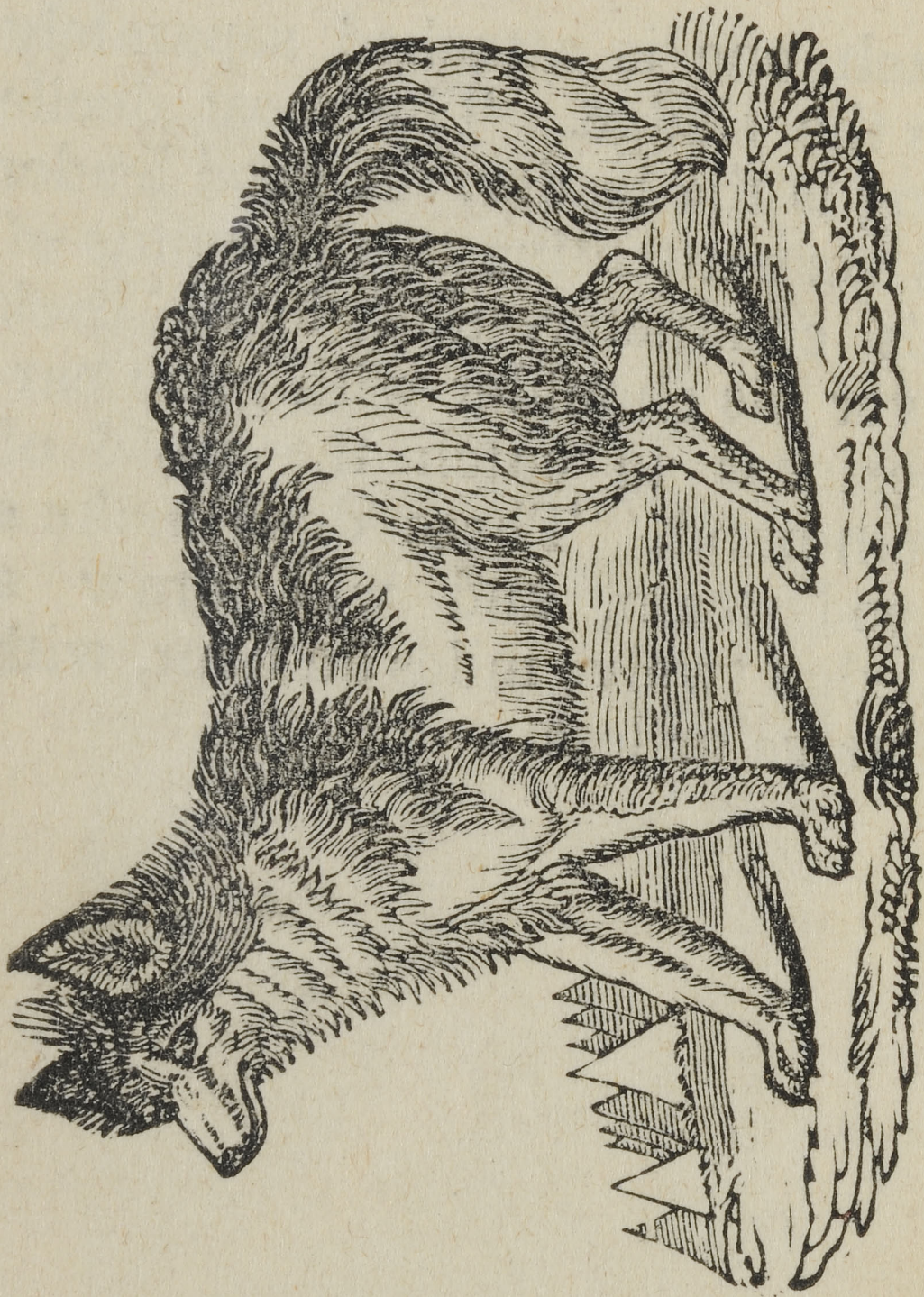
ESQUIMAUX DOGS.

THOSE who live in the most northern countries, make dogs answer the same purpose that we do horses. Many are dependent upon the services of their dogs for most of the few comforts of their lives, and for their rapid and certain conveyance over the snows their dreary plains.

The Esquimaux Dogs are trained to draw the sledges that the people construct, which are about two feet wide and five feet long. The runners are sometimes made of the jaw-bones of the whale, and the body covered with fur. The dogs are harnessed by a collar and a single trace running over their backs. They are not tied to each other, but



each one is attached separately to the sledge. The most docile dog is the leader. A good leader is very attentive to the words of his conductor, and looks back over his shoulder with great earnestness to catch the word of command. These dogs make a good team, and will draw a sledge twelve miles an hour, **with twelve or less.**



Hare Indian Dog.

HARE INDIAN DOG.

THIS animal, which is to be found only in North America, derives its name from the Hare tribe of Indians, on the borders of the Great Bear lake and Mackenzie river. It is a favorite and useful animal to those wandering tribes. It is much used in the chase, not being of sufficient size for the purpose of burden or draught. The Hare Indian dog has a small head and erect ears, slender legs, broad feet, and a bushy tail. It is covered with long hair. This animal is said to be very playful and affectionate, and easily gained by kindness.

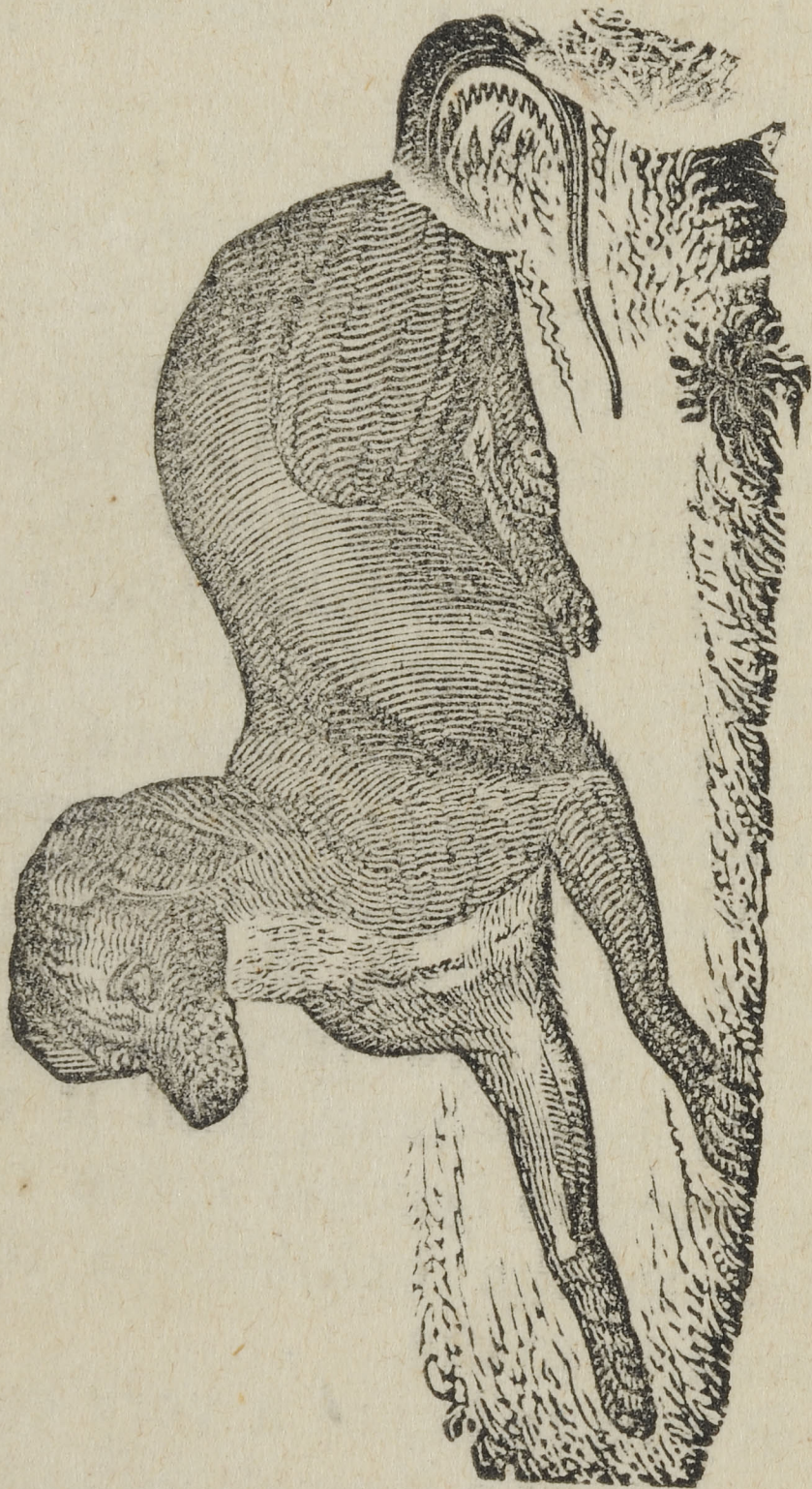
ANECDOTES OF DOGS.

A POOR Scotch woman, named Jenny, had a dog which was very fond of her youngest child, and was in the habit of sleeping with it in its cradle. It happened that the child became ill and died, and was buried at the neighboring town. From the mother's distress of mind, at the time, little notice was taken of the dog; but, soon after the funeral, it was missing, nor could any tidings be heard of it for a fortnight. The poor mother, on passing, thought she would visit the churchyard where the infant was interred; when, behold! there was the little dog in a deep hole it had scratched over the child's grave! It was in a most ema-

ciated state from hunger and privation.

A Saxon peasant boy, having a dog whose voice resembled the human voice, endeavored to teach him to speak. The animal was three years old at the time he commenced his instructions; yet, by dint of great labor and perseverance, the boy taught it, in three years, to pronounce thirty German words. It used to astonish visitors by calling for tea, coffee, chocolate, &c.; but its master always pronounced the words beforehand, and it never appeared to become quite reconciled to the exhibitions it was forced to make.

We have heard a very curious anecdote of a Newfoundland dog, who had a mastiff for a neighbor.



A BLOOD-HOUND.

These dogs were good natured when alone, but were in the habit of fighting when they met. One day they had a fierce and prolonged battle on a bridge, from which they both fell into the sea; and they had no other means of escape but by swimming a considerable distance. Each began, therefore, to make for the land as he best could.

The Newfoundland, being an excellent swimmer, very speedily gained the land, on which he stood shaking himself, at the same time watching the motions of his tall antagonist, who, being no swimmer, was struggling in the water and just about to sink. In dashed the Newfoundland, took the other gently by the col-

lar, kept his head above water, and brought him safely on shore.

A child, once playing on a wharf with a Newfoundland dog belonging to his father, accidentally fell into the water. The dog immediately sprang after the child, who was only six years old, and, seizing the waist of his little frock, brought him into the lock, where there was a staging, by which the child held on, but was unable to get to the top. The dog, seeing it was unable to pull the little fellow out of the water, ran up to a yard adjoining, where a girl of nine years old was hanging out clothes. He seized her by the gown, and, notwithstanding her efforts to get away, he succeeded in dragging her to the spot where the child

was still hanging by its hands to the staging. On the girl's taking hold of the child, the dog assisted her in rescuing the little fellow from his perilous situation, and, after licking the face of the infant he had saved, it took a leap off the stage, and swam round the head of the wharf, to get the hat, which had fallen off the child's head.

I LOVE to see a noble dog
And pat him on the head,
So prettily he wags his tail,
Whenever he is fed.

Then I will never beat my dog,
Nor ever give him pain;
But good and kind I'll be to him,
And he'll love me again.



Here is a brave dog,
And his name is Bose.
Look at his mouth,
He opens it and says *bow wow*.
A dog is good to keep us from
harm.

He barks at bad folks,
To drive them off.
We must be kind to our dog,
And give him food to eat.
We must not tease him,
We must not hurt him,
For that would be wrong.



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