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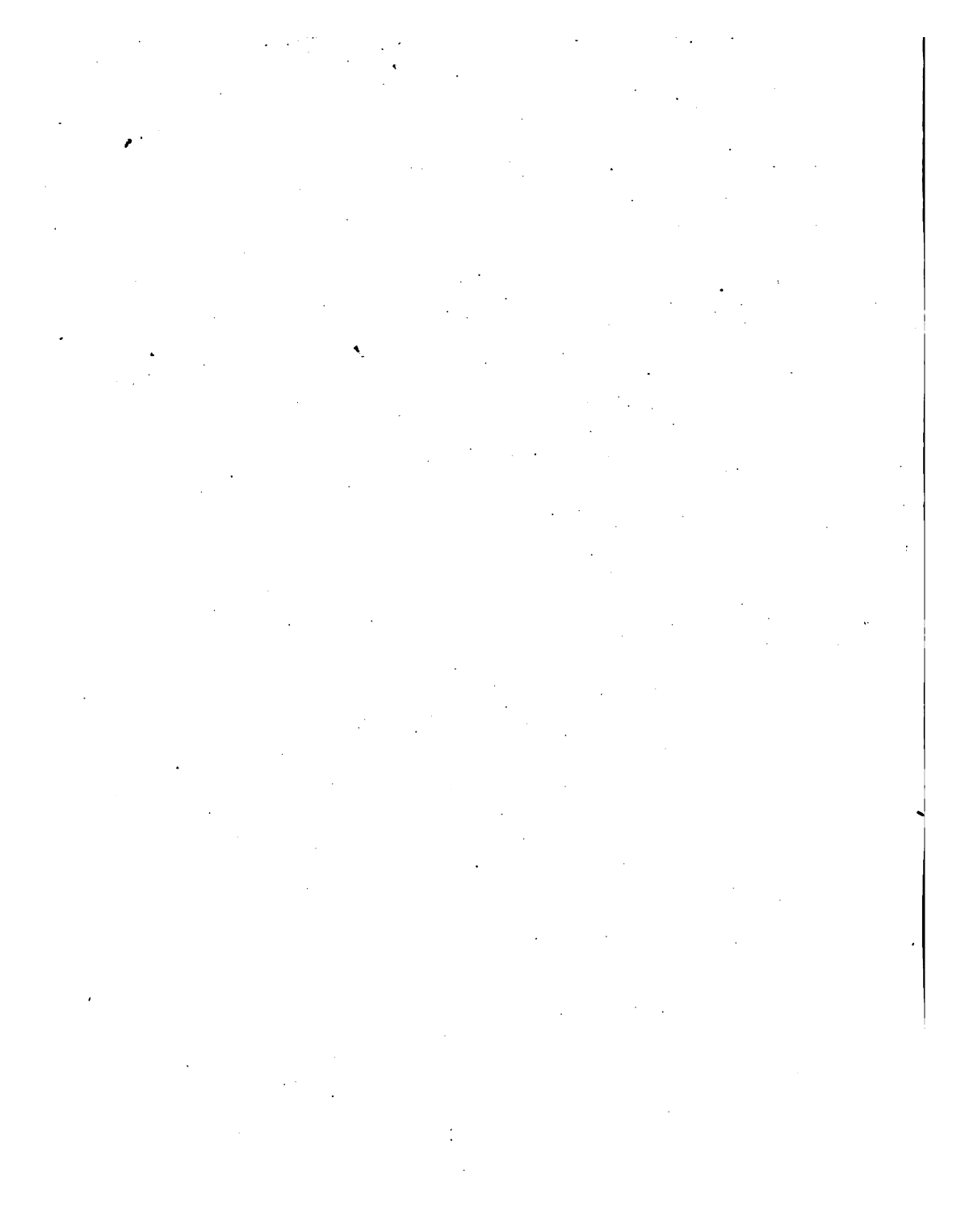
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## AN INVITATION

*And Nature, the old nurse, took  
The child upon her knee  
Saying, "Here is a story book  
Thy Father has written for thee."  
"Come wander with me," she said,  
"Into regions yet untrod,  
And read what is still unread  
In the manuscripts of God."*

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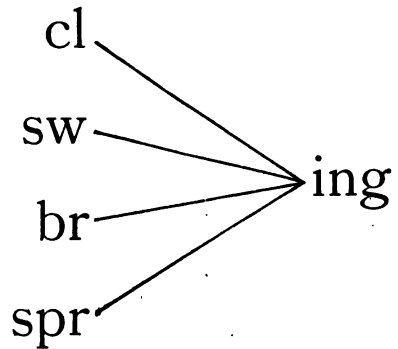
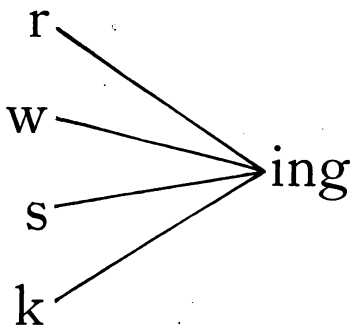
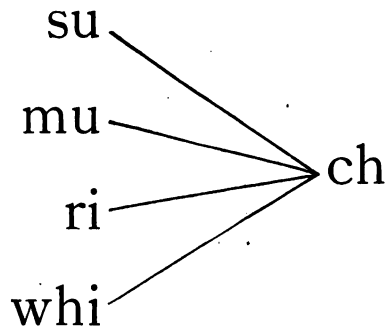
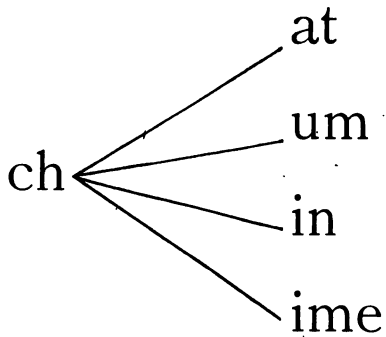
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*LEARNING A, B, C.*

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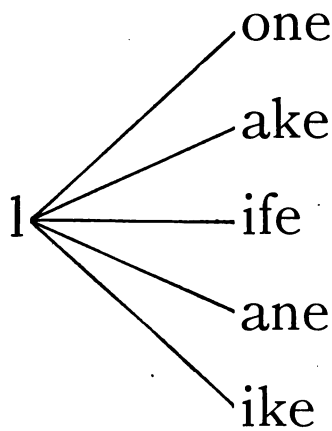
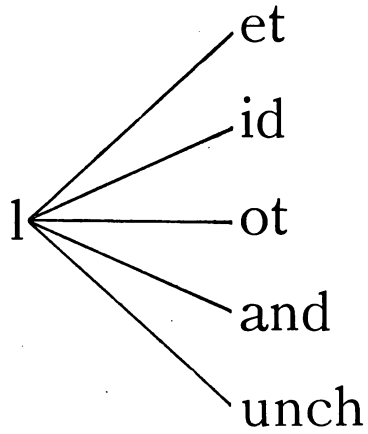
*ALL ABOARD!*

## A TRIP TO THE COUNTRY

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And off to the country  
Go Richard and Nell.

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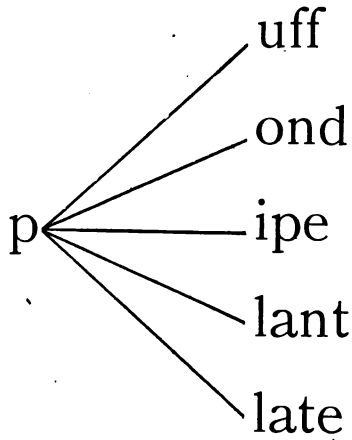
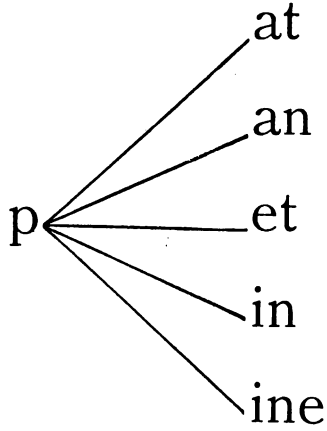




*WHERE THEY CROSSED THE RIVER*

“L, l,” say the wires  
That cross the big bridge.

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*A STEAMBOAT WAS JUST LEAVING THE PIER*

“P, p,” says a steamboat  
Whose name is “The Midge.”

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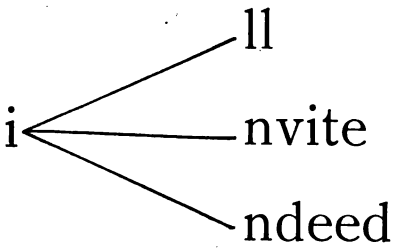
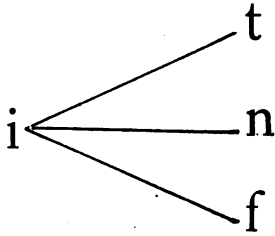
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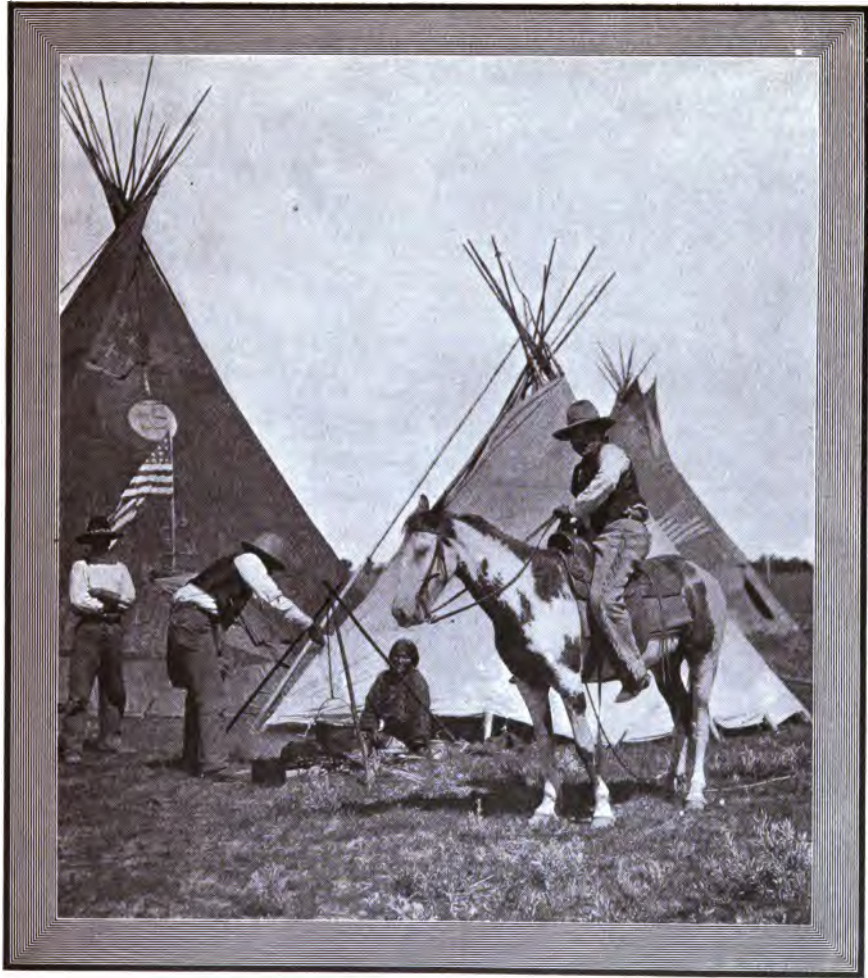
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And runs out for a race,  
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“Oh, it’s time to get off!”  
Cries Nell in alarm,  
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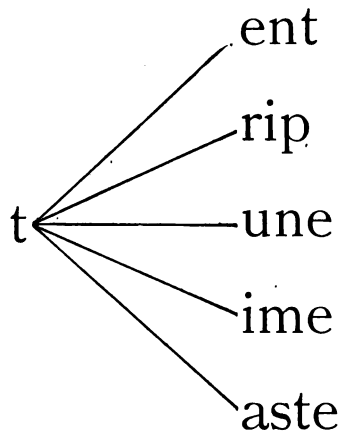
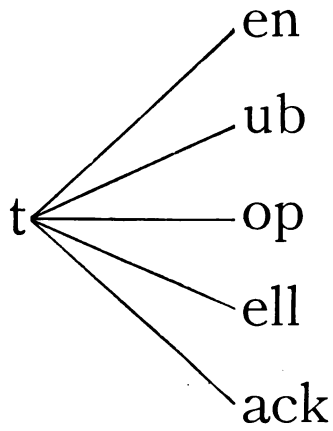




*AN INDIAN CAMP*

“I, i,” say some Indians  
They pass on their drive.

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*JUST IN TIME*

“T, t,” says the clock,  
You have come just at five.”

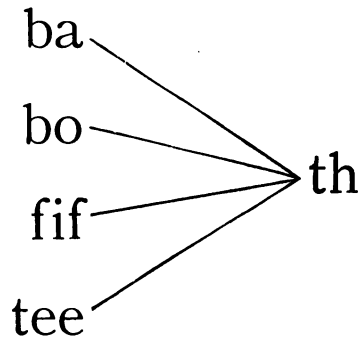
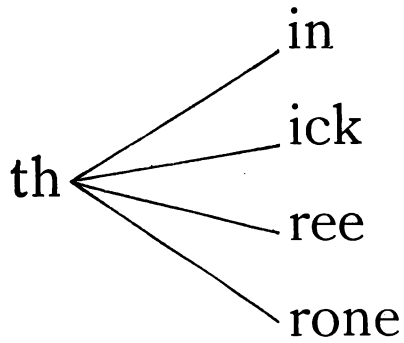


*LOOKING FOR THE SNAKE*

“S, s,” says a grass-snake,—  
Nell starts at the sound.

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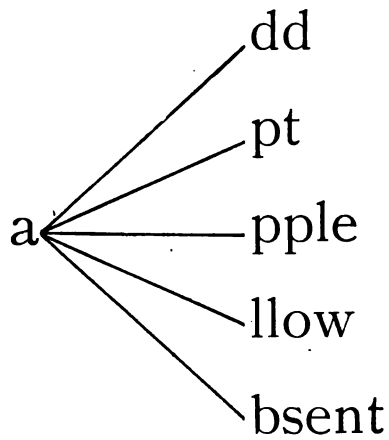
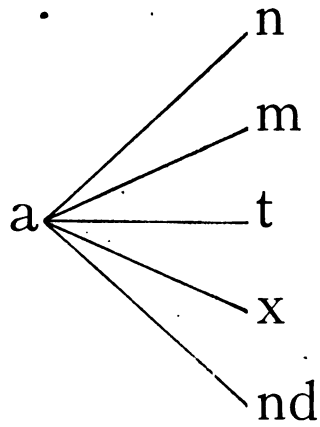




*A ROADSIDE MEETING*

The geese have come up from  
The pond where they swim;  
They hiss “Th” at the calf,—  
They do not like him.

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*COMING HOME FOR THE NIGHT*

“A, a,” say the young lambs.  
They’ve come a long way;  
They ’re glad to be sheltered  
At close of the day.



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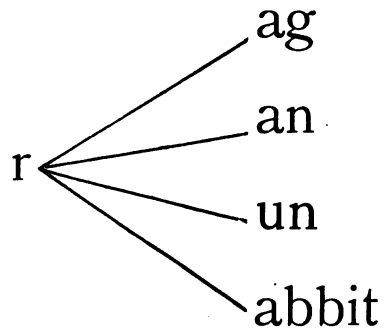
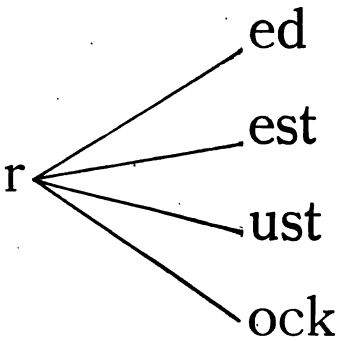
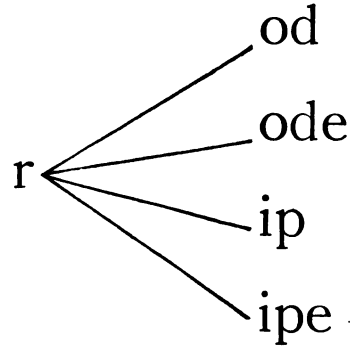
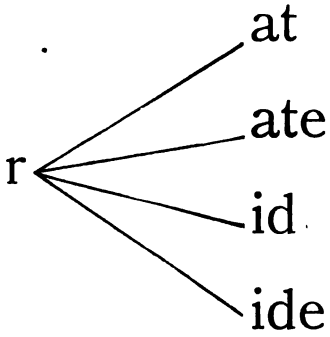
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He wants to hop back

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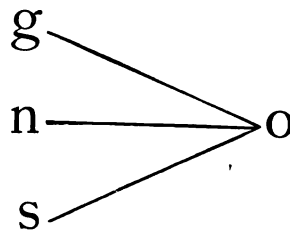
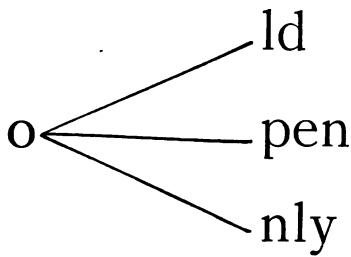
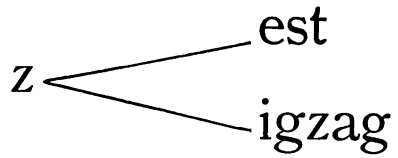
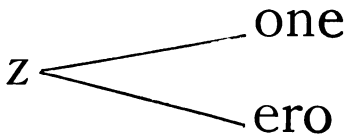


*ROVER, THE FAITHFUL*

“R, r,” growls old Rover,  
“Whose children are you?”  
He guards all the farm,  
And is faithful and true.

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*AT THE SPRING*

“Z, z,” says a bee. “O!

He stung me!” cries Nell;  
“He flew out when I picked  
A pretty bluebell.”

“Come on, Nell, don’t cry.

We’ll go down to the spring,  
And get some cold water  
To put on the sting.”

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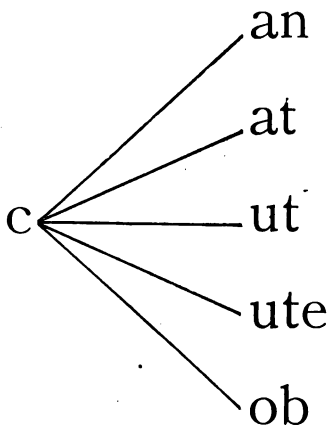


*BACK TO THE FARMHOUSE*

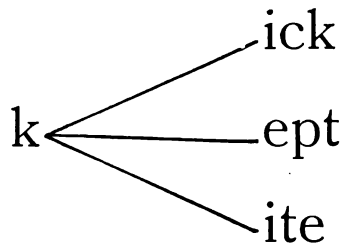
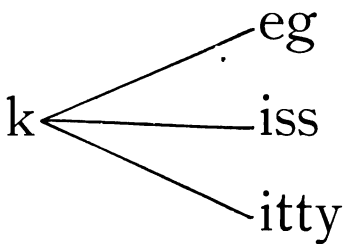
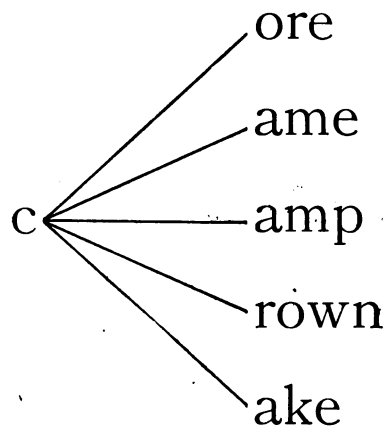
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With the old tin cup.  
“B, b,” say the bubbles  
That come gurgling up.  
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And back to the farm-house  
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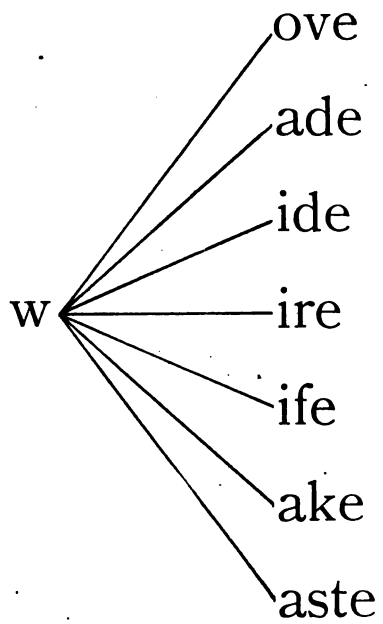
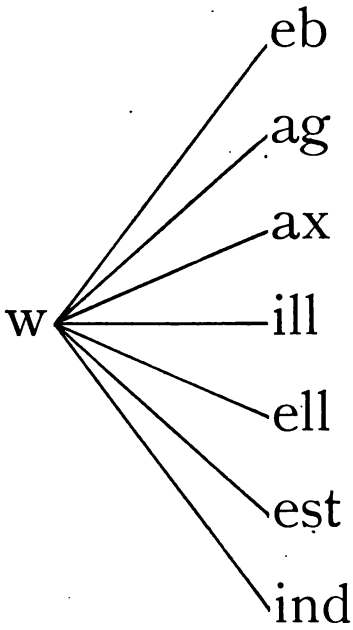




*BE CAREFUL*

“Now Richard, be careful!  
Don't fail to pick out  
Each tiny fish bone  
When eating your trout.”  
But Dick is not careful  
To pick out the bones,  
And soon says, “C, c,”  
In terrible tones.

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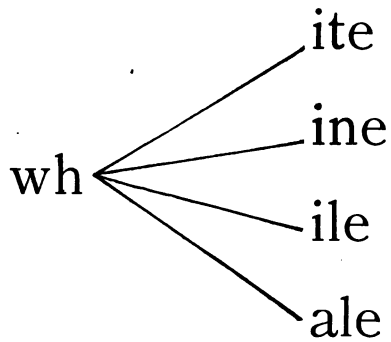
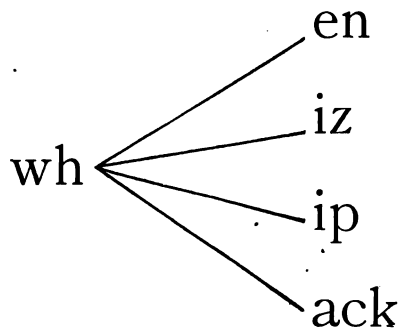
*BEDTIME FOR RICHARD AND NELL*

Nell gives him some water,  
And when he is well  
Aunt says it is bedtime  
For Richard and Nell.

“W, w,” says the night-wind  
That blows 'round the house,  
When everything else  
Is as still as a mouse.

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*GOOD NIGHT!*

And Auntie says “Wh, wh,”  
And blows out the light;  
“Sleep soundly, till daybreak  
Dear children. Good-night!”

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“Sh, sh! Softly, children,  
The sandman’s come down,  
And baby’s gone with him  
To Cuddledown Town.”

Then quickly the children  
Go scampering off,  
Where all the farm-horses  
Drink at the spring-trough.

The horses are tired,  
They’re glad of a rest.  
“Now which of the three, Nell,  
Do you like the best?”



“I’ll take Jack, the white one;  
He’s kindest, I think.  
Let’s give him some grass  
When he’s finished his drink.”

And now Nell and Richard  
Find new friends at play.  
Just listen, they’ll tell you  
What all their friends say.

“Sp, sp,” say the sparrows  
That circle in flight;  
They’re feeding their babies  
Before it is night.

And here on the manger  
“D, d,” says a dove.  
They live in the haymow  
'Way, 'way up above.

“E, e,” says the gray rat  
When Tige holds him fast.

“V, v,” says a beetle  
That goes flying past.

“F, f,” say the kittens  
When Nell and Dick tease,  
But when they are hungry  
“Ow, ow,” means just “Please!”

“N, n,” says the brown calf;  
It’s trying to say  
“M, m,” like its mother,—  
She’ll teach it the way.

“U, u,” grunt the black pigs  
That root in the ground.

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