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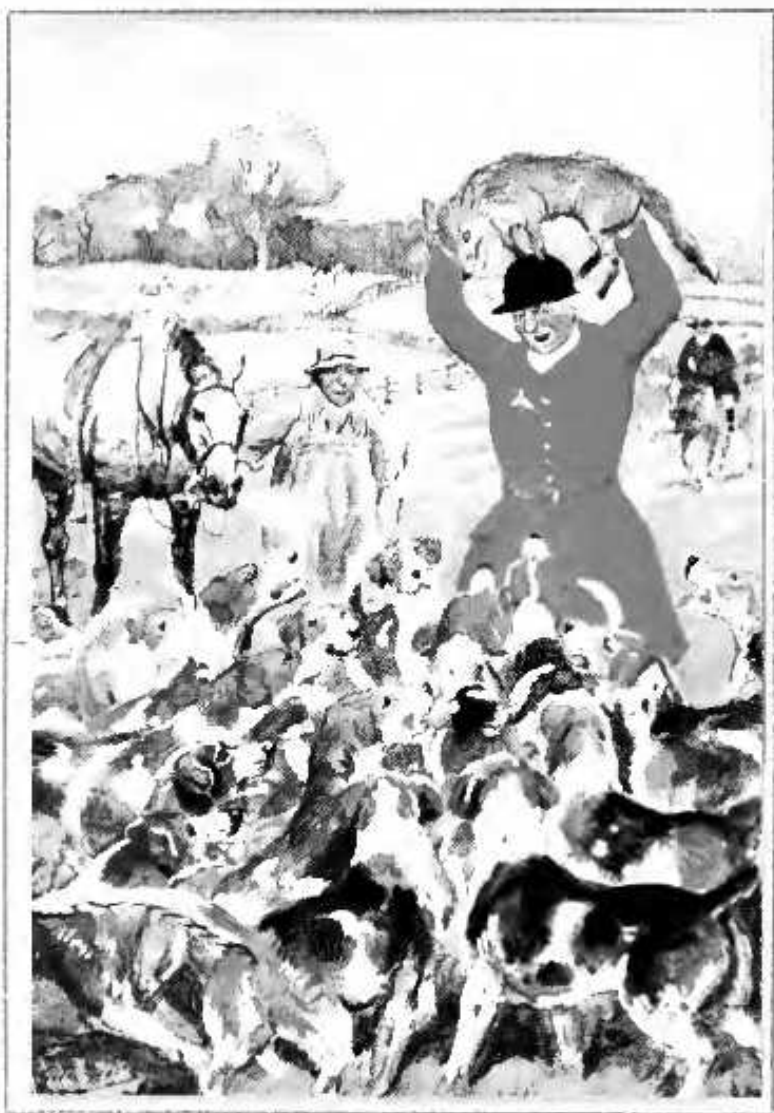
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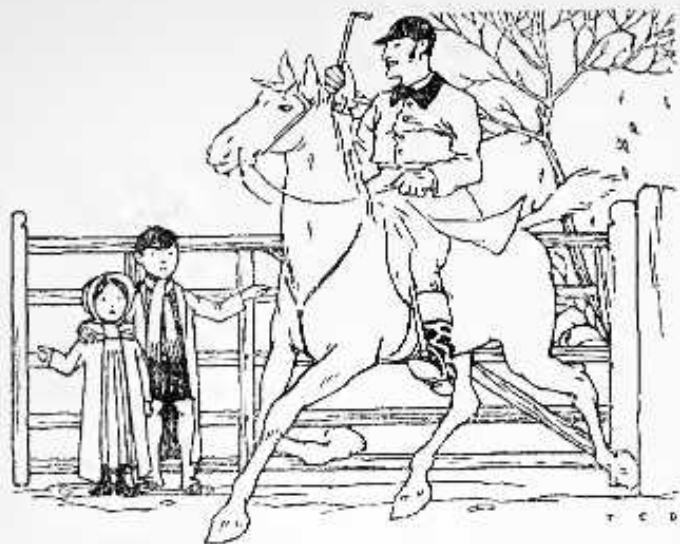
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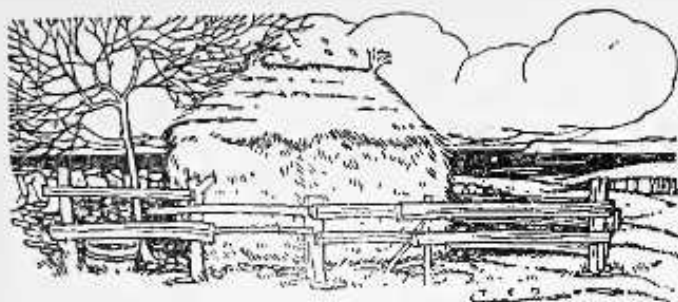
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THE GALLOPING SQUIRE *Frontispiece*

Till the gamest old varmint that ever drew breath,
 All stiffened and draggled, held high for throw,
 O'er the squire's jolly visage, is grinning in death,
 Ere he dashes him down to be eaten below.

THE LORD OF THE VALLEY *page 8*

Never stand dreaming, while yonder they're streaming,
 If ever you meant it, man, mean it to-day !
 Bold ones are riding and fast ones are striding ;
 The Lord of the Valley is forward, away !

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Down go their noses, together they baste,
 Dashing and flinging, and scoring to cry.

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Then he takes the old horse by the head, and he sails,
 In the wake of his darlings, all ear and all eye,
 As they come in his line, o'er banks, fences, and rails,
 The cramped ones to creep, and the fair ones to fly,