

THE FARMYARD GATE.

JOHNNY, shut the farmyard gate!
Quick, or you will be too late!
Don't you hear the pony neigh?—
“Let us have some fun to-day!
Woods and waters I can see:
Come and try a race with me!”

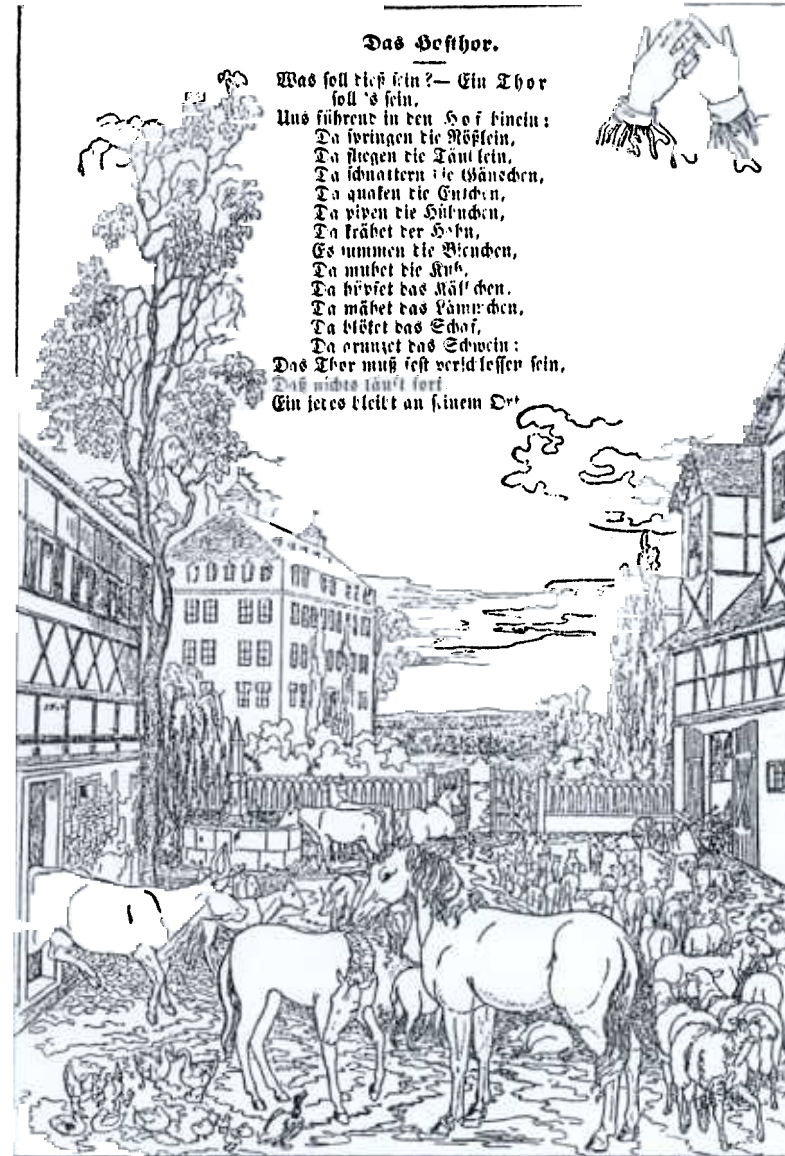
Pretty cow says: “Moo-oo-oo!
Wait for me; I'm coming too.
I should like to eat my fill
In the pasture bright and still
I should like to stand and drink
At the little brook's green brink.”

“Baa!” the sheep say, “let us go
Where the milk-white daisies grow
On the hillsides, warm and steep;
We can nibble grass, or sleep.
Come, old Rover, lead the way—
You will keep us safe to-day.”

Lazy pig, with sleepy eyes,
On the straw contented lies;
Chickens peep and pigeons coo;
Loud the cock is crowing too;
Ducks in glossy feathers dressed,
Quack and chatter with the rest.

Hurry, Johnny—do not wait!
Quickly shut the farmyard gate!
Cow, and sheep, and pony dear,
We must keep you safely here!
Bird and bee, you need not stay:
You have wings to fly away.

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Das Besthor.

Was soll dieß sein?— Ein Thor
soll 's sein,
Uns führend in den Hof hinein:
Da bringen die Hühlein,
Da liegen die Lämlein,
Da schnattern die Gänzlich,
Da quaken die Entlein,
Da rufen die Küchlein,
Da krähet der Hahn,
Es ummen die Hündlein,
Da muhet die Kuh,
Da hüpft das Kälflein,
Da mähet das Lämmlein,
Da blühet das Schaf,
Da ornuet das Schwein:
Das Thor muß fest verid'esser sein,
D-iß nichts kan't fort,
Ein Jerec klebt an seinem Ort.



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Oh, what a clatter !
Now what's the matter ?
The sheep they hurry,
The chickens scurry,
The calf is bawling,
The farmer calling,
“ Johnny, run, and shut the gate

The cock is crowing,
The cows are lowing,
The ducks are quarking,
The dogs are barking,
The ass is braying,
The horse is neighing :
Johnny! run, and shut the gate!”

The birds are singing,
The bell is ringing,
The pigs are squeaking,
The barn door creaking,
The brook is babbling,
The geese are gabbling :
“ Johnny! run, and shut the gate!”
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