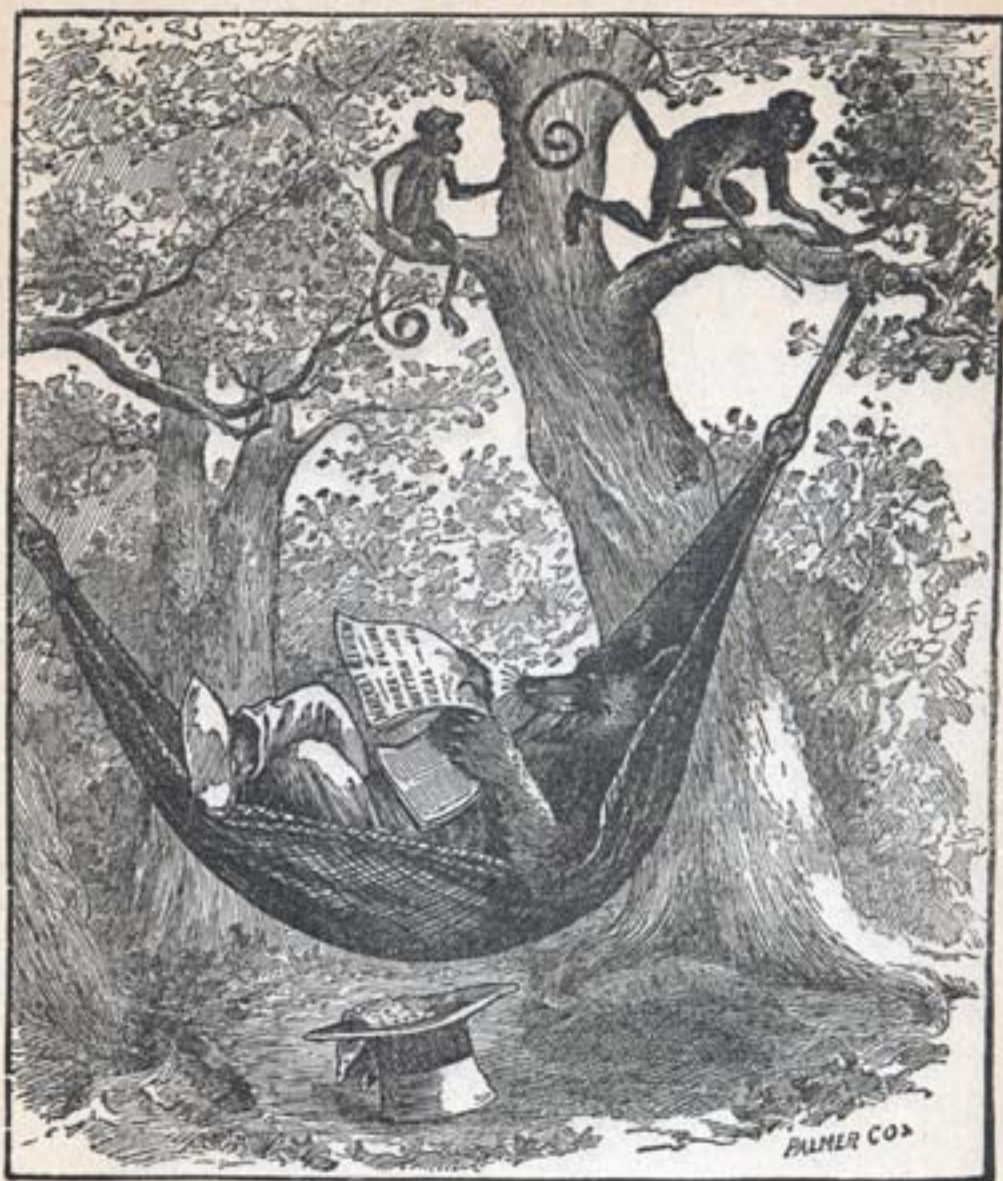


## A Practical Joke.

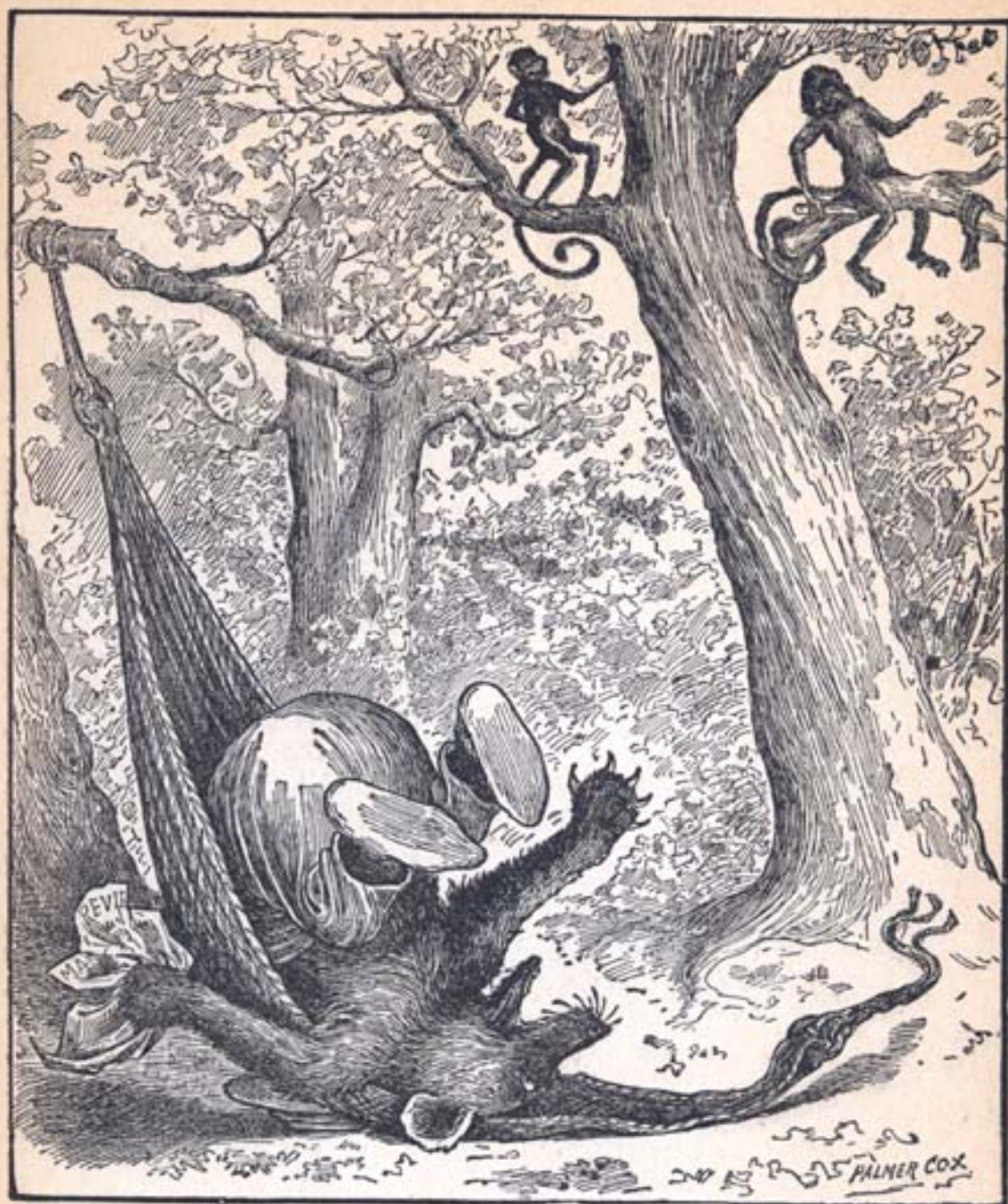
NOT only boys, but some animals as well, are fond of practical jokes. The monkey is never so happy as when he is playing some prank. Here we see the old bear has lain down in his hammock to read the "Market Review." The day is very warm, and as it is too early to go out to catch a lamb or a pig for his supper, he thinks he will read the news and, maybe, take a nap. He has placed his hat under the hammock where he thinks it will be safe. He is



so busy reading that he does not see the two monkeys in the tree above his head. The monkeys think it will be fine fun to play a joke on Mr. Bear, so the larger one takes his knife and creeps out on the branch on which the hammock is tied. When he sees Mr. Bear laugh at some funny thing he has read, he cuts the rope, and poor bear and the hammock fall to the ground.



A PRACTICAL JOKE.



Mr. Bear falls on his new hat and crushes it. He is so angry that he cannot get up for a time. He scolds, and says, "I'll eat you up for this!" but the monkeys only laugh and clatter. The little monkey is so pleased that he holds his sides and laughs. When the old bear gets up he will try to catch the monkeys, but they can jump from tree to tree, and the bear cannot get them. When they get home they will tell their mamma what fun they had.