

The Fox and the Grapes

One hot day, a fox saw some grapes which hung on a wall.

He sprung at them and fell short.

Then he leapt with all his might, but he could not reach them.

Each jump he tried was too short.

There hung some fine, ripe grapes, but not for him.

Since he could not get them, he said,

"I thought those grapes were ripe,

but now I see that they are sour."

The Goose With the Gold Egg

In the good old times, a man and his wife had a

goose that each day of her life laid a gold egg.

But they thought that one egg from the time

that the sun rose till it set was slow work.

In the hope that they would get all the eggs at once

they put the goose to death.

But to their great grief they found that

their goose was just the same as all geese.

“Ah, my dear,” said the old man.

“Those who have much just want more.”

“True,” said his wife, with a sigh.

“That is how we lost all.”
