



FATHER and CHILD.

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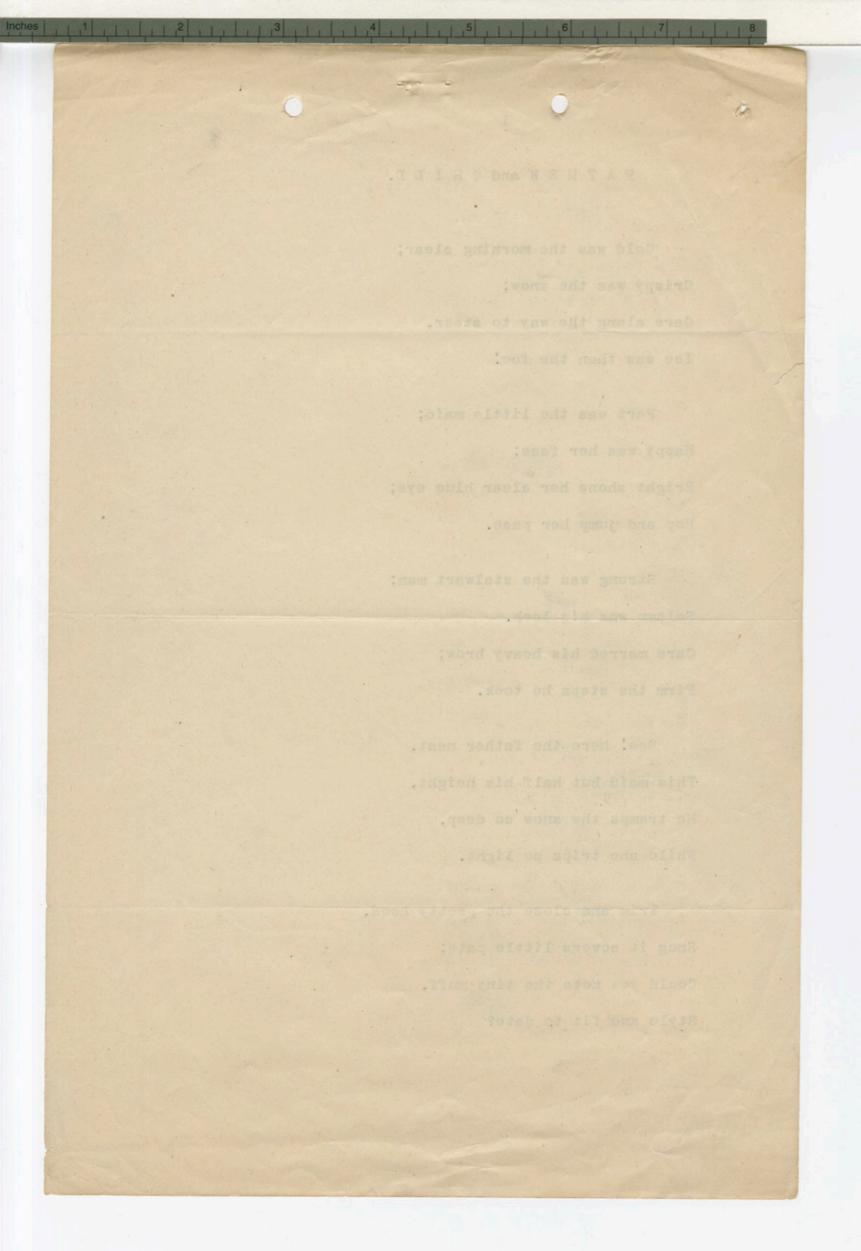
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Strong was the stalwart man; Solemn was his look. Care marred his heavy brow; Firm the steps he took.

See! here the father neat, This maid but half his height, He tramps the snow so deep, While she trips so light.

Trim and close the pretty hood, Snug it covers little pate; Could you note the tiny muff, Style and fit to date?



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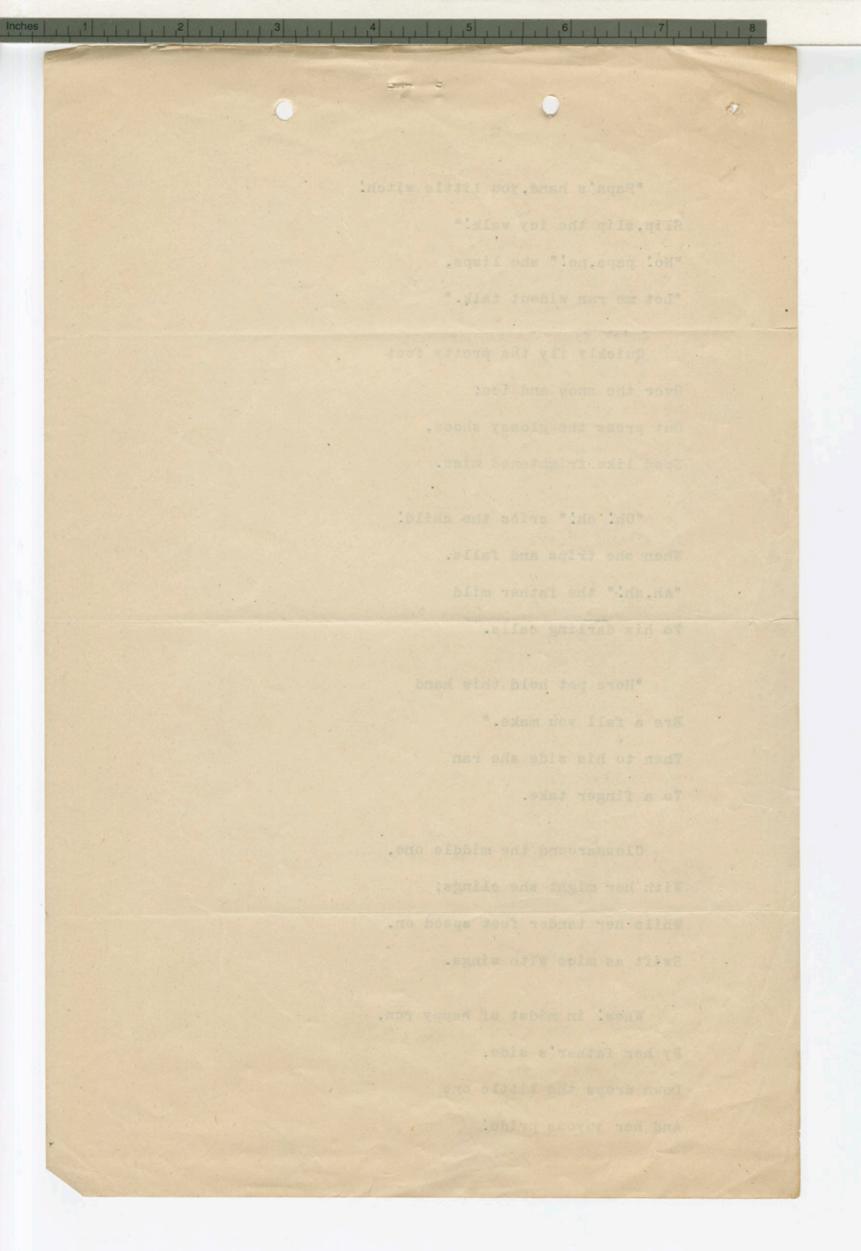
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"Oh! oh!" cries the child! When she trips and falls. "Ah,ah!" the father mild To his darling calls.

"Here pet hold this hand Ere a fall you make." Then to his side she ran To a finger take.

Close around the middle one, With her might she clings; While her tender feet speed on, Swift as mice with wings.

Whew! in midst of happy run, By her father's side, Down drops the little one And her joyous pride!



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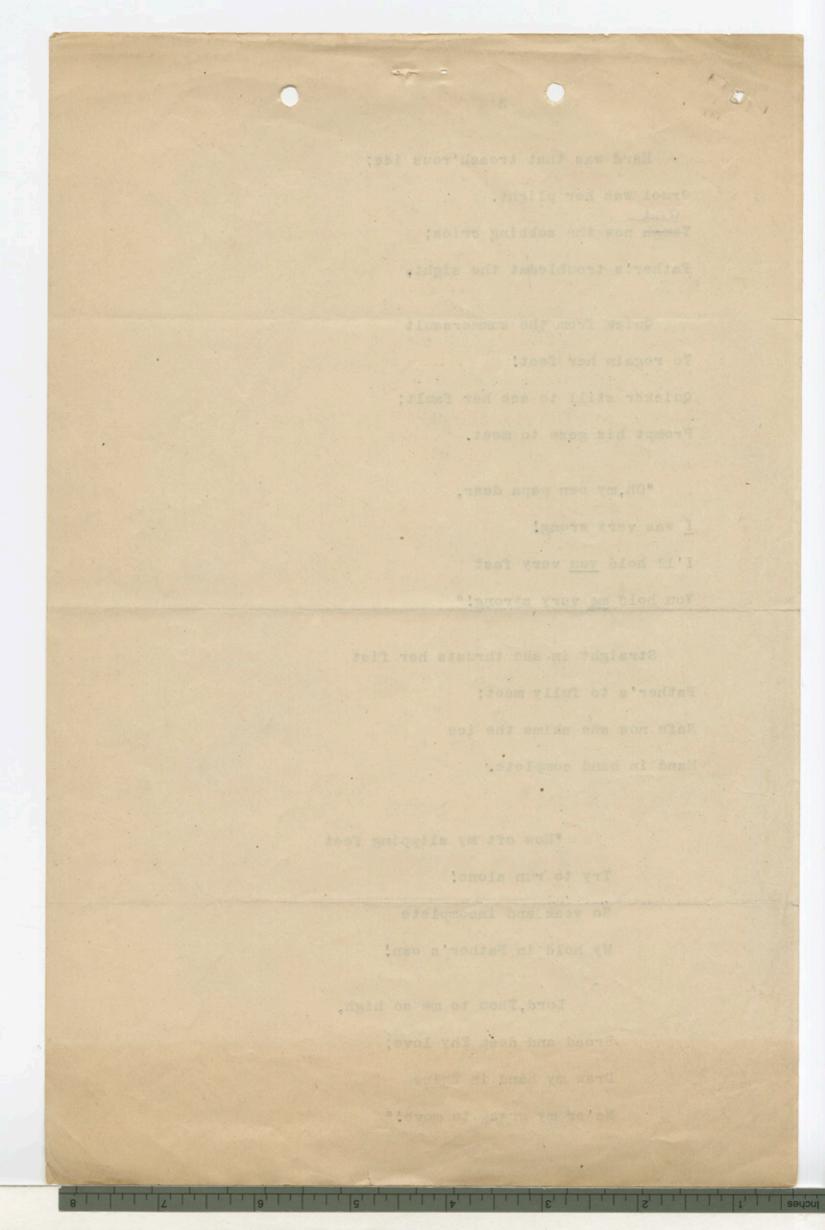
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"Oh,my own papa dear, <u>I</u> was very wrong: I'll hold <u>you</u> very fast You hold <u>me</u> very strong!"

Straight in she thrusts her fist Father's to fully meet; Safe now she skims the ice Hand in hand complete.

> "How oft my slipping feet Try to run alone! So weak and incomplete My hold in Father's own!

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