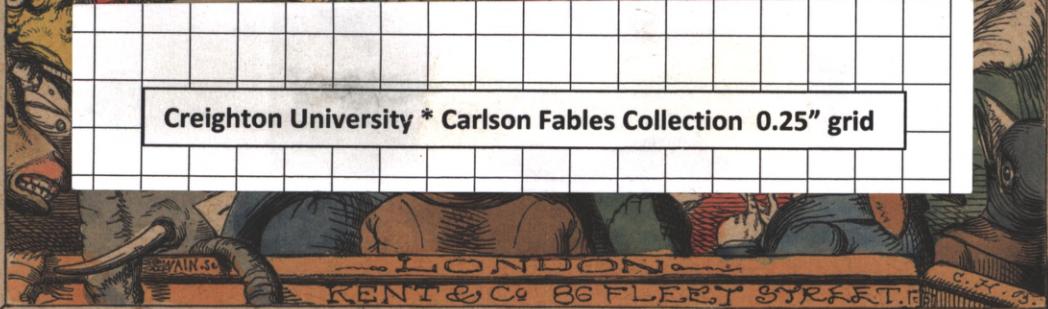


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"What!" said the knavish brute. "Have I not let you go without even the mark of my gripe round your own throttle? Be thankful that I have not mangled your lean carcass for you, stripped your head of its knowing wig, and your back of its glossy rustling robe. Expect no greater recompense for saving the life of a Wolf."

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