THE NUTCRACKERS AND THE SUGAR-TONGS.

I.

The Nutcrackers sate by a plate on the table,
The Sugar-tongs sate by a plate at his side;
And the Nutcrackers said, "Don't you wish we were able
"Along the blue hills and green meadows to ride?
"Must we drag on this stupid existence for ever,
"So idle and weary, so full of remorse,—
"While every one else takes his pleasure, and never
"Seems happy unless he is riding a horse?

II.

"Don't you think we could ride without being instructed?
"Without any saddle, or bridle, or spur?
"Our legs are so long, and so aptly constructed,
"I'm sure that an accident could not occur.