

Ok Shiohara

The Old man & his Ass.

An old man with his son, was driving his ass  
 in order to sell him,  
 towards a market for sale, when they met a man  
~~on the~~  
 on the road. 'What foolish fellows!' said

the man ~~to the father~~, 'do you think your  
 without a load,  
 ass is of any use to you without a load?'

The remark convinced the old man who placed  
 immediately his son on the ass's back. 'Is it

right for you to ride ~~on the ass~~, while your poor  
 old father is walking with difficulty?' said

another passer by to the boy. The old man  
 soon took the seat of the boy, <sup>crossing</sup> letting him

again dismount. 'You are a merciless father'

said ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> third, 'do you not see your little

boy, ~~has~~ become almost lame with walking?'

Then the old man took the boy behind him, till

they met ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> fourth. 'Are you the master of

the ass' asked he. 'Yes,' replied the old man.

'One would not think so,' returned the other,  
 'I fear that your ass can scarcely bear your weight.  
 It is more able for you to carry the ass than it  
 is able to carry you!' 'Any thing to please you,'  
 replied the old man. So saying, he dismounted  
 with his son, and tied together the legs of the beast  
~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> a chord. With the help of a pole through the  
 chord, they carried the ass into the market. The  
 sight was so ridiculous that it excited the curiosity  
 of the people who crowded around them and  
 could not help laughing at them. When they  
 came to a bridge, which led to the ~~market~~ <sup>market</sup>, the  
 chord slipped out of the pole and the legs of the animal  
 burst asunder and <sup>he</sup> tumbled into the river. The  
 old man ran home with shame and vexation.  
 'There is no more foolish conduct than to please  
 all others,' thought the old ~~man~~ <sup>he</sup> man within  
 himself.