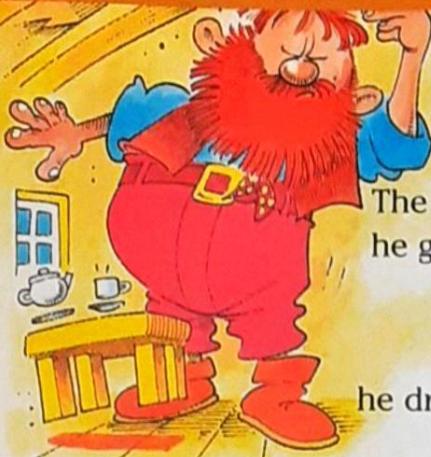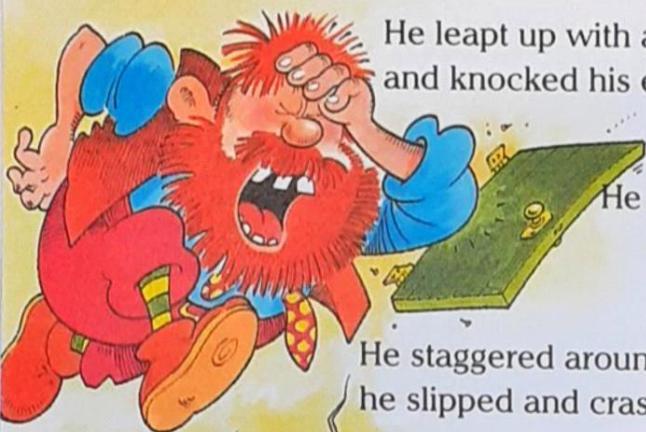# The Giant's Accidents

The giant stood up and hit his head;
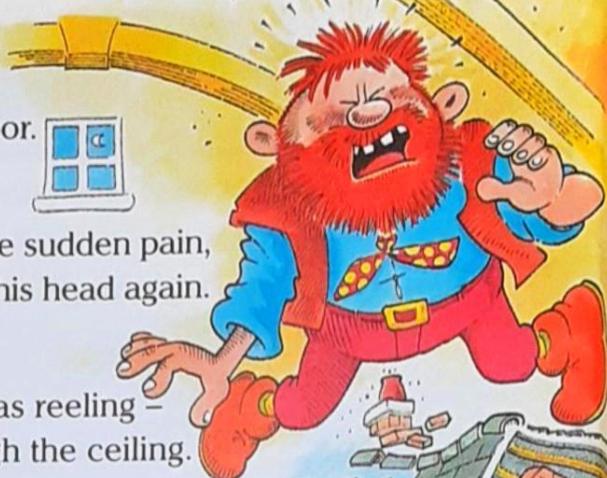he gasped and fell back on the bed.

The bed broke with a mighty crack –
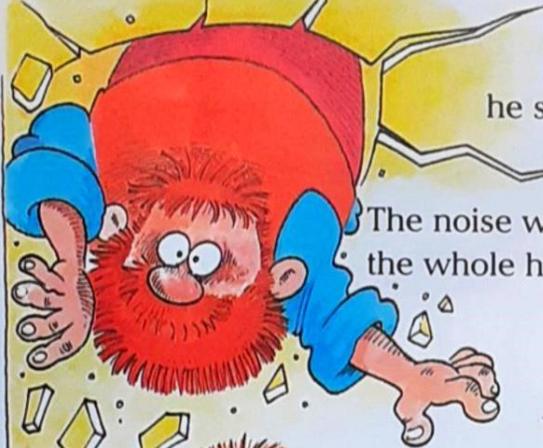he dropped right through and bumped his back.

He leapt up with a mighty roar
and knocked his elbow on the door.

He stiffened with the sudden pain,
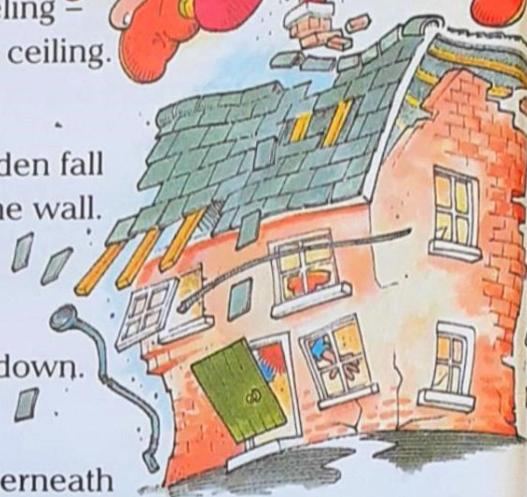and then he hit his head again.

He staggered around – the room was reeling –
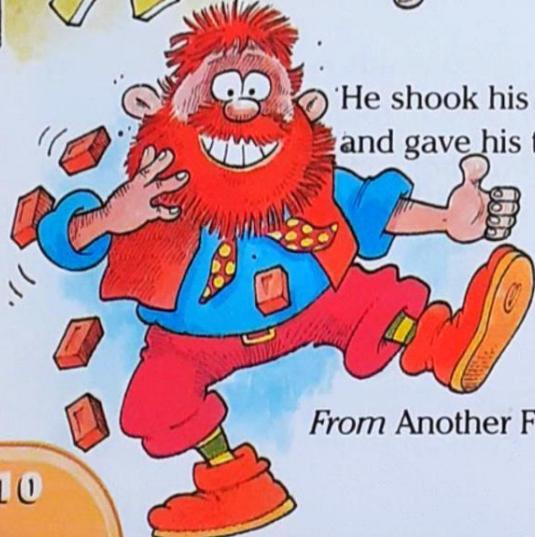he slipped and crashed right through the ceiling.

To try to stop his sudden fall
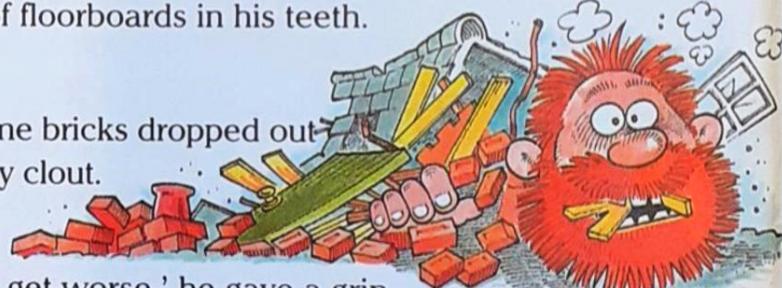he stretched his arm to grasp the wall.

The noise was heard all over town;
the whole house swayed and tumbled down.

He tunnelled up from underneath
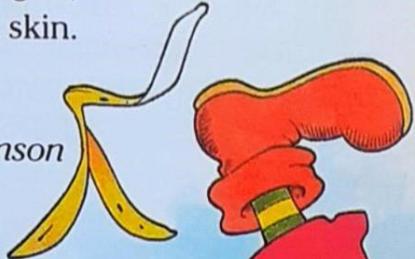with bits of floorboards in his teeth.

He shook his beard; some bricks dropped out
and gave his toes a nasty clout.

'It can't get worse,' he gave a grin,
then slipped on a banana skin.

From Another First Poetry Book *by Charles Thomson*

TEXT

1 Copy and complete these sentences from the poem.

a) The giant stood up and hit his _____.

b) He knocked his elbow on the _____.

c) He slipped and crashed right through the _____.

d) The whole house _____ and tumbled down.

e) He shook his _____ and some bricks dropped out.

2 What is the poem called?

3 What is the name of the poet?

4 How many verses are there?

5 Write the word from the poem that rhymes with:

a) head   *b)* crack   *c)* roar   *d)* pain   *e)* reeling

f) fall   *g)* town   *h)* teeth   *i)* clout   *j)* skin

SENTENCE

The words in these sentences are in the wrong order. Rewrite each sentence so it makes sense.

1 The up. giant stood

2 head. hit The giant his

3 his He broke bed.

4 He door. on knocked his elbow the

5 crashed through The giant ceiling. the

6 The tumbled whole down. house

7 bricks Some beard. dropped out his of

8 on The slipped skin. a giant banana

WORD

Make some words:

1 Change the g in **good** to w, h, st.

2 Change b in **book** to c, h, l, r, t, sh.

3 Change the t in **town** to d, g, dr, fr, cl.

4 Change the r in **round** to f, h, p, s, gr.

5 Change the h in **hair** to p, f, ch.

6 Change the c in **care** to d, r, st, sh, sc.

7 Change the b in **bear** to t, w, p.