



### ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barton

#### A VISIT TO MOTHER

Mother was on the porch calling them to lunch as they never been away at all.

"I am sure your monkey is not in Topsy-Turvy Land," said the Magical Mechanism, "no Green Shoes and I am going to take you to another world. The Fairy Queen has nine kingdoms and nine kingdoms she knows and we have permission to take you to them all, but first we are going to take you home. All now for the big chestnut tree meadow."

Just as a wink, the kiddies were standing beside the old stone where they always hid their treasures, and Mother was on the porch calling them to lunch as they had never been away at all. When they ran to the house she didn't seem surprised a bit, and all she said was, "Why, Nancy dear, how did you ever get so much mud on your clean apron? And, Nicky, just look at your feet! I suppose it's getting too damp to let you children play out of doors so much."

"Oh, that," replied Nancy, looking down. "I got hunting truffles for Mr. Pig in Topsy-Turvy Land."

Mother smiled. "Uncle Dick must have been telling you children bedtime stories again," she said. "And if he isn't careful your imaginations will run away with you."

"Oh, no," corrected Nick. "It's the Green Shoes that run away with us."

But Mother only laughed again. "Wait, Uncle Dick may tell you all the stories he wants to now, for as long as the weather is bad I'll have to let you play indoors."

That afternoon it started to rain, then it blew up cold, and it was a long, long time before the children could get as far as the meadow to play.

But Mr. Sun came out bright and warm one day and melted the snow, and away went the kiddies to hunt up their fairy friends. Spring was coming.

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### THE DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

### The Girls Have to Be Trimmed Up, Too.

By ALLMAN



### WEDLOCKED—

### It Was Well Worth the Cost.

By LEO



### Little Stories for Bedtime

#### Grandfather Frog Fools Farmer Brown's Boy

BY THORNTON W. BURGESS

FARMER BROWN'S BOY had a freckled face. He wore a battered old straw hat, and, generally, when he wasn't smiling, he was whistling. He was a good-natured boy, and everybody liked him. But he was thoughtful when he went among the little people of the Green Meadows, and the little folks of the Green Forest. He never thought of himself in their places when he was planning to have some fun, and the things he did when he was trying to have fun frightened them awfully. That was why he always found the stone that spoiled Grandfather Frog's ride on the Smiling Pool.

Grandfather Frog had not forgotten that he never forgets anything. He was thinking of this as he watched Farmer Brown's Boy fishing for trout in the Smiling Pool. Grandfather Frog had at once warned Mr. and Mrs. Trout, and they had warned all the little trout. Of course, Farmer Brown's Boy was having no luck at all. Grandfather Frog grinned as he watched. Then he had an idea. It tickled him so that he laughed right out loud.

Very quietly Grandfather Frog slipped into the water, and swam over to where Jerry Muskrat was hiding in the bur bushes. He whispered to Jerry for a few minutes, and Jerry listened Jerry giggled. "I'll do it," said Jerry, his eyes dancing with mischief. Then Jerry disappeared under water.

Farmer Brown's Boy was having no luck at all. He didn't understand why for he could see the trout swimming around in the Smiling Pool. He saw, he didn't know anything about the warning Grandfather Frog had given the trout.

"Gee, I wish I could get just one!" muttered Farmer Brown's Boy. Just then there was such a sudden pull on his line that the pole was nearly yanked out of his hands.

"Hurrah! That's a whopper!" he shouted. But his hook came up empty. There wasn't even a bite. He tried again with the same result, an empty hook.

"Wait, I'll catch him next time," said Farmer Brown's Boy, as he put on a new bait. But he didn't.

"Ha, ha, ha!" laughed Grandfather Frog, over in the bur bushes, and every time the hook came up empty Grandfather Frog laughed.

Farmer Brown's Boy looked over to the bur bushes. "I wonder what ails that old frog," he grunted. Then he made another cast for the big fish that bit so hard. Just as before, there was a sharp pull, but this time his hook did not come up empty. Indeed, it did not come up at all. My, how excited he got!

"It's the king of all the trout!" he shouted, as he tugged and pulled. Snapp! His line broke. He had been pulling on hard that when the line was released he lost his balance and fell flat on his back in the water.

"Ho, ho, ho!" laughed Jerry Muskrat, as he crawled out on the big Rock and dragged the missing piece of fishline after him. At the end of it was the hook fastened tight in an old log that Jerry had found on the bottom of the Smiling Pool.

"How do you like playing fish?" asked Grandfather Frog.

"It's great fun," replied Jerry.

And Farmer Brown's Boy still talks about the great trout he didn't catch.

Next story: Jerry Muskrat Has a Frigate.

### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

### Speak's Bad for Alek's Dad!

By BLOSSER



### KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

### Alas, Cruel Fate!

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### OTTO AUTO

### This Cop Copped Otto's Goat

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### Army Coat Saves His Mother's Life

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 15.—An army overcoat of the A. E. F. saved the life of his mother, Mrs. A. C. Bryant, here the other day, when her clothing became ignited from the flames of a gas stove.

Bryant, responding to the screams of his mother, wrapped her in the heavy coat and succeeded in smothering the flames. She was seriously but not fatally burned.

### Post Veterans to Dance on Monday

A dance will be held by the Col. Theodore Roosevelt post, No. 24, Veterans of Foreign Wars, next Monday evening in the Veterans' hall, 1616 1/2 Third ave.

FUNERAL SERVICES for W. D. Stevens, brother of Mrs. Homer E. Gleason, 1204 East 2nd st., Seattle, were held in Tacoma Thursday.

GEORGE O. HUBBS, 62, died Wednesday morning at the home of his son, Raymond O. Hubbs, 213 Queen Anne ave. The body is at the Home Undertaking parlors, pending shipment to Roundup, Mont., for burial.

### Employees Band to Cut Old H. C. L.

LYNN, Mass., April 15.—Collaborative buying of the necessities of life is to be inaugurated by 4,000 employees of the Lynn works of the General Electric company, who have organized a corporation to be known as the General Electric Collective Buying association. The main object of the association is to lower the cost of living.

BLOOMINGDALE, N. J., April 15.—Mrs. Frank Stage, of this place, woke to find her 10-day-old baby dead in her arms. Her physician, Dr. Thomas B. Miller, said Mrs. Stage probably held her infant too close to her breast while she slept and it had died of suffocation several hours before she awoke.

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