

"Susie's Dolly"

By GRACE LOVE.

Three merry little maidens,  
Sitting in a row,  
Busy making dolly clothes,  
Fast as they can sew.

Watch the winsome faces,  
So eager and intent;  
See the needles flying,  
Like as if they meant

Business was a rushing  
In the dolly line,  
And "Arabella Adams"  
Her sister's must outshine:

"Because," said gentle Nellie,  
With eyes so brown and wise,  
"It's going to be the sweetest,  
Delightful surprise!"

And Arabella darling,  
You're going off to stay,  
To cheer poor lonely Susie,  
Who lies in bed all day.

When mamma took us to her,  
She looked so tired and sad,  
So you, my pretty dolly,  
Must help us make her glad.

She's just as poor as can be,  
And has no pretty things;  
She'll think you're just an angel,  
Altho' you don't have wings."

So talked the happy children,  
While nimble fingers wrought  
The cutest dolly's outfit  
You ever would have thought.

And when they had it finished,  
And done up "quite in style,"  
They all trooped off to Susie's,  
And there it was worth while

■ To see her bright eyes glisten  
Until the tear-drops came;  
She knew she'd be so happy  
She'd most forget she was lame.

And mamma kissed each beaming face,  
When, as the twilight fell,  
They clustered closely to her side,  
And each vied to tell

Of how it was the "gladdest thing"  
They'd ever thought to do;  
And their dear hearts were doubly blest  
I'm sure, I think, don't you?

Daddy Jack.

He could not tell where he came from.  
One winter day he appeared, ragged and  
forlorn, at the asylum gates, when the  
bigger boys were warming themselves  
with a game of ball. A little toddler  
of four or five, noticing the pale face  
pressed against the bars, offered to  
share the bun he was eating with the  
stranger. The morsel was so eagerly  
devoured that Baby Ben applied at the  
house for more for the hungry boy, and  
Jack was called inside the gates. No  
one from the outside ever claiming him,  
the asylum became his home, and  
Baby Ben the object of his passionate  
attachment.

He might have been eight years old,  
but the matron needed but a look into  
his pretty, vacant eyes to tell her that  
his mind was little older than a babe's.  
He had no name for himself but Jack.  
The boys finding him continually with  
little Ben upon his knee, nicknamed him  
Daddy. As the days grew shorter and  
colder, Ben, always a sickly child,  
seemed to droop, and Daddy Jack's voice  
became a familiar sound, crooning crazy  
lullabies to his baby, with always the  
same singsong but sweet tune like a  
chant.

Sometimes it was—  
"And snow, and cold, and ice,  
And warm, and bread, and milk,  
And by Benny! Benny by! Benny,  
Benny, Ben."  
Or it might be—  
"Where's Jack? Here's Jack. Here's  
Jack—  
Benny's Jack. Good Jack. Benny's  
Jacky Jack."

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