

## Children's Corner

### THE FOX AS HERDSMAN.

Once on a time there was a woman who went out to hire a herdsman, and she met a bear.

"Whither away, Goody?" said Bruin.

"Oh, I'm going out to hire a herdsman," answered the woman.

"Why not have me for a herdsman?" said Bruin.

"You well, why not?" said the woman. "If you only knew how to call the flock; just let me hear?"

"OW, OW!" growled the bear.

"No, no! I won't have you," said the woman, as soon as she heard him say that, and off she went on her way.

So, when she had gone a bit further, she met a wolf.

"Whither away, Goody?" asked the Wolf.

"Oh!" said she, "I'm going out to hire a herdsman."

"Why not have me for a herdsman?" said the wolf.

"Well, why not? if you can only call the flock; let me hear?" said she.

"Uh, uh!" said the Wolf.

"No, no!" said the woman; "you will never do for me."

Well, after she had gone a while longer, she met a fox.

"Whither away, Goody?" asked the Fox.

"Oh, I'm just going out to hire a herdsman," said the woman.

"Why not have me for your herdsman?" asked the Fox.

"Well, why not?" said she; "if you only knew how to call the flock; let me hear?"

"Dil-dal-holom," sung out the Fox, in such a fine, clear voice.

"Yes; I'll have you for my herdsman," said the woman; and so she set the Fox to herd her flock.

The first day the Fox was herdsman he ate up all the woman's goats; the next day he made an end of all her sheep; and the third day he ate up all her kine. So, when he came home at even, the woman asked what he had done with all her flocks?

"Oh!" said the Fox, "their skulls are in the stream, and their bodies in theholt."

Now, the Goody stood and churned when the fox said this, but she thought she might as well step out and see after her flock; and while she was away the Fox crept into the churn and ate up the cream. So when the Goody came back and saw that, she fell into such a rage that she snatched up the little morsel of the cream that was left and threw it at the fox as he ran off, so that he got a dab of it on the end of his tail, and that's the reason why the fox has a white tip to his brush.

### WYNKEN, BLYNKEN AND NOD.

Wynken, Blynken, and Nod one night

Sailed off in a wooden shoe—

Sailed on a river of crystal light,

Into a sea of dew.

"Where are going, and what do you wish?"

The old moon asked the three.

"We have come to fish for the herring-fish

That live in this beautiful sea;

Nets of silver and gold have we!"

Said Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

The old moon laughed and sang a song,

As they rocked in the wooden shoe,

And the wind that sped them all night

long

Ruffled the waves of dew.

The little stars were the herring-fish

That lived in that beautiful sea—

"Now cast your nets wherever you wish—

But never afereared are we."

So cried the stars to the fishermen three:

Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

All night long their nets they threw

To the stars in the twinkling foam—

Then down from the skies came the wooden shoe,

Bringing the fishermen home;

'Twas all so pretty a sail, it seemed

As if it could not be,

And some folk thought 'twas a dream they dreamed

Of sailing that beautiful sea—

But I shall name you the fishermen three:

Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

Wynken and Blynken are two little eyes,

And Nod is a little head,

And the wooden shoes that sailed the skies

Is a wee one's trundle-bed.

So shut your eyes while mother sings

of wonderful sights that be,

And you shall see the beautiful things

As you rock on the misty sea,

Where the old shoe rocked the fishermen three:

Wynken, Blynken, and Nod.

—Eugene Field.

### EXHIBIT HIGHLY PRAISED.

The rosy tint of the early apples displayed at the Vancouver Exhibition is an advertising feature that will, no doubt, sell many boxes for the upcountry growers this season. The plums and prunes, both in the climax crate and the jumble pack, are of good quality, while the peaches are a standing advertisement. The tomatoes show what can be grown in British Columbia and also show that they are from the famous Okanagan, for the canned tomatoes of this valley are well known in the city. A few boxes of crabapples were also displayed.

Government officials, who viewed the exhibits, declared that the horticultural display generally was to be highly commended, both for variety and quality.

Both the amateur and the professional gardener and fruitgrowers had their exhibits on hand. The district exhibits were examples of the best in the various districts.

South Vancouver had a neatly arranged booth with steps ranged up to the back of the wall, on which the best fruits and vegetables are shown to advantage. Tomatoes were used judiciously in the decorations.

Richmond, with its usual fine exhibition, came in for much attention on account of the varied and well-set-out assortment of fruits and vegetables.

The federal department of agriculture was represented and had on view a number of models of the best poultry houses, bee hives and many other things of interest to the men on the land.

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