

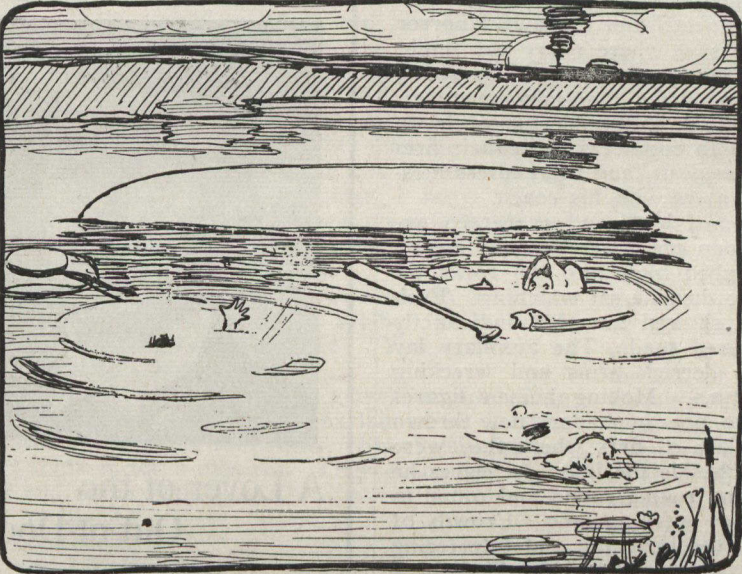
Why Willie and Lillie Were Late - By Estelle M. Kerr.



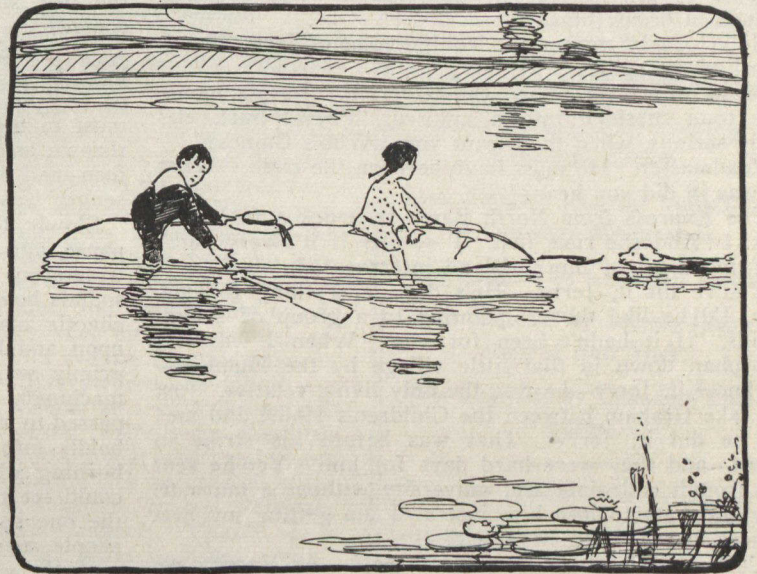
1. Said Willie, "It's too hot to walk, I'll tell you what we'll do,
This stream goes very near our school, we'll go there by canoe."



2. Said Lillie, "Oh how cool and nice, your plan is simply great!
(Now Toby dear, you must keep still!)" Alas! she spoke too late.



3. For Toby saw a cat-tail move gently on the bank;
He scrambled out, the boat upset, and Will and Lillie sank.



4. But pretty soon they rose again and climbed in the canoe;
(I'm glad they were such little tots so it could float the two.)



5. It certainly was very hard to move that boat along,
But Toby did his best to help—he knew he had done wrong.



6. And when they landed near the school, they were so tired, Oh my!
They had to lie there in the sun till they were warm and dry.



7. And when at last they reached the school, I hesitate to state,
That Willie—yes, and Lillie too—were 20 minutes late.

