

F O R T H E C H I L D R E N

MR. MOON.

By MURIEL G. C. DOUGLAS.

Before I went to bed last night
I saw the moon, so round and white,
Climb up above the chimneys grey.
She smiled at me and seemed to say,
"My little moonbeams long for you
To play with them, up in the blue."

I knew that Nurse was ironing still,
I jumped upon the window sill
And opened every window wide,
It was so clear and cool outside,
And all the chimneys dark and grim
Had each a little shining rim.

And then I saw the prettiest sight,
A little boat, all silver light,
Dropped gently downwards from the sky.
I waved my hand, "Dear earth, goodbye.
Of course I'm coming back quite soon,
I'm going to see dear Mr. Moon."

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Oh, it was such a lovely land,
And all their cities were so grand,
With silvery paths that wind and wind,
And Mr. Moon was very kind.
I simply had a splendid time
Until they rang the daylight chime.

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I really can't remember quite—
I hope I said "Goodbye" all right.
I found myself at home, in bed,
And Nurse was standing by my head.
I tried to tell her where I'd been
And all the lovely things I'd seen.
She said, "Oh, sleepy eyes of brown,
I think you've been to Dreamland town."
—Little Folks.

FAIRY ROBES.

All night upon the grassy hill,
A fairy band—of wondrous grace—
Had worked with touch of magic skill
Upon their dainty robes of lace;
And when a tint of rosy hue,
Soft, flushed the early morning sky,
They washed their garments in the dew
And spread them on the grass to dry.
C. M. EMBREE.

A CHILD OF THE GYPSIES.

By KATE WHITING PATCH.

Most folks live in a wooden house,
All shut in from the sky;
But we live in the big world outside,
With a house on wheels when we want to ride—
Dad and Mammy and I.

Most folks live in a little place
With a fence around the edge;
Our place is wherever we happen to be;
That ring o' blue as far 's you can see
Is all we have for a hedge.

Most folks sleep in a bed indoors,
When the dark comes down at night;
But we can lie in the soft new hay
And hear what the hoot owl has to say
When the stars shine bright, so bright!

Most folks, when it comes hungry time,
Have to sit at a table, they do;
But we squat round where our fire leaps high
And the smoke curls up to the blue o' the sky,
And the little ants feast there, too.

Most folks would wish for a house and things,
And money enough to buy;
But we—why we'd miss the dust and the dew,
And the new place we're always coming to—
Dad and Mammy and I.

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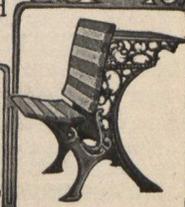
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