

# The Bunnies' Christmas

PART I.

In winter, when the Snow-Queen reigns, And all is bound by frost, The Bunnies don't go out so much For fear they might get lost.

The Bunnies could not go to school Like you do, so I'm told They had their lessons right at home To save them from the cold.

And there they learned that three times eight
And also six times four,
Are just the same as
twelve times two
And not a fraction more.



And four and twenty Bunnies
Sat quietly in a row,
While good John Bunny taught
them all The things they ought to know.

They learned that beets and carrots
Both grew beneath the ground And where the choicest woodland plants Might readily be found.

They also learned that foxes Are fond of rabbit pie And all were warned to stay at home When Mr. Fox went by.



John Bunny to the black board went Said he, "You must remember That there are one and thirty days, This month, which is December!

And thirty of them you will find Like other days to be! All but the twenty fifth, which you Will please describe to me.

Then up rose all the bunnies, (Their manners were most shocking) And each one had a lot to say Relating to a stocking.

John Bunny cried "Sit down, sit I don't want so much noise, If your manners are not better You'll deserve no Christmas toys.''

## PART II.

He called on little Fluffy To make a little speech (For a modest Bunny's Christmas wish It surely was a "peach.")



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Said Fluffy "I would like to get A little wooden fox, A train, a boat, a painting book Some candy in a box

Some Bunny Dolls, some woollen A ball with colours bright, A box of blocks to build with, Some carrots and a kite

A baby-carriage for my doll, An india-rubber pup

But here poor Fluffy had to stop,
His breath was all used up.

#### UNCLE PETER'S MONTHLY LETTER

DEAR BUNNIES

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The very first thing I must do this month is to wish you all, Bunny-Boys and Bunny-Girls, Bunnies big and Bunnies small, Bunnies very good, and Bunnies only fairly good, all of you, wherever you may be, A Very Happy Christmas.

All of you Canadian children may consider yourselves very fortunate this Christmas. Living in a country which is at war, we are all none the less able to spend our Christmas Day in Peace and security in our own homes, almost as we would if there were no war at all, though many of us will miss from our firesides the dear faces of the brave men who have helped to make this security possible for us.

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So, although our joy will be tempered and restrained by many sad experiences, we can all be thankful for the blessings we are able to enjoy, and we can all look forward and pray for the coming of peace, on that day we keep in remembrance of the birth of the One who brought into the world the gospel of "Peace on earth and good will towards men."

And how well the Bunny-Club Morta will

will towards men."

And how well the Bunny-Club Motto will work into this Christmas Day. "Contentment" with our present blessings, and "Effort" towards making this day and the days to follow as cheerful and happy as we can for ourselves and for our friends.

There were a nice lot of entries for the Bunny-Club Competition in the September issue. Six Bunnies have won prizes, and you will find their names on this page. I hope that you have all gone in for the big competition in the October issue. Those of you who have not, may still do so, for that competition does not close until Christmas Day. Hurry up, Bunnies, those of you who have not already sent in your affectionals Bunna-Angels.

in the right answers to it.

Each of the following sentences stands for something you know quite well. Take this one for example:—A swimming match. If someone asked you to show them what a swimming match looked like, how would you show them? Why, you would take a saucer of water and drop a match into it, and at once you would have a swimming match. See how many of the following sentences you can describe in the same way. There will be six prizes given for the most correct descriptions according to age, as usual. All answers must be addressed to Uncle Peter, Bunny-Club, 62 Temperance Street, Toronto, and must reach me not later than January 20th. Here are the sentences, see what you can do with them:—

Bunnies! Be Careful!

He would not go to bed, for to catch Santa Claus

That poor little Bunny got left, Santa Claus
Passed him byl

The Smallest Man in the World

Say, Bunnies, what do you think? We had the smallest man in the world to see us in Toronto one day last week. Don't you think that was a great experience? Of course, you want to know just how small he was. All Bunnies want to know everything about everybody. Well, here's the answer—
"Two feet in his boots!"

If you don't see the joke in one second, just pinch yourself to make sure that you're awake.

Some one might come through the moon-beams bright

A Bunny once wanted to stay up all night,

Competition

Bunnies, here is another new kind of competition for you. It is quite different to anything we have had before, and I hope you will like it and be able to send in the right answers to it.

An absorbing subject.

He must try

Ruins of China. The Black Friar.

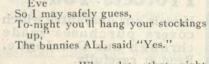
A Morning caller. The Peacemakers.

Ungele Peter.

Again wishing you one and all the happiest possible Christmas.

The Lost Soul.
Pillars of Greece.
Drawn from Life.
A Perfect Foot.

The Home of Burns.



When late that night John Bunny To the children's room did go Four and twenty stockings Were hanging in a row.

Said Mr. B. to Mrs. B.
"Are all those Bunnies sleeping?
Or are some rascals shamming sleep
And through their lashes peeping?"

(Continued)

(I'm not quite sure that Fluffy asked

John Bunny laughed. Said he "I

'To-night, my dears, is Christmas

For just the things I mention, I may not have the story right

Though such was my intention.)

You all to have your say, But now I see we could not get The list by Christmas Day."

Said Mrs. B. "They've gone to sleep Too fast, there's something in it!' John Bunny said "I have a plan, Just watch me for a minute."

### PART III.

He seized a little table Which was standing by quite handy And on the middle of it placed
A glorious bag of candy.



Now when John Bunny went to bed He did not lock the doors, He left the way quite clear, of course, For good old Santa Claus.

The Bunnies did not hear him come, No Bunnies ever do! And yet he came, and so he'll come I hope, to each of you!



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And early in the morning, As up in bed they sat, Those four and twenty stockings Were very, very fat.

I can't say what was in them, But this I know's a fact, Those four and twenty stockings Were very soon unpacked.

And hour by hour the Bunnies Enjoyed their merry play, And that is how the Bunnies spent The Bunnies' Christmas Day.

## Attention Bunnies!

Here are the names of the six Bunnies who won prizes in the September Bunny-Club Competition:

Miss Irene Pollard, Windsor, N.S.; Miss N. Miron, Miron, P.Q.; Miss Helen Boutillier, Cape Breton, N.S.; Miss Kathleen Glabraith, Todmorden, Ont.; Miss Alison Killam, Weymouth, N.S.; Master Harry Nelson, Kapuskasing, New Ontario.

New Bunnies who join the Bunny Club will find that these competitions are very interesting.









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