

lovely. They could smell how delicious it was.

"Here is some fruit in a little dish," said mother, "and a plate of bread and butter, and a small pitcher of milk. We will cut the cake, and you may sit down now, and eat it, and drink your tea."

The girls thought that cake one of the best they had ever eaten. And indeed it was very good, mother said, as she ate her piece.

"Will you have some cake, Mrs. Perkins? Do take a bit, Mrs. Smith," said Gracie to her dolls. But they only sat there, and did not eat anything.

They had to put Miss Kitty away. She would not stay on her chair, but jumped up on the table. She tried to drink all the milk, and licked the bread and butter.

"You are a greedy old thing, Miss Kitty," said Gracie. "You do not eat nicely, so go away. I will not ask you to my party next time."

They had such a pleasant tea party!