

Children's Department.

The Little Brown Rabbit.

Ernest and Lisa lived in a small village in the country. Around it there were fields and pretty lanes and beautiful woods of beech trees, which were green in summer, and of a bright crimson when the leaves were beginning to fade in the autumn. Their father had a nice house and a garden with plenty of flowers in it. At one end of the garden a gate led into a shrubbery, and at the other end of the shrubbery another gate led into the lane. Ernest and Lisa liked better to play in the shrubbery than anywhere else: they could run races there on the long smooth gravel walk, and play at hide-and-seek among the shrubs; or, in hot weather, sit in the arbour, where Ernest used to build his boats while Mary watched him or made nets to keep the birds off their cherry-trees. For the children each had a garden, and they were always very much pleased when they could gather a dish of their own strawberries or cherries and see a dish of their own peas on the dinner table, or bring home of their own flowers to their mother for her drawing-room.

One day in the spring their father told them that he was going to walk to the mill, and asked Ernest and Lisa if they would like to come with him. It was about three miles off, quite a long walk, and they were delighted; for, of all things, they enjoyed a walk with their father the most. He always had some droll story to tell them, or found something amusing for them to do. So they started off with him after breakfast in high spirits. They jumped, they skipped, they talked, they laughed. The young buds of the beech trees had burst into leaf, the fields were covered with daisies and golden buttercups, the scent of the violets in the lanes was delicious, birds were singing overhead and everything was as gay as Ernest and Lisa themselves were. When they got into the woods, they ran up the banks and down again, or jumped down just in front of their father, and he was as happy as they were. But, unfortunately, when they had only got about half way to the mill, Lisa, in running down a steep bank, slipped and fell.

Her father was beside her in a moment, asking if she were hurt. "My foot hurts so I cannot stand," she said.

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but sank down on the bank, and the pain made big tears glisten in her eyes. "Rest for a few minutes, my child," her father said, "perhaps it will be better presently."

Lisa sat still on the bank and Ernest went and gathered some wild flowers for her, and her father stayed beside her and talked to her. After a little while she said her foot was better and he helped her to get up, but she could hardly stand on it and was quite lame when she tried to walk. Her father was very sorry that he could not wait any longer, as he had business with the miller, but he said in any case the walk to the mill would be far too much for her now, so she had better rest a little longer, and then she and Ernest could go home together and he would try and overtake them.

As soon as he was gone, Lisa sat down again and Ernest beside her, and they chatted away for some time and then set off towards home. Lisa was very lame and they walked very slowly. Presently Lisa saw something small and brown lying in a rut in the road.

"What can it be?" she cried, "O,

what a dear little creature! I do think it's a little rabbit; look, Ernie."

She stooped down and took it up. "O yes, it's a rabbit—what a queer little thing it is, Lisa! It seems quite young, only a baby and too little to take care of itself."

"What shall we do with it?"

"We'll carry it home and feed it and take care of it and make it tame. I'll carry it for you, Lisa; you know it's your rabbit, because you found it."

"Yes, but if you carry it home for me, Ernie, I'll let you have a little bit of it, too."

Ernest took out his handkerchief and Lisa laid the trembling little rabbit in it when they had folded it, and pulled a loose corner over the poor little thing to keep it warm. "And perhaps it won't be quite so frightened in the dark where it can't see us," said Ernest.

Every now and then they peeped at the rabbit to see if it was alive; and at last it got less frightened and opened its eyes and looked at them too.

They were a long time getting home, for Lisa was very lame and did not get better.

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