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## For the Children

### STUDY OF THE CAT.

THE new teacher had arrived at school. The first lesson was in natural history. She chose the interesting subject of the cat.

"Now, children," she said, "tell me what sort of clothes pussy wears."

No reply.

"Come! Come!" said the teacher, determined to get the correct answer by naming everything puss didn't wear, "does she wear feathers?"

A pained expression crossed the face of a little boy in the front row.

"Please, ma'am," he asked, pityingly, "ain't you never seen a cat?"—Esau Elec.

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Aunt: "Well, Tommy, what did you learn at school to-day?"

Tommy: "About ants. There are two kinds—the kind that lives in the sugar-bowl and the kind that lives with their married sisters."—Life.

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### THE JUMPING JACK.

Twelve o'clock struck. With a click the Jumping-Jack popped his head out of his box. "Ho! there," he cried, "wake up, sleepy heads; didn't you hear the cuckoo clock? Up you get or dawn will be here before we know it."

In a minute the whole playroom was in a bustle. Black and white woolly dogs barked sharply and went frisking around the room. The old brown cow in the corner was moving her head slowly backward and forward and moo-ing solemnly. The clown doll was doing a crazy two-step up and down the floor, jingling his bells and waving his befrilled arms.

Old Aunt Jemima already had breakfast under way in the dolls' house, and the cheerful smell of frying pancakes and toasted bread filled the air. Anna-May-Bell, in her neat maid's cap and apron, was setting the table, and every now and then shaking her finger and tossing her curls at Mr. Clown who had stopped in his mad career to stick his head in through the window to have a word with his lady love.

Marmaduke Douglas, the only gentleman doll the room boasted of, was busy finishing his practising before breakfast, and the tinkling notes made a fitting accompaniment to the murmur of their tiny voices.

Above it all the Jumping-Jack was again making himself heard.

"Breakfast nearly ready there, Aunt Jemima? I say, I'm nearly starved. Don't keep a chap waiting all night for his breakfast."

"All ready, chil'ren," called Aunt Jemima, appearing at the door, and right away there was a scuffling and a jostling, shouts and merry laughter as they all piled in.

Breakfast over, and everything put neatly away, the fun began. Such dancing and skipping and singing and laughter, and such rides on Dobbin's back. Six of them all on at once, and Dobbin shaking his head and going 'round and 'round the room.

Just when the fun was at its height, a long and loud cock-a-doodle-do! came from the old rooster in the barnyard. In a second there was not a sound to be heard. Every little voice was still. Then gently did the little play-room people tip-toe back to their places, just where Dick and Mary had left them when nurse had carried them off to bed the night before.

Then, when all was quiet, a little patch of daylight crept in through the window and lay across the play-room floor.

—M. H. C.

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