

woman who asked her if she had lost her way, and she said, "Yes, and I want to go home again."

The women said, "I am your Aunty, I will take you home." She was not her Aunty, but she was a witch, and she took her to a palace in the forest, and said to her, "If you can gather a thousand pearls, you shall marry a prince, and if you cannot you shall be turned into a stone."

The girl set to work as hard as she could, and tried all day, but she only got a few pearls.

Then some ants said "We will help you." So they set to work and soon gathered a thousand pearls.

And when they had finished, she showed them to the witch. The ants said "Do not forget to ask us to the wedding." She had the power to change the ants into people of her court.

So she married the prince, and they all lived happily ever afterwards.

*Helen Spicer, (aged eleven.)*

### THE HEN.

The hen eats corn and oats. She scratches worms and insects out of the ground with her feet. She eats small stones to grind her food. She puts her beak in the water to drink, and raises her head to swallow the water. Her down feathers are next to her skin to keep her warm. The quill feathers are on her tail and wings. She cleans her feathers with her beak and feet. Her feathers are waterproof. Her feet are not web like duck's feet. She can hear very quickly. She can smell very quickly, she sees very quickly. Her language is "cluck cluck." Her nest is made of hay. Her egg is oval. When she is alive she lays eggs and when she is dead we cook her for food and eat her.

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