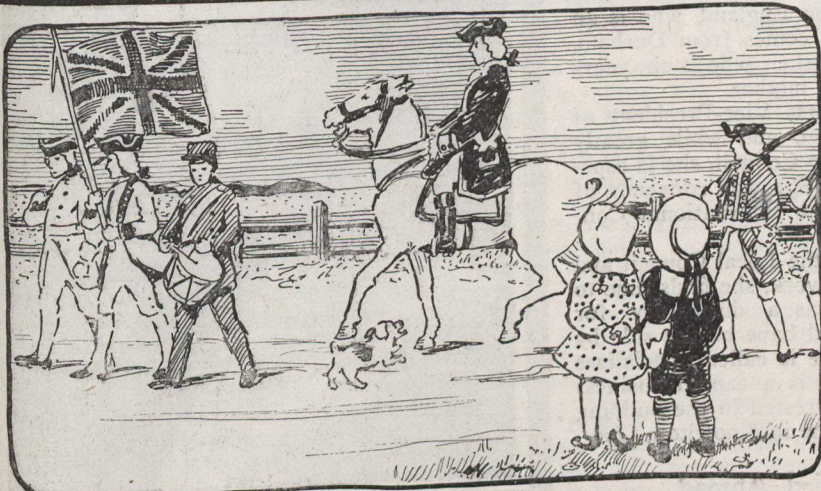
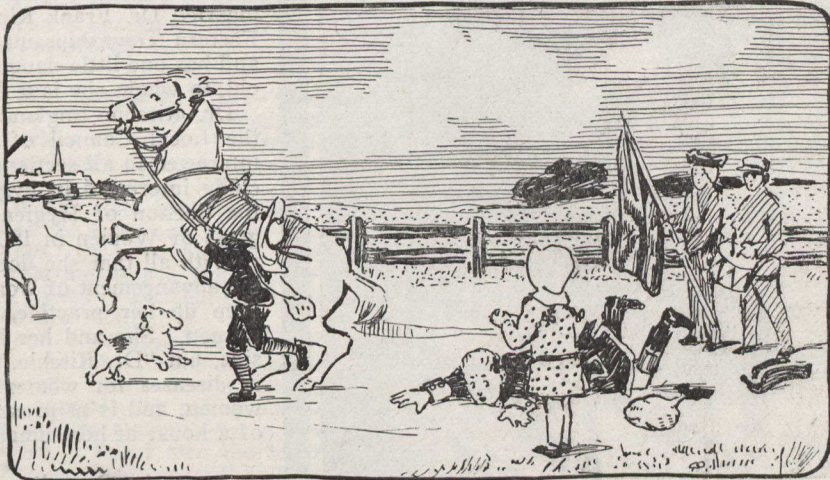


# Why Willie and Lillie Were Late - By Estelle M. Kerr.



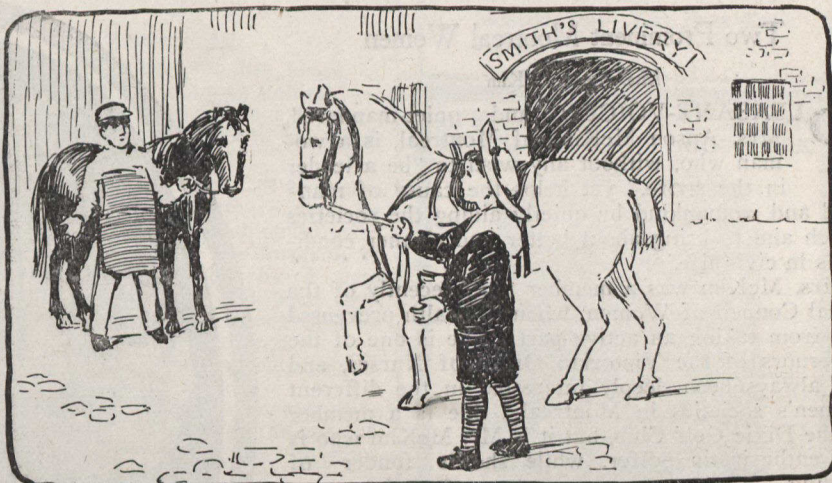
1. When Willie started out for school with Lillie by the hand,  
They met an Orangemen's parade preceded by a band.  
The children stared in ecstasy, and Toby barked, of course,  
Just as King William rode along upon a snow-white horse.



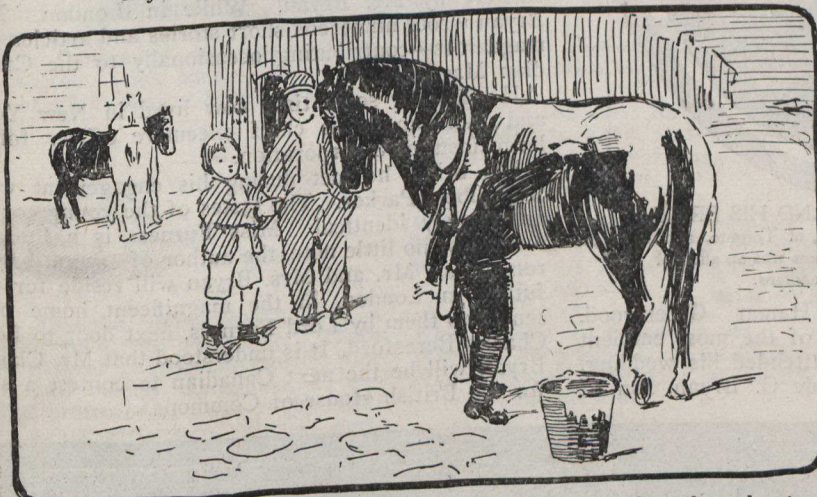
2. The charger reared, the King fell off, his hat and wig fell too;  
The drummer and the ensign shook, and wondered what to do;  
The other people fled with fright,—it was a cowardly deed!  
But Willie seized the bridle and he jumped upon the steed.



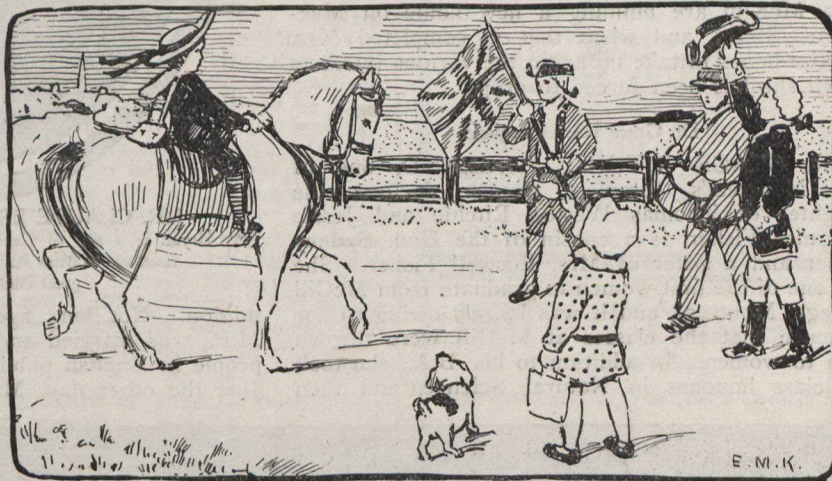
3. Away they flew, and soon they both had vanished far from sight!  
The king wept large and salty tears, bewailing his sad plight.  
"Don't cry, dear king," said Lillie, "they won't go far away,  
My brother's very strong and brave, he's sure to save the day."



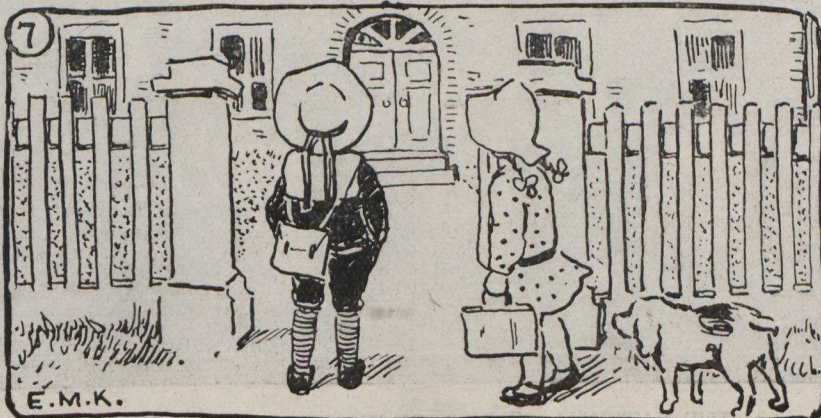
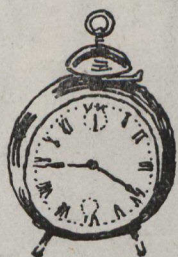
4. Unluckily the horse went lame as Willie reached the town,  
He tried to get another horse but every one was brown.  
Poor little Will, he tried, and tried, and felt discouraged quite,  
For all folks know that good King Bill must have a horse that's white.



5. "Go fetch some whitewash," said the boy, and worked with might and main,  
Until upon a milk-white steed he then rode back again.



6. Then Lillie waved her handkerchief, King William ceased to wail,  
The ensign waved the Union Jack, and Toby wagged his tail.



7. Then Will and Lillie marched with them until they reached the gate,  
Regretting that their escapade had kept them rather late.

