



FLUFFY RUFFLES

Drawings by WALLACE MORGAN.



1.— "It seems to me," said Fluffy, "I'd like a country life. I'd gladly get away from all the city's din and strife. I pine for rolling fields of grain, for meadows green and fair, For simple farm life pleasures and pure, fresh country air."



2.— So Fluffy to the country went to be a dairymaid; And though, like all true women, of cows she was afraid, She learned to stand quite near the bars and see the creatures lie In calm content and now and then whisk off a bothering fly.



3.— She bravely overcame her fears and watched them eat and browse, And finally achieved the feat of "bringing home the cows!" She strolled across the fields at eve; the lowing herd and she Made a delightful picture "winding slowly o'er the lea."



4.— Meekly the cattle followed, but not they alone, alas! Other submissive beings followed Fluffy o'er the grass; And as she rambled homeward at the closing of the day Full many a doting rustic chanced to go the selfsame way!



5.— Nor was this all! The neighboring youths, with Chesterfieldian bows, Would beg that they might help her to usher home the cows; And anxiously for this same boon besought her on their knees, Which is absurd for people winding slowly o'er the lea!



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6.— In the dairy she took refuge, she skimmed the milk from cream; But still those young men flocked about. 'Twas like a horrid dream. They begged for draughts of buttermilk, for cream they urged their plea, Till Fluffy said, "A dairymaid's is not the life for me!"