



FLUFFY RUFFLES

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1.—"Now let me see," thought Fluffy; "what is there I've not tried?"
And though her smile was hopeful, somehow she softly sighed.
But all discouraged feelings she promptly put away
And brightly said, "I know I'll think of something nice to-day."



2.—"Suppose I start a Tea Room; I've lots of cups and spoons;
I'm sure it will be crowded on pleasant afternoons.
The fashionable ladies will all drop in for tea;
I'll hire some pretty white-capped maids, not more than two or three."

3.—With great enthusiasm Fluffy Ruffles flew around
And in a good location she fortunately found
A most attractive room done up in palest green and white,
And when she added palms and flowers it was a pretty sight



4.—The Tea Room was a great success; customers crowded in,
And every day at five o'clock there was the usual din
Of tinkling spoons and clinking cups and ladies' charming chat;
"How are you, love?" "Yes, I won't ren." "What an exquisite hat!"



5.—But somehow as the days went by the men began to think
Of all concoctions in the world, tea was their favorite drink.
So they flocked to Fluffy's Tea Room, they monopolized the chairs,
And when the lady guests arrived they greeted them with stares.



6.—Poor Fluffy was distracted and just a bit dismayed,
For by her earnest effort she had built up quite a trade.
But she couldn't keep on that way, so she gave it up and sold
The good will, stock and fixtures to Miss Olivia Old.