



# Kiddies' Korner

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## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

### THE WHITE LEGHORN.

"I can lay as many as one hundred and eighty eggs, and so I shall boast," said the White Leghorn of the barnyard.

"I keep roosters away from eating up all the food," said the dog. "I am going to boast."

"I can make believe this stick is a bear," said the small boy, "and when I want to pretend my bear is angry, I throw my stick about. It's a make-believe bear. I can boast, because it is very nice of me to have a good time with such a poor sort of make-believe bear as a stick."

"I can boast," said Mr. Rooster, "for I call the Mrs. Hens to eat very, very often; that is generous of me."

"I can boast," said Red Top, the Rooster, "because I often give the other creatures a part of a worm I dig from the ground."

"I can boast," said a bantam hen, "because I stole five chickens and had them as my own."

"That is nothing to boast about," said another bantam, "for I took care of some chickens whose mother had left them. That is something to really boast of."

"Still you enjoyed taking care of us, didn't you, Mother Bantam?" asked the chickens.

"Cluck, cluck, I did," said Mother Bantam.

"And we can boast, for we were good children," said the chickens.

"Mrs. Bantam must want to sit on some eggs," said Mrs. Duck, "and that is why she is clucking. At other times she would cackle. I shall boast of being so smart as to know that."

"We have been hitched up and driven," said two of the pigs from the pig pen. "That shows we're smart."

"And I have seen that the whole family got up," said the rooster, sitting on the fence.

"Without me they couldn't get the good well water," said the pump. "I also can do my boasting."

"We're a handsome pair; we're Miss and Master Calf, good-looking and gentle. We are both of those things," they said.

"We help the farm and are very healthy," said the toads.

"The same can be said of us," agreed the frogs.

"Well, we are really healthy," said the toads.

"And we're really healthy, too," said the frogs.

"I suppose that is so," said one of the toads.

"Of course it is true, goog-a-run, goog-a-run, of course, it is true," said the frogs.

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"Who was the man who taught you not to forget anything?" "Why it was—ah—er—it—was—Farm Life."

**Indefinite.**  
"What about that vacuum invention of your friend's?"  
"Oh, there's nothing in it."

**Matching the Days.**  
"The days are growing short."  
"That's nothing. So is everybody."

**One Exception.**  
"All that man's stock is watered."  
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## THE MOTHER GOOSE FAIRY BOOK

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By Eleanor Schorer



Did you know that ages ago Mother Goose was Queen of France? 'Tis said that one of her feet was like that of a goose. This is the story of how she came by this oddity: During a royal hunt the Queen's horse stumbled, throwing his rider. Getting up, she found her foot to be terribly hurt. The hunters by then were far off and it was many miles to her palace.



Trudging painfully along, the good Queen met a goose. To her surprise it asked why she limped. The Queen told. "I will gladly give you my foot, O my Queen," answered the goose. "But once we exchange feet the spell cannot be broken and you shall have to wear a goose-foot for the remainder of your life." The Queen, in frightful pain, willingly consented. Then they exchanged addresses.



Thereafter the Queen visited the goose whenever the King went hunting. One day she returned from a visit to find the Palace gates closed upon her. A court lady who envied the Queen had discovered her secret. Upon being told, the hard-hearted King, declaring that he wanted no goose-footed wife, had married the tattle-tale lady.



So she returned to the goose's home. Here she lived and grew old and wore different clothes so that none would recognize her. Every one called her Mother Goose. Here also she wrote stories about geese and other folks she met. She was very happy indeed. For she said it was better to live under the sky with honest geese than in a palace with jealous, tattling, hard-hearted people.

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