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"Oh, there's nothing in it."

bet his private stock isn't."

of your friend's?"

Indefinite. "What about that vacuum invention

Matching the Days. "The days are growing short."

"That's nothing. So is everybody,"

One Exception.

"All that man's stock is watered." "Maybe in his corporation, but I'll

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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 barn-

"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 makebelieve 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 beast," 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 real-

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

"Cluck, cluck, I did," said Mother

"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

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

"I suppose that is so," said one of

the toads. "Of course it is true, goog-a-rum, goog-a-rum, of course, it is true," said salad, sir?"

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'We grow up quickly," said the Pig Weed; "that shows we're generous." "And we're nice enough to thoroughly enjoy you," said the pigs, counting

and squealing excitedly. "We do the same," said the Silver

Weed. "We grow so quickly." "Ah, but you do harm to the farmer's plants, just as the pig weed does,"

said the rooster. "No matter," said the pigs; "It is far more important that they do good

to us. "Well, if you think so," said the

rooster. "Of course we think so, and our thoughts are right and correct, to our-

selves, at any rate," said the pigs. "Well, you are fed by both those plants, that's true," said the White Leghorn, who had been trying to speak for some time. "But still, those two weeds most certainly do harm to the farmer's plants. There is no mistake about that."

"We're helping the tins of milk to cool," said the buckets of water. "We're going to cool off the farmer's children after the heat of the day."

"Couldn't have done It if you hadn't us to cool," said the tins of milk "That is, you couldn't have done the same good, kind act for the children. We the milk tins, and the milk inside the tins, are doing the best part."

"Not a bit of it," said Mrs. Cow. "When you're speaking of milk, never forget Mrs. Cow."

"I hatched in the summer, as I always do," said Mrs. Hen. "I wouldn't make my little ones have to stand the cold of the winter. The spring or the summer is the time I choose,

"Oh, quiet, quiet," shouted the White Leghorn, "Here I started in to boast, and all of you had to do the same thing, and such absurd boastings, too. But, anyway, it has shown me one thing-to hear all the boastings-that none of you come up to me and my one hundred and eighty eggs,"

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HUMOROUS FLASHES

Dark Future.

"Got next winter's coal in?" "I should say not. I haven't even goe tomorrow's meals provided for."

"That baby of ours is some class. I can tell you." "I know it is. I've heard its class yell."

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THE MOTHER GOOSE FAIRY BOOK

"Yes; take it back and undress it." Thinning

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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



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.



Trudging painfully along, the good Queen met a goose. To her surprise it asked why she limped. The Queen told. "I will glady 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.



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 a palace with jealous, tattling, hard-hearted people.

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