



FLUFFY RUFFLES

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1.—"It's lucky," Fluffy Ruffles thought, "that I've a hopeful mind!
I'm sure to-day some lovely occupation I shall find.
By failure after failure I'm not a bit put out,
And that I shall at last succeed I've not the slightest doubt."

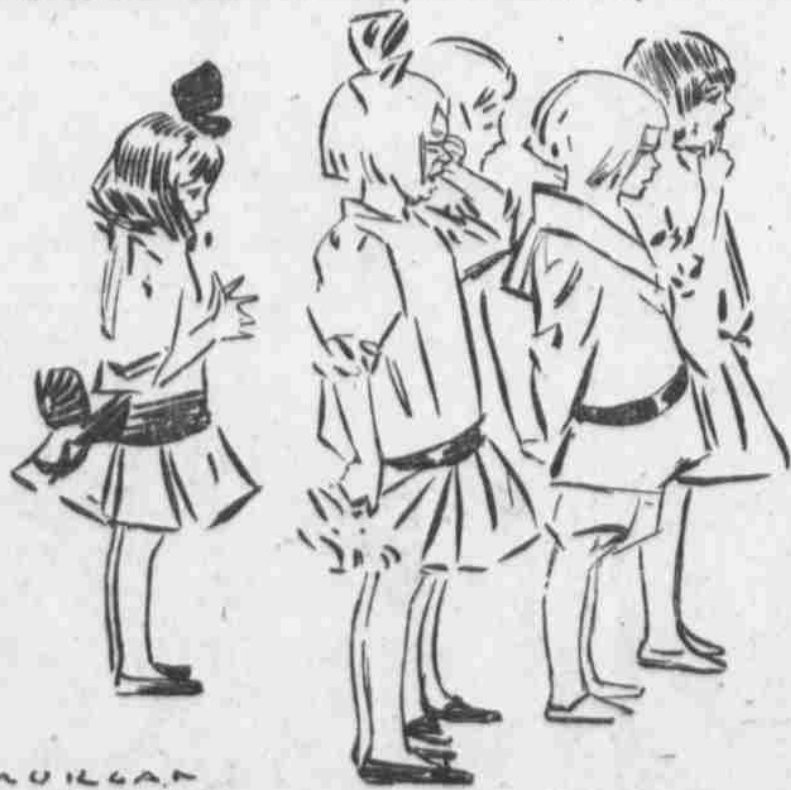
"To-day I have a splendid plan. I think it would be fun
To have a Kindergarten class from ten o'clock till one.
The work would be delightful, for children are so sweet;
I'll get a pleasant, sunny room on some attractive street."

So Fluffy Ruffles took a room, 'twas airy, large and bright;
She bought the dearest little chairs and tables, painted white.
She bought all sorts of balls and mats and blocks and cards and rings,
And all the very latest fads in Kindergarten things.



4.—The children were such darlings! In dainty frocks arrayed
They came, each one attended by a nurse or by a maid.
They sang the songs, they played the games, they were as good as gold.
They loved their dear Miss Fluffy and did as they were told.

5—But one day Fluffy at the door a big young man espied,
And when he saw Miss Ruffles he promptly stepped inside.
The smiling infant with him said, "Dis is my Uncle Will,
He had to bring me, Teacher, tause my Nurse she is ill!"



6—An epidemic must have come upon the nurses then,
For all the babies came to school in charge of big young men!
And those men braided paper mats, strung beads and modelled clay—
Till Fluffy just put on her hat and calmly walked away!

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