



FLUFFY RUFFLES

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FLUFFY RUFFLES. SHE VISITS KILLARNEY.

- 1.—"Killarney's lakes are beautiful. We'll really have to go,"
Said Fluffy to her aunt one day. They went. And there was Joe.
That morning Fluffy's loving aunt was feeling far from well;
And when Joe said he'd take them both to visit some fair dell
She said she'd have to stay behind. "But you two go, I pray.
'Twould be a shame to miss the chance, it's such a lovely day.
Just tell me where you mean to lunch, and if I need you here
I'll telegraph." "And I will fly to my own aunty dear."
- 2.—In Traddles' motor car they went to Dunloe's famous gap.
They full enjoyed the charming ride and suffered no mishap.
But when, lunch over, happy Joe was calling for the bill
This telegram was handed them, "Come back. Am very ill."
At once Joe Traddles called his car, although he'd meant to ask
If in dear Fluffy's radiance forever he might bask.
Speed laws forgot, they forged ahead—for Fluffy feared the worst—
When on a level stretch of road the forward tire burst.



- 3.—By great good fortune neither one was injured in the least.
Just then a wagon passed their way, drawn by a sorry beast,
And driven by an Irishman of most good natured face.
"Egorry, miss, 'twas coortin' death to go at such a pace."
"But I must get to Meara's Inn. My aunt is very sick."
"There's room for wan. Just joomp in here. I'll take ye' to her quick."
"Don't stop for me," said Traddles then. "I'll catch up if I can."
So Fluffy, smiling, waved her hand and sat beside the man.

- 4.—The horse, though old, had ginger yet and galloped like the wind.
"It's just my luck," said Traddles, "to be left so far behind."
The horse, though old, had ginger, but his pace was far too fast
And when he tumbled in his tracks—"I knew he couldn't last,"
Declared the honest Irishman; "I'll l'ave him here to rest,
An' thin to take you to your aunt I'll do me livil best."
A minute and the horse was free to crop the roadside grass
And Michael in the horse's place adown that road did pass.



- 5.—"You darling man," said Fluffy from her high, ramshackle seat,
Please do not kill your self for me" (her tones were honey sweet)
"Egorry, if I died for you 'twould be a piece of luck"
Just then the ancient pair of wheels upon a boulder struck.
The wagon fell to pieces, but, alighting on her feet,
Dear Fluffy said, "I'll pay you well. Such luck I ne'er did meet."
"We're arlmost there. I'll carry you." He lifted her with ease
And to her aunt's (much better she) she floated like a breeze.

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