

After the painting by C. L. Vogel

old brother young back years Frances makes

Frances is a dear little girl. She is just six years old.

She has a new book with very pretty pictures in it.

Her grandpa sent it to her. She is too young to read it. She lets little John, her baby brother, look at it. He is three years old.

She loves little John, and he loves her.

She takes care of him when her mamma is not at home.

One day she played that she was his horse.

The boy was very glad to ride on her back.

He fed her and gave her water to drink.

Sometimes she hides acorns and makes him find them.

He likes to play this game.

When he has found the acorns he takes them to his squirrel.



night sun
shine bed
never light
sunbeam
still house

My mamma calls me Sunbeam. She says I'm like the sun, for I shine all the day and go to bed at night.

The sun is light and warm, and mamma thinks I warm the house with love.

The sun is good, and in my mamma's eyes I'm good and pretty too.

My papa, too, calls me his little Sunbeam.

The sunbeams come and go, he says, and I am never still.

The sunbeams like to play, and he thinks I am playing all the day long.

But I do not play all the day. I take care of my doll, and my kitty, and my dog.

I feed them, and I make beds for them, and I love them every one.

I'll be a tiny sunbeam true,

A tiny ray of light,

And try in all I say and do

To make the world more bright.

out dandelion spring wings star country bright guess



I live out in the country. I grow in the grass.

My dress is green.

My hair is yellow.

I look like a bright yellow star.

I love the bright sunbeams.

I have many brothers and sisters.

We come in the spring.

When I am old my hair will be white, and I shall fly away.

My wings are not like the wings of a bird.

My leaves are good to eat when they are young.

Can you guess my name? My name is dandelion.

The pupils are to complete each sentence with a suitable adjective.

The sunflower is ——.

The apple is ——.

The horse is ——.

The puppy is ——.

The dandelion is ——.

The leaf is ——.

A blue violet peeped below;

A deep blue sky was over them. They said, "Spring has come; did

you know?"

M. N. Nash
From The Child Garden

often
violets
came

May and Lily
often played together in the
flower garden.

There was a bed of blue violets in the garden.

A rosebush and some sunflowers were in the garden too.

One day Lily said: "Let us play house. I shall have my house by the violet bed."

"No, I want my house by the violet bed," said May.

"Then I will not play house," said Lily.

"Then I will not play at all," said May.

Just then papa came by with Prince. "Come, May and Lily," he called; "come for a ride."

"Good! good!" cried Lily and May together.

When they came home May said, "You may have your house by the violet bed, Lily."

"No, you may have yours there."

"Let us have a house there together," said the two.

The happy sisters lived in a pretty home in the garden all the day.

city sold grains winter



lay chicks sells took

May has some chickens.

They are hungry chickens.

May says, "Come, chicks,

chicks, chicks."

They come flying to her.

May makes them happy with grains of corn. She gives them water and puts

them in their house at night.

They have their nests in the barn. They lay eggs for May.

She sells some of the eggs.

One day her brother took some to the city to sell.

He sold them all for her.

Can you guess what she does with some of her eggs?

She gives them to a little boy.

He has been sick all winter.

Every Saturday she takes them to him in her basket.

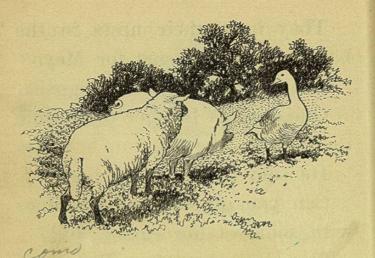
Sometimes she reads to him.

He likes to have her read.

She likes to read to him about

Little Boy Blue.

He does not know how to read. He likes to look at pictures.



as pig bill deep once goose build sticks wanted

Once a sheep and a pig wanted to build a house.

They wanted to have their house in the deep wood.

As they went they saw a goose.

"Where are you going?" said the goose. "We are going to build a house in the deep wood," said the sheep.

"Let me go with you?" said the goose.

"What can you do to help?" said the pig.

"See my long bill. I can bring grass and sticks in my long bill.

They will make the house warm."

"Good. You may go with us," said the sheep and the pig.

Then they saw a rabbit.

"Where are you going?" said the rabbit.

"We are going to build a house in the deep wood," said the sheep.

"Let me go with you?"

cock crow clock would

"What can you do to help?" said the pig.

"See these teeth. I can cut sticks and branches with them."

"Good!" said the sheep and the pig. "You may go with us."

As the sheep, the pig, and the rabbit went, they saw a cock. He said, "Where are you going?"

"We are going to build a house in the deep wood," said the sheep.

"Let me go with you?"

"What can you do to help?"

"I can crow in the morning. You have no clock. That will be a help."

"Good! Come with us," they said.
On coming to the deep wood,
they talked of their fine house.

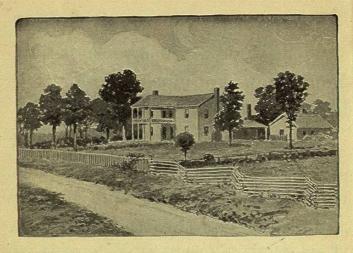
The pig cut the trees, and the sheep helped to lay them together.

The rabbit cut long branches.

The goose found grass and sticks to make the house warm.

The cock was as good as a clock. He crowed every morning.

After a time the house was built, and the sheep, the pig, the goose, the rabbit, and the cock lived together and were happy.



breast front our beautiful planted yard top worms

This is my house.

It is in the country.

Do you see the beautiful trees in our garden?

Grandpa planted that oak when papa was a little boy.

James can climb to the top of it.

James is my big brother.

The squirrels like the oak tree.

They play in the branches and eat the acorns.

The trees in the front yard are maple trees.

The birds have their nests in these trees.

I like to watch the mother bird feed her babies. She finds worms for them. Sometimes she hides her babies under her breast.

There is a field near the house.

I like to hide in the long grass.

We have many chickens.

I feed them every morning.

Papa puts them into a little house at night.

blossoms joints tall useful

There is a beautiful plant growing in our garden.

It has a tall green stalk. The green stalk has joints. From every joint grows a long narrow leaf.

There are blossoms at the top of the stalk.

There is yellow dust on the blossoms. And just think! My plant has ears!

They grow on short stems from some of the joints.

The ear has many grains.

The grains are good for food.

It is a very useful plant.

Can you guess the name of this tall plant?

Answers to the following questions are to be drawn from the preceding lesson.

What grows in your garden?
What kind of stalk has it?
What grows from every joint?
What do you see at the top
of the stalk?

What is on the blossoms?
What can you see growing from some of the joints?

What do you find on the ear? In what ways is corn useful?



Once a little pine tree was growing in the woods.

It said: "I do not like my needles. I want gold leaves."

At night it went to sleep. In the morning it had gold leaves. "Oh, how very beautiful I am!" it said.

Just then a man went by and took all the gold leaves from the little tree.

Then it had no leaves at all, and was not so beautiful as the other trees were.

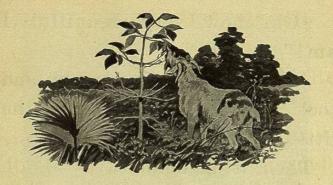
It said: "I do not want gold leaves. I want glass leaves."

In the morning it was bright with sharp glass leaves.

Then it said: "How beautiful I am!

No other tree in all the woods is so beautiful."

In the night the wind came up and took the glass leaves away.



again wish could along dinner ate should goat

Again the tree had no leaves. It said: "I do not want gold leaves.

I do not want glass leaves. I wish that I could have big green leaves."

In the morning it had green leaves like the other trees.

Just then a goat came along.

He said: "I am hungry. I will eat these leaves." So he ate them all for his dinner.

"Oh!" said the little tree; "I should be so glad to have my sharp needles again."

Night came and it went to sleep. In the morning the birds came and were very glad to find the long green needles again.

And the little tree was glad too.

Let the pupils supply the missing word in each sentence.

A pine tree — in the woods.

Pine needles — long.

They — green all the year.

A nest — in the pine tree.

SOMETHING TO DO

count cup each children draw fill brown animals

You may cut the apple for me. You may put all my schoolbooks together.

You may put the yellow flowers into a cup of water.

You may count the animals in the picture.

You may hold my basket.

You may draw a horse.

You may fill the basket with big brown chestnuts.

You may hold up your hands. You may name each of the children.

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

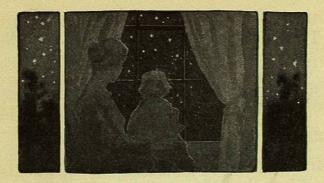
Twinkle, twinkle, little star;
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky!

When the shining sun is set,
When the grass with dew is wet,
Then you show your little light;
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often through my curtains peep;
For you never shut your eye
Till the sun is in the sky.

JANE TAYLOR





stories tell ago always awhile far sky told

"Mother, let me watch the stars awhile before I go to sleep.

They are very bright to-night, and I like to watch them.

Where do they go when day comes, mother?"

"The stars, my dear, are always in the sky.

They are so far away that when

our sun shines we cannot see them at all.

Long ago beautiful stories were told about them. Some day I will tell them to you."

"How many stars are there in the sky, mother?"

"There are so many that no one can count them all."

The pupils should write the following sentences and supply the missing words.

The stars shine at

The stars are very -

The stars are far —

The sun gives us ——.

The sun makes us ——.

The sun makes the flowers