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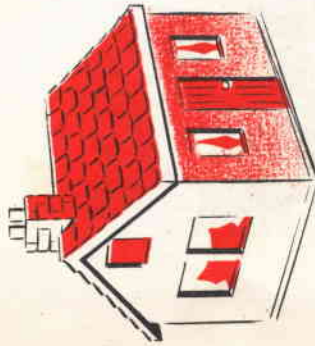


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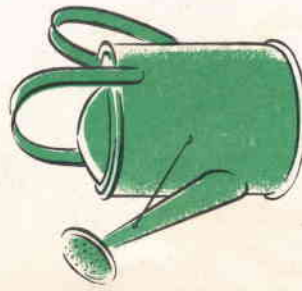
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doll's house



tea-set



can



skipping rope



boy



girl



baby



bird



horse



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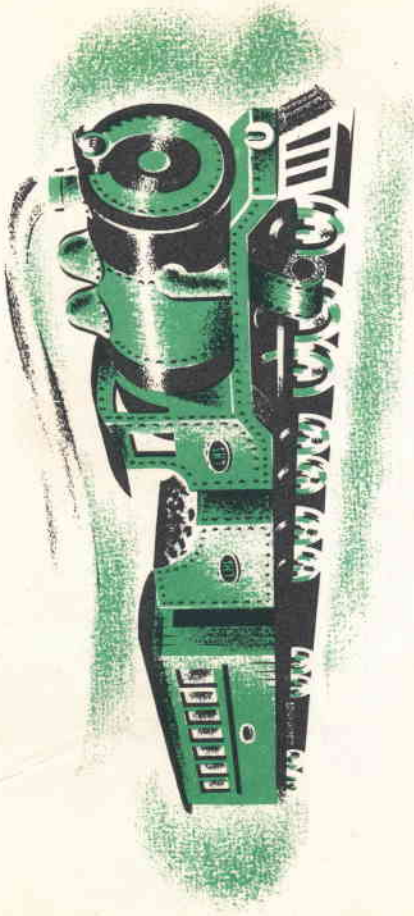
The boy is Pat.
He is a big boy.
He can run and jump.
Big boys like to run
and jump.
Run Pat, run and jump.
1, 2, 3, go.



The girl is May.
She is a big girl.
She can skip
with a skipping rope.
Big girls like to skip
with a skipping rope.
They like to jump
over a rope, too.
Over and over they jump.



The baby is a boy.
He is a little boy.
He is too little to jump
over a rope.
The girls are big girls.
They like to play with baby.
Father, will you play horses
with baby? He will like
to play with you.



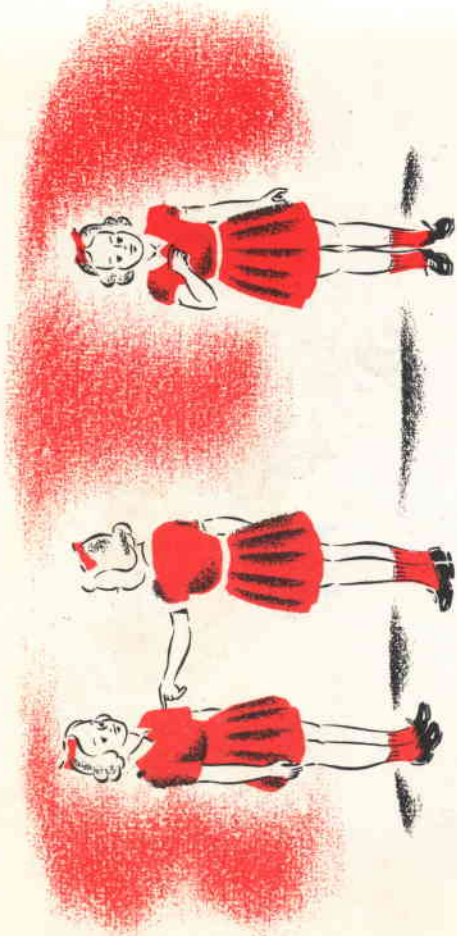
Pat has a train.
The train will not go.
“I cannot make the train go,”
said Pat.
“Can you make the train go,
Father?
I like to see the train go.”
“I can make the train
go a little,” said Father.



May has a big dolls' house.
She has a dolls' tea-set.
Father will make a bed
for the dolls' house.
May will put the tea-set
in the dolls' house.
She will put the bed
in the house, too.
Then she will make the bed.



Pat has a train.
May has a dolls' house
and a skipping rope.
"Get a top for baby," said May.
"He will like a top."
Pat and May get a top for baby.
Then they run home.
They put the top in bed
for baby to play with.



I can see you.
Can you see me?
Will you come home
and play with me?
I have a tea-set.
I will make the tea.
Then you and I
can have tea.
Will you come?



The bird has
a home.
The home is
a nest.
Mother bird put the nest
at the top of the tree.
“No one will get the little
birds in the tree,” she said.



“Come over and see the nest
at the top of the tree, May,”
said Pat.



Look at the two horses.
 The big one is the mother.
 The little one is the baby.
 They can run too well
 for Father.
 They run and run and run.
 Father cannot get
 the mother horse.
 "I have no rope," said Father.
 "Will you get one for me, Pat?"



Pat and May play a game.
 May is a rabbit.
 She can hop well.
 Pat is a dog.
 The dog can see the rabbit.
 Run to the hole, rabbit.
 The dog will get you.
 Run, run, run.
 Run home to the little rabbit.



May is not well.
She will have to stay
in the house.
She and Pat
cannot play dogs and rabbits.
“Do stay and play with me,”
said May to Pat.
“I will make a can.
Come and have a look
at my can, Pat.
Do you like my can?”



The rabbit has a home
over by the big tree.
The home is a hole.
Two little boy rabbits
and two little girl rabbits
are in the hole.
A dog is by the hole.
Will he get the rabbits?
No, he cannot get
into the hole.
Do stay in the hole, rabbits.



Pat and May play houses.
 Pat is the father.
 May is the mother.
 Father will feed his dog.
 Mother will put baby to bed.
 By and by
 he will go to sleep.
 Then Mother will make
 a good tea for Father.



The two girls make a bed
 for the little baby dog.
 Then they put
 the little dog in it.
 He will have a good sleep.
 "I will stay by you, baby,"
 said the mother dog.
 "I will let no one pat you."
 I will let no one feed you."



Baby and Pat go
over the top of the hill
with Mother.
They see a nest up in a tree.
The mother bird is on the nest.
A baby bird is in it, too.
The baby bird will stay
up in the nest.
It will sleep in the nest.
Will Pat feed the baby bird?
No, Pat will not feed it.
The mother bird will feed it.
Father bird will feed it, too.

"Baby, do you see
the father bird up in
the tree?" said Mother.
"Look, he is by the nest.
He has a big fat fly.
He will not let the fly go.
The fly is for his baby bird.
It will like a fly for tea.
The father bird will come
over to the nest.
He will feed the baby bird.
Then the baby bird will go
to sleep in the nest."



"Frogs go to sleep
on a log," said Mother.
"Do you see one, Pat?"
Pat runs over to the log.
"I can see a fat frog," he said.
"But I cannot get it.
It can jump too well for me.
Did you see the
frog jump, Mother?"



"Let us go home for tea,"
said Mother to the two boys.
"Look at the cat
over by the tree," said Pat.
"Is it my cat?" said Mother.
"No, it is too big," said Pat.
"Look, Mother, it can see a bird
up in the tree,
but it cannot get the bird."



Father and Pat go
over the hills to fish.
"Do you see the frog?" said Pat.
"No, I see a fish," said Father.
"Let us stay and fish
by the log."
Pat sat on a log.
Father sat on a log too.
They could see the fish go by,
but they could not get one.

"May, run and buy a rabbit for me," said Mother.

"It will make us a good tea."

May ran to buy the rabbit.

She met Father and Pat.

"Did you get a fish, Pat?" said May.

"No, I could not get one," said Pat.

May ran on to buy the rabbit.



Pat has a dog.

May has a cat.

Father has a cow.

Mother has a dish.

Father will milk his cow.

Then Mother will put the milk in a dish.

"I will feed my cat,"

said May.

She ran to get the milk.



Find the horse.

Find a big dog.

Find a fat cow.

Find a skipping rope.

Look for a frog.

Look for a bird.

Look for a rabbit.

Look for a house.

Look again and find the cat.

Can you see three boys?

Can you see a little girl?



A bird met a little pig.
The bird said, "I can fly well.
I will fly away to my nest
up at the top of the tree."
"I will fly, too," said little pig.
But he could not fly.
"I wish I could fly,"
said the poor little pig.



The bird sat on its nest.
It said, "See me fly.
I will fly back again
to the tree. Fly with me."
But little pig could not fly.
He ran home to his mother.
She just laughed and laughed.
"My poor little pig," she said.
"Pigs cannot fly."

I will tell you
what to do, Pat.
See if you can do it.
Run like a dog.



Jump like a frog.



Hop like a rabbit.



Fly like a bird.

"I cannot fly," said Pat.



Swim like a fish.

"I can swim,

but not like a fish."

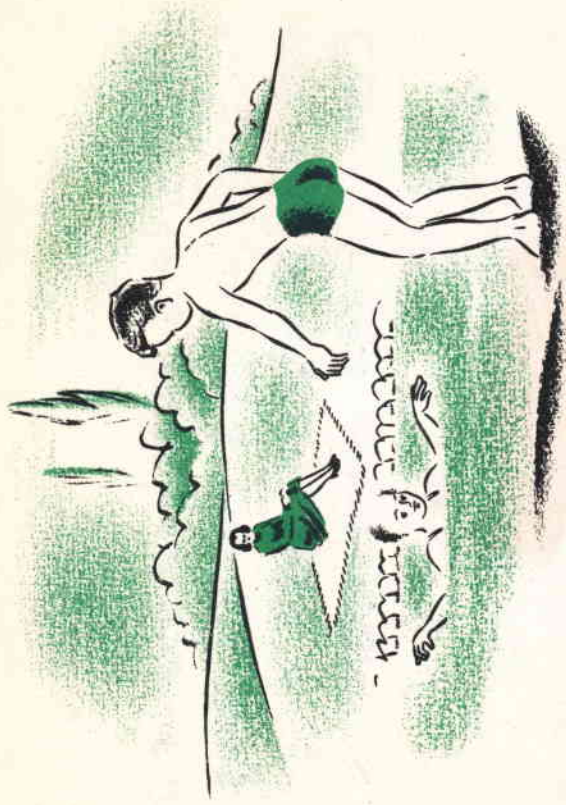


I have legs but I cannot run.
I cannot skip, I cannot hop.
Pat can sleep in me.
Can you tell what I am?



I have no legs.
I cannot fly, but I can swim.
I just swim and swim.
What am I?





“Let us go for a swim,” said Pat. “Let us run back and tell Mother to come, too, if she can,” said May. “I am on my way to buy a little milk,” said Mother, “but I will come. I can get it by and by.” Away the three went. “I wish I could swim,” said Mother.

May began to swim and swim. She can swim like a frog. A frog has legs to swim with. Pat jumped up on to a log. He could not swim as well as May. “You look as if you do not like to get wet,” laughed Mother as she sat by the tree. “Just jump in, too, Pat.” Pat jumped in and began to swim. “Did you have a good swim?” said Mother. “Yes,” they said.

Two little birds

Sat on a hill.

One was Jack,

And one was Jill.

"Fly away, Jack,

Fly away, Jill.

Come back, Jack,

Come back, Jill.

Fly little birds,

Fly to the tree.

Back to the baby birds,

One, two, three."



One 1

Two 2

Three 3

A little bird was in a nest
with his mother. She said,
"It is not wet. Let us fly
over to see Mother Pig."

Just as they left the nest
they met such a big bird.

"Did you see Mother Pig
as you went by?" they said.

"Yes," it said, "you will find
Mother Pig at home.

She has two little pigs.

They are such good pigs".

So the birds went on again.



The mother pig
had a boy pig and a girl pig.
The boy pig was not
as good as the girl pig.
He upset his dish of milk
again and again.
Then he had none left for tea.
“You are such a poor little pig,”
said his mother.
“You are so wet.
I will just have to put you
to bed.”
But boy pig could not sleep.

To market,
To market,
To buy a fat pig.
Home again,
Home again,
Jig, jig, jig.



To market,
To market,
To buy a fat hog.
Home again,
Home again,
Jog, jog, jog.



Father went off to market
to buy a cow.
He could see horses and pigs
at the market as well as cows.
He had a look at the cows.
“I like this one,” he said.
“She looks such a good cow.”
He got the cow at the market.
Then he left the market
and went off home again.
“Look at this good cow.
I got it at the market,”
he said to Mother.

This poor little pig
has a bad leg.

He fell and cut it
as he ran

up to the top of the hill.

He could not go to the market.

He had to stay at home.

He was so upset.

He said, "I wish

I could go to market."

"No," said his Mother.

"You may not go to market
with such a bad leg."

This little pig said,

"I am off to market.

I will buy an apple

for the pig with the bad leg."

He had a little bag.

He got such a big apple.

He put it on top of his bag.

Then he ran back home.

"What did you do

with my apple?" said the pig
with the cut leg.

He looked in the bag
but he could find none.



A big fat cat said,
“What can I find for my tea?
I will look in the cupboard.”
The cupboard was open.
On the top shelf
was a dish of milk.
The bad cat jumped
on to the shelf to see
what was in the dish.
In he fell. “I like milk,”
said the poor cat.
“But I do not like
to swim in it.”



One, two, three.
What can I see?
The cat's in the cupboard.
Can she see me?

Three, two, one.
Back I will run.
Into my hole again.
Oh! what fun.



"I will get an apple
for myself," said Jill.
"Then I will play with baby.
He has no one to play with."
"Let us make a train,"



said Jack.
Off the train went
Up to the top of the hill
and back to the house again.
"Oh, this is such fun,"
said baby.



The cupboard
was left open.
In skipped a bad
little elf.

A dish was on the shelf.
A bag of apples
was on the shelf, too.
The elf said to the dish,
"Come to Elfland with me.
It is such fun in Elfland."
Up jumped the dish.

"I will come with you,"
it said.
So off they went
to Elfland.



A little frog said,
"I will make myself
as big as a cow.
I will blow myself up.
Tell me," he said to the cow,
"Am I as big as you?"
The cow laughed.
"No," she said,
"You are just a little frog."
He began to blow again.
One, two, three, Bang!



This little pig
went to market;
This little pig
stayed at home;
This little pig
had roast beef;
And this little pig
had none.
This little pig said,
"Oh, my!
I cannot find
my way home."

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