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Tommy and the Mermaid

ONCE upon a time there was a little boy who lived on the shore of the great deep sea. His father was a fisherman, and Tommy never tired of listening to his tales of the ocean.

One evening after tea Tommy climbed into his father's boat, which was drawn far up on the sand, and sat watching the water, dreamily thinking of the stories which his father had told.

Suddenly the boat began to glide slowly and noiselessly down the bank to the water and out upon the golden road made by the sunset. Away and away it floated, always toward the setting sun, until the land disappeared and nothing could be seen but sea and sky, with the first stars twinkling in the east.

All at once Tommy heard a soft voice singing close beside him. He started up and gazed around, but could see no one. Then the soft voice sounded again, "Tommy, where are you going?"

"Who are you," asked Tommy, "and where are you?"

"Look in the water," cried the soft voice merrily.

Peeping over the edge of the boat, Tommy discovered a tiny mermaid smiling up at him from the water.

"How do you do?" he inquired politely, hardly knowing how to address his queer visitor.

"I'm pretty well, thank you. Why don't you ask me to walk in?" said the mermaid.

"Won't you—why, how can you walk in when you haven't any feet?" exclaimed Tommy.

As he spoke the mermaid grasped the side of the boat, sprang lightly in and seated herself beside Tommy.

"That's the way we mermaids walk in. But the king sent me up here to in-

maid, springing lightly about upon the tip of her tail.

Tommy tried, but only succeeded in coming down with an awkward flop to the floor. The mermaid helped him to rise, and after several more trials he was able to keep his balance.

"Now come and show the king what a fine merman you are," said the mermaid. So they returned to the hall.

"Your majesty, he has the fins and tail," said she.

"My fins and scales!" cried the king. "Take him to supper!"

Tommy followed his guide to another long room, with a low table extending down the center. Around this table on soft cushions of seaweed reclined numbers of mermen and mermaids, who greeted Tommy's friend with merry shouts of welcome.

Tommy was so occupied in gazing at the strange scene that he forgot to be shy and soon found himself seated at the table between his friend and a jolly little merman with curly hair, who at once began to fill his shell with dainties.

For the plates were large flat shells, the cups were the dainty sea biscuits turned upside down, and the food was the strangest that Tommy had ever seen. There was milk from the sea cow, salad made of seaweed, there were fricasseed snails, baked oysters, pickled eels' tongues, jelly made from the jellyfish and a great many other dishes of which Tommy didn't know the names.

After supper the jolly merman invited Tommy to go with him to visit the aquarium. "We will begin here," he said, opening the door into a small room.

"I don't see any aquarium," said Tommy.

"Just look out of the window," replied the merman, and as Tommy did



THE GIANT STOOPED AND LIFTED PAUL.

there, waving his arm toward the right and knocking down four trees as he did so. "It's a beauty."

"I'd like to see it," said Paul.

"Would you? Then I'll show it to you," answered James. He rose slowly and started off.

"Hey! Wait for me!" called Paul. "I can't keep up with you. Give me a ride on your shoulder."

The giant stooped and, lifting Paul between thumb and finger, set him carefully upon his broad shoulder, where the lad clung to the giant's hair to keep from falling off.

Suddenly it seemed as if another earthquake was happening. But he saw it was only the giant laughing.

"What's the joke?" gasped Paul.

"Ha, ha! My running away, you know," roared James. "It was because two other boys, Dick and Billy, told me what fun it would be to build a house of my own and start a collection."

"A collection? Of what?"

"Prisoners. All giants collect prisoners, you know. So I ran away to begin. I mean to fill my house with prisoners," he said, chuckling.

Paul was feeling very cold and shaky. What if this giant wanted to make him a prisoner! Giants killed, and ate their captives sometimes.

"Oh, James," he said hurriedly, "I'm afraid I can't go any farther with you. I just remembered that we're going to have supper early tonight, and mother never likes us to be late."

The giant's face fell. "Please don't go home," he begged. "I need you for my collection. Be the second prisoner, won't you?"

"Who—who's the other?" asked Paul.

"She's a real live princess that I caught only an hour ago. I've made a good beginning, haven't I?"

Though frightened, Paul was interested. "What are you going to do with her?" he asked.

"That's what I don't know," the giant said. "Dick and Billy told me, but I forgot. See here, you know all about giants. What's the proper thing to do with princesses?"

"Release them," said Paul promptly. James looked doubtful. "That's not exactly what they said. I remember now—it was ransom. Princesses are ransomed unless some brave prince rescues them. Do you know any brave princes?"

"Not many," said Paul doubtfully. "But I'm a third son, and you know in all fairy stories the third son succeeds

and Jessie caught at the walls as they flew by and broke off large pieces. The castle awayed, tottered and fell with a crash, and the children, dropped from the giant's hands, fell through the treetops down—down! Paul heard Jessie scream, but could not see her. And then—

"Why, Paul, if you haven't fallen out of the seat!" called a laughing voice. "I do believe you've been asleep, you lazy bones, while I've been practicing. Didn't you hear me call you?"

Paul sat up and rubbed his bewildered eyes. Jessie, quite unharmed, was standing there laughing at him—New York World.

Barking Dogs.
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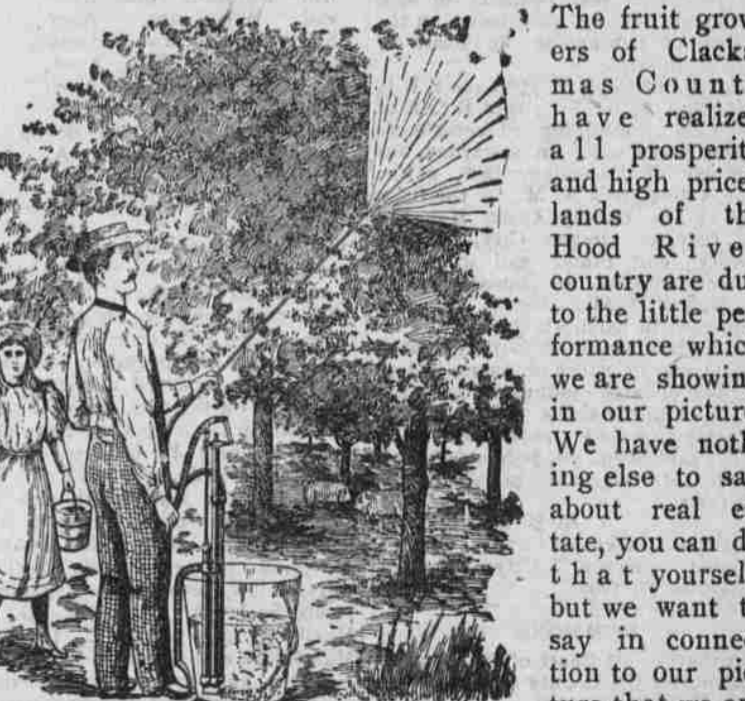
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O T S Co to A Kempkin lots 11 and 13 blk 96 Oswego \$180
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