



FLUFFY RUFFLES *Drawings by Wallace Morgan*



SHE EMPLOYSS SOME BACHELORS

1.

At least a score of bachelors (among them Mr. Dean) Were spending pleasant summer weeks at Blennerhaven Green. Like Traddles, their sole reason for a sojourn in the place Was so that they could daily see Miss Fluffy's pleasant face.

2.

The Fresh Air Children were her care (they were her pleasure too) And every day she planned something for all of them to do. And one day as she chatted on the piazza in the sun, Surrounded by a mob of men, she said "Let's have some fun."

3.

"All right, you tell us what to do." "Yes, tell us what to do." "It's this," said Fluffy, smiling gayly, "You, and you, and you— In fact each man that's here to-day must help me in my plan To make my little Fresh Air kids as happy as I can."

4.

At this most all the bachelors began to hem and haw, And one out on the outskirts of the crowd said, "What a baw!" But Fluffy smiled, and then, of course, each man within the group Was quite prepared for anything from "craps" to "loop-the-loop."

5.

Next day at three the bachelors, all togged out in their best, Came as they said they would, and found Miss Fluffy simply dressed. The children wore their "outing" suits (their only ones, of course). "Now," said Miss Fluffy, "here we are; Suppose we all play horse."

6.

At this each urchin chose his "mount," each lassie seized her whip, And up and down the country road they made the poor men skip. Some didn't mind (like Traddles), but the most (like Mr. Dean) Were sorry that they'd ever come to Blennerhaven Green.

7.

With leap-frog, "jump-the-rope" and "Copenhagen," likewise "tag," The eager children chase the hours—their spirits never flag. Fair Fluffy drove a four-in-hand, but in the games with kisses, Although she seemed to lure the men, the men made nought but misses.

8.

Aunt Mary watched the merry sport, but like most ancient dames She thought it wise to take no part in any of the games. Now when the afternoon was spent, the men all went away! But every child declared he'd had the bulliest kind of day.

