

# FLUFFY RUFFLES

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## SHE OPENS A CHRISTMAS SHOP.

1.—At Christmas time (as all men know) the poor are with us still  
And then, if any time at all, they ought to have their fill  
Of all the good things of this life. So Fluffy formed a plan  
"I'll open up a Christmas shop and do what good I can."

2.—"I'll fill the place with books and cake, with candy and with toys  
"And all the thousand things, dear aunt, beloved by girls and boys  
"For clerks I'll call on millionnaires and dukes and counts and earls  
"And just to decorate the shop I'll have some pretty girls."



3.—'Twas at Aida in a box she met with Lord Romain  
He said he'd never be'n a "clark," but it was all in vain,  
For Fluffy made him join the ranks; "Floor walker you shall be  
You ought to thank your stars that you can do so much for me."

4.—She met at an Assembly Ball a very rich young man  
Named Richard Denny, and he said, "I'll help you all I can."  
And in a week of just six days she'd rented quite a store.  
Had filled it full of fetching things, had clerks, a double score.

5.—You should have seen the opening day. The poor began to come  
And such a sight of toys and "sweets" had almost struck them dumb,  
But when dear Fluffy beamed and said, "Just ask for what you see!"  
They stared in blank amazement, "All in here," she said, "is free."

6.—To see the handsome Lord Romain lead urchins up the aisle  
And hand them toys and pretty books made lovely Fluffy smile.  
It also made the urchins smile and laugh aloud in glee  
To find that everything they saw was absolutely free.

7.—Each day the store was emptied quite, each day filled up once more  
No other place so popular as Fluffy's Christmas store.  
Most loyal were her swagger clerks and kindness held full sway  
And thousands of the very poor made sure of Christmas Day.

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