



FLUFFY RUFFLES *Drawings by Wallace Morgan*

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SHE STARTS FOR PARIS.

- 1.—"Dear Fluffy," so the cable ran, "drop everything and sail
For Paris, where a fortune large awaits you. Do not fail."
This cablegram was signed by Fluffy's cousin, Wallace Hart.
She got it late one afternoon. "To morrow, aunt, we start!"
- 2.—Such speedy preparations no one ever saw before
She packed one trunk. "Oh, aunt, I'll buy a French department store."
At ten next day the steamer sailed—with Fluffy left behind!
A torn up street—a broken wheel. Conceive her state of mind.
- 3.—But she was most resourceful. "Send this wireless down the bay:—
"Will follow in a motor boat. MUST sail for France to-day.
(Signed) Fluffy Ruffles." Then she phoned to Ardmore on the Hudson.
In just ten minutes steam was up upon the Lawrence Knudson.
- 4.—Her aunt and she were soon picked up with little time to spare,
And fifty knots an hour made the harbor craftsmen stare.
They reached the ship just as the pilot left "Pardonnez moi!"
The voluble French captain said: he also said, "Ma foi!
- 5.—"Mais non, it ees against the law to let you come aboard,"
And through his speaking trumpet his position he deplored.
But Fluffy smiled her sweetest smile and clasped her pretty hands
(A gesture that which means the same in very many lands).
- 6.—And then the captain melted (as a gallant Frenchman would)
And stopped the ship and took them on. "Oh, Captain, you're so good!"
Said Fluffy as she shook his hand and laughed aloud with glee.
"Now I can be so happy New Year's Day in gay Patee."

