



BY FRANK H. SWEET

I was the night before Christmas and stormy. "Squash, squash" went the wheels of the carriage in the mud. "Whew-ew-ew" whistled the wind. And it blew Peter's hat out into the middle of the road.



"DID YOU EVER SMELL ANYTHING SO GOOD?" SHE ASKED.

some effort succeeding in quieting the plunging horses. "I am dreadfully afraid," she admitted shiveringly, "but I suppose you will have to go."

bits of gold and blue and scarlet paper. "We are going to pop some popcorn," Jenny explained, "and string it and hang it on the tree."

But Jessie and Jennie were gazing at her speechless. "Oh, you must be a fairy princess!" gasped little Jessie at last.

The little girls laughed joyously. "It's bean soup," Jenny said, "and we are going to have it for supper, with some little dumplings in it. I was afraid it wasn't nice enough for you."

princess, "but let's go on with the rhyme, just for fun. I see you know it all through, so you mustn't mind my changing it a little."



"QUIETLY, QUIETLY, PETER," WARNED THE PRINCESS.

But we won't have to pretend about the mince pie, for mother has made a lovely one. "I wish I could help you eat the chicken," said the princess wistfully, "and I should like to meet your mother. I know she is lovely. And I haven't any mother, you know."

"I can't find any one to help, miss," he announced, "and it's snowing. I'll have to unlatch the horses and go back to town and get something to take you over in."

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ALBERT DENT Sheriff of Lake County, Oregon. By C. D. ARTHUR Deputy.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Lake County. In the matter of the Estate of E. B. COONSE, Deceased. Citation.

You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lake, at the Court room thereof, at Lakeview, in the County of Lake on Thursday, the 6th day of January, 1910, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why an order should not be made in the above entitled cause granting the prayer of the petition of the administrator of said estate on file herein, and authorizing the sale at private sale of the following described real property of said estate situated in Lake County, Oregon, to-wit: The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter and Lot Number Four, in Section Eighteen, in Township Forty South, Range Twenty, East of the Willamette Meridian, containing Eighty acres.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, Dec 7th, 1909.

NOTICE is hereby given that William N. Dobkins whose post office address is Paisley, Oregon did on the 4th day of December, 1908, file in this office Sworn statement and Application, No. 0835, to purchase the SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 5; SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 6, Township 34S, Range 18 E, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon, have been appraised, \$515.25 the timber estimated 607,000 board feet at \$7.75 per M. and the land \$60.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 20th day of February, 1910, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Lakeview, Oregon.

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Jessie from her little chair echoed her sister's words. But she did not run, for there was a tiny crutch beside Jessie's chair in the square window. "And I am glad to be here," said the princess, whose quick eyes were taking in the details of the shabby room. "It's so nice and warm and cozy."



AFTER SUPPER THEY POPPED THE CORN.

The head of the table, and little lame Jessie said: "You were just sent to us for Christmas. Why, it's just like the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads."