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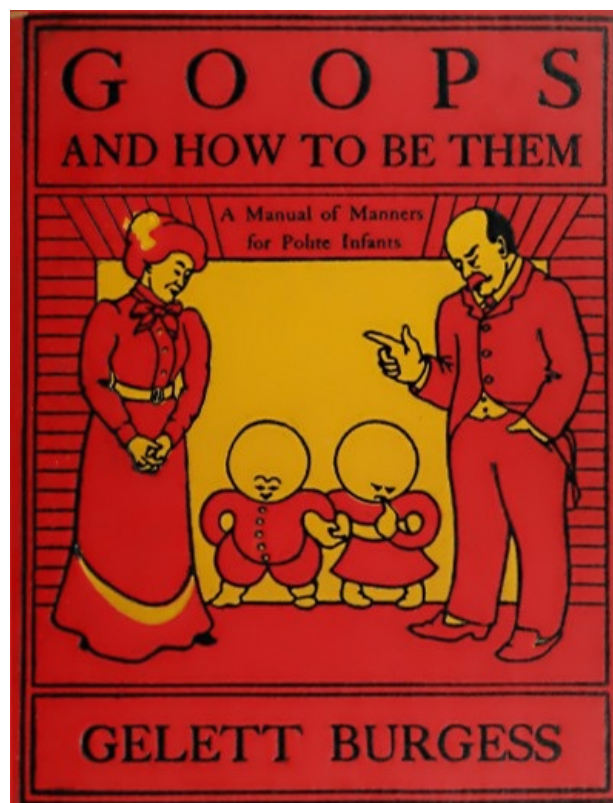
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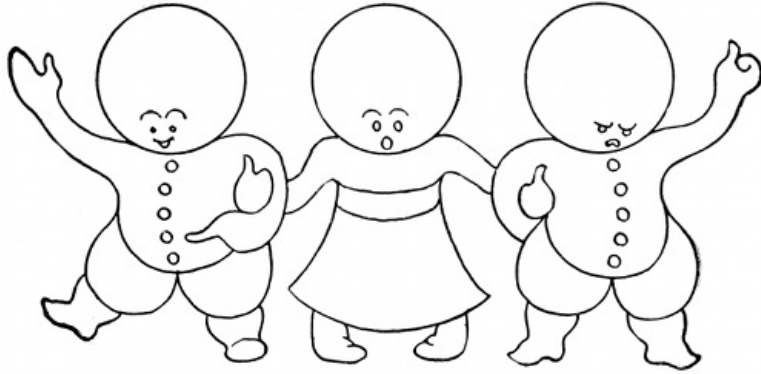


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Both by Precept and Example
With Ninety Drawings

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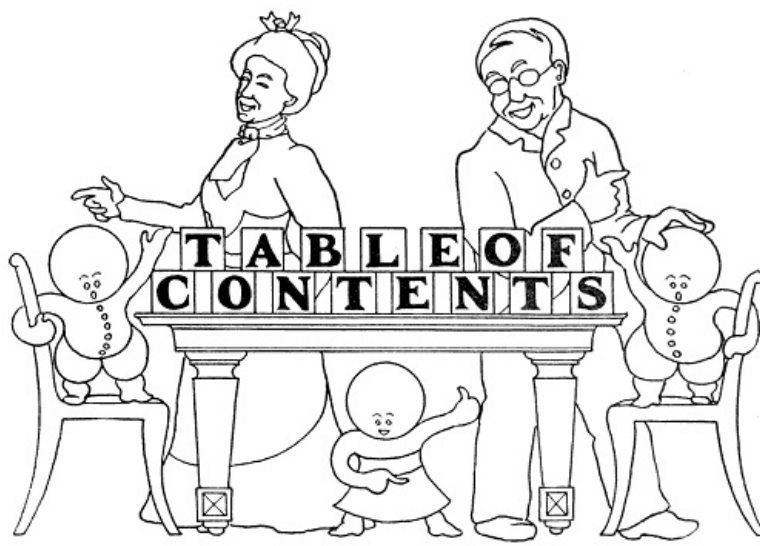
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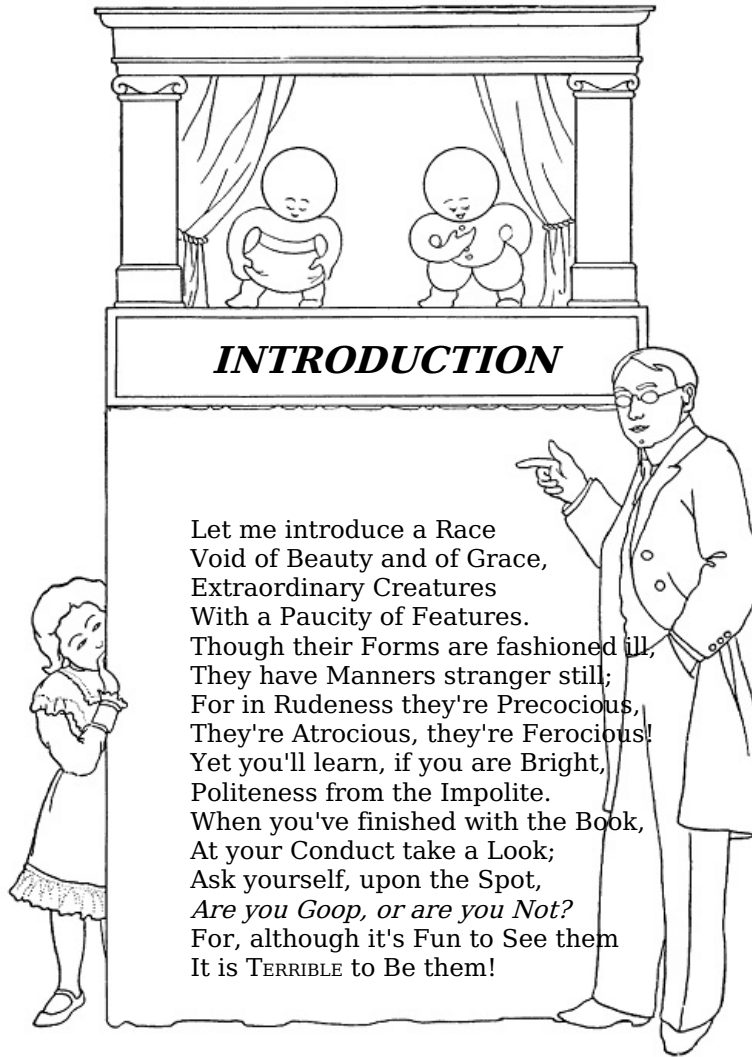
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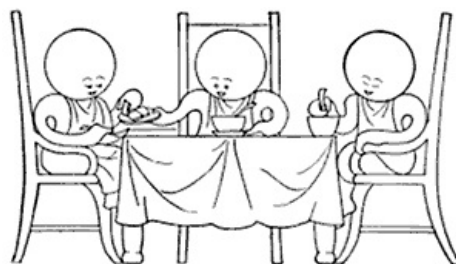


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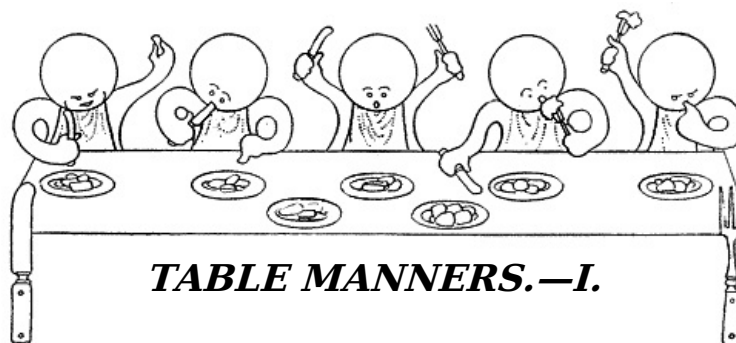
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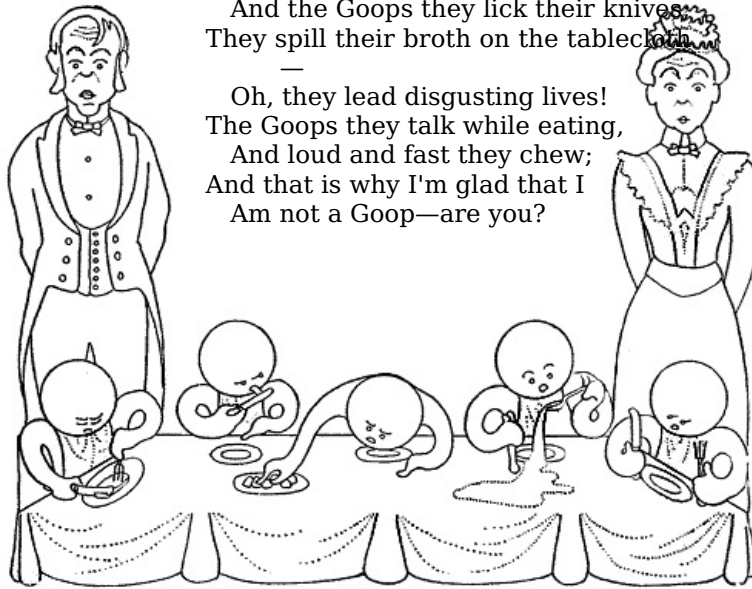


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The Goops they lick their fingers,
 And the Goops they lick their knives,
 They spill their broth on the tablecloth.

—
 Oh, they lead disgusting lives!
 The Goops they talk while eating,
 And loud and fast they chew;
 And that is why I'm glad that I
 Am not a Goop—are you?



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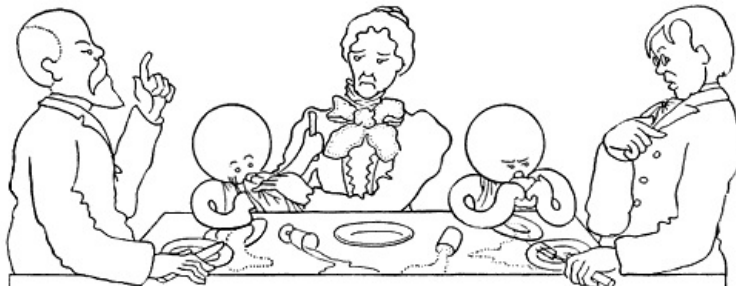
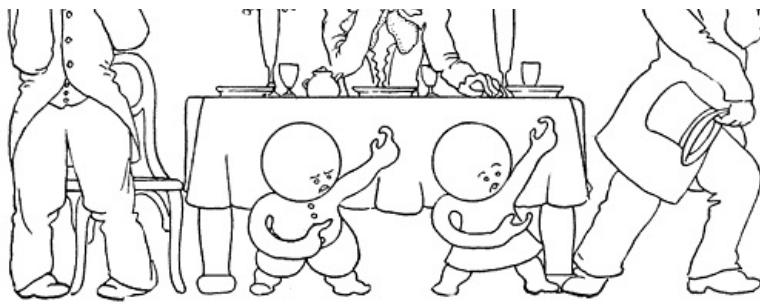


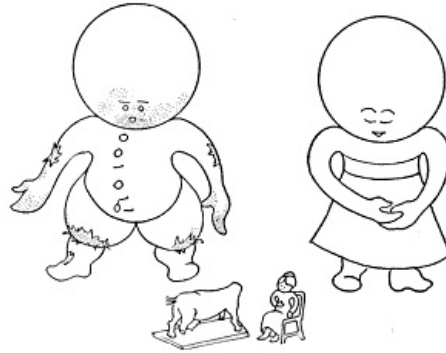
TABLE MANNERS.—II.

The Goops are gluttonous and rude,
 They gug and gumble with their food;
 They throw their crumbs upon the floor,
 And at dessert they tease for more;
 They will not eat their soup and bread
 But like to gobble sweets, instead,
 And this is why I oft decline,
 When I am asked to stay and dine!

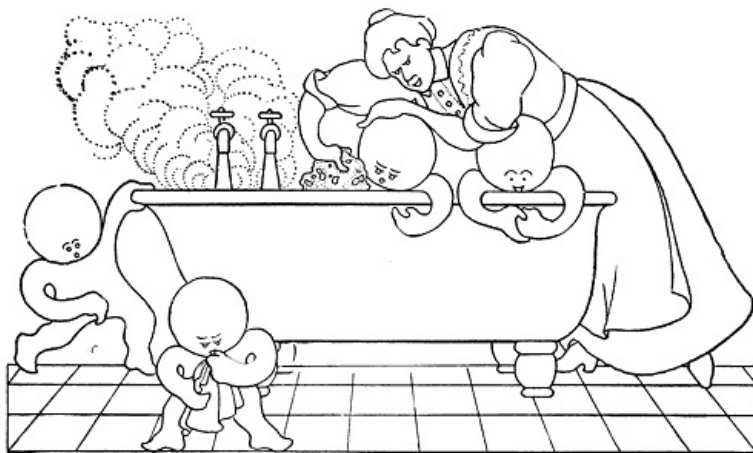




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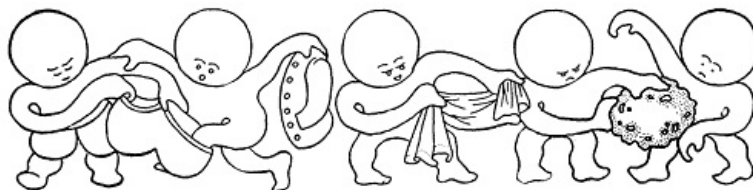
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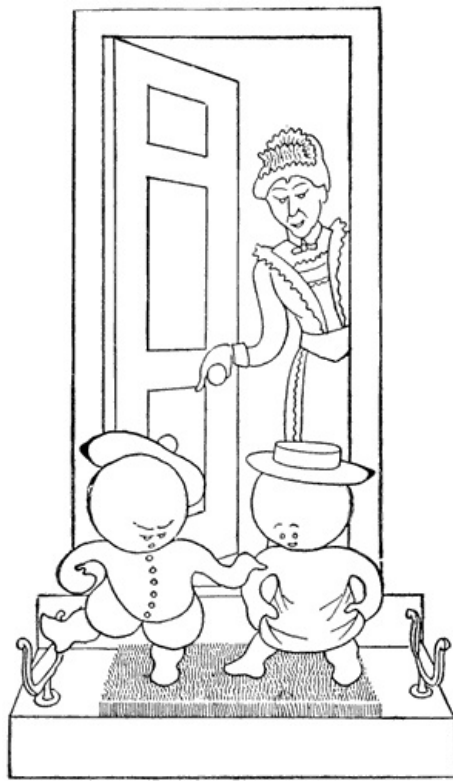
CLEANLINESS

The Goops they are spotted on chin and on
cheek,
You could dig the dirt off with a trowel!
But *you* wash your face twenty times every week,
And you don't do it *all* with the towel!

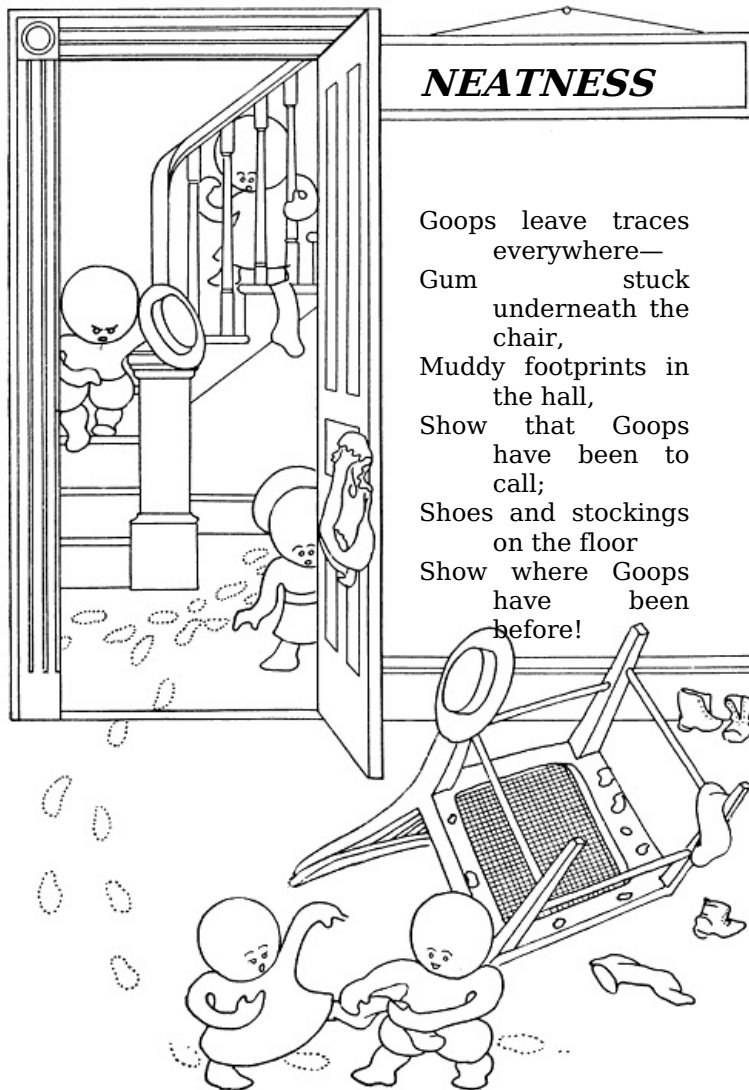
The Goops are all dirty, and what do they do?
They like to be dirty, and stay so.
But if *you* were dirty, you'd wash, wouldn't you?
If you needed a bath, you would say so!



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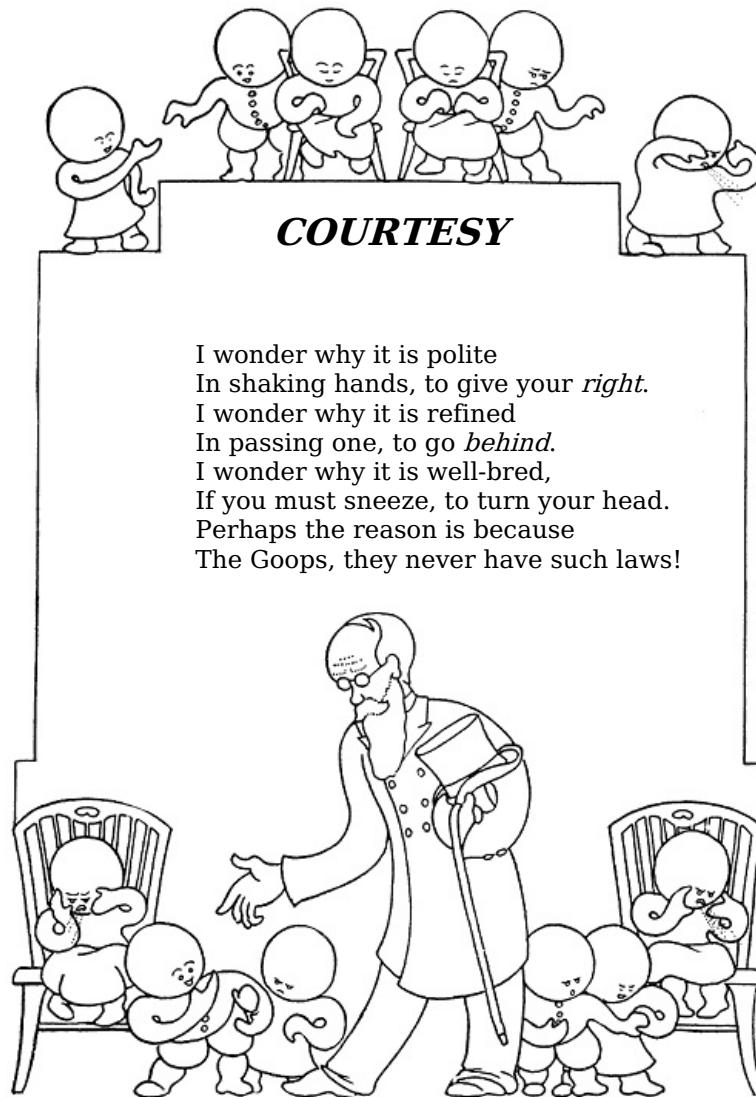
NEATNESS

Goops leave traces
 everywhere—
 Gum stuck
 underneath the
 chair,
 Muddy footprints in
 the hall,
 Show that Goops
 have been to
 call;
 Shoes and stockings
 on the floor
 Show where Goops
 have been
 before!

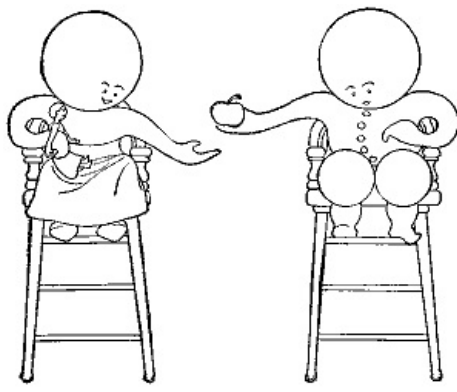
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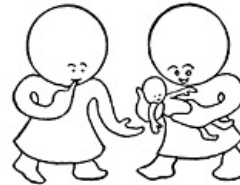
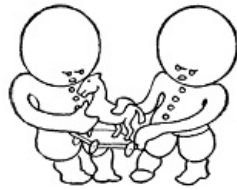
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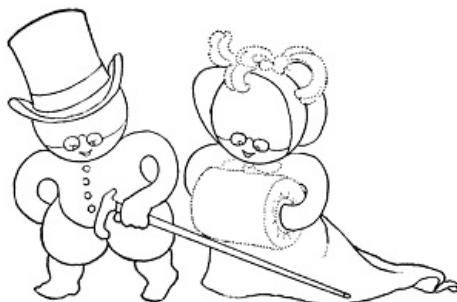
When you have candy, do you go
And give your sister half?
When little brother stubs his toe,
Do you look on and laugh?



The greediest Goop would give away
The things he didn't need—
To share the toys with which you play,
That's generous, indeed!



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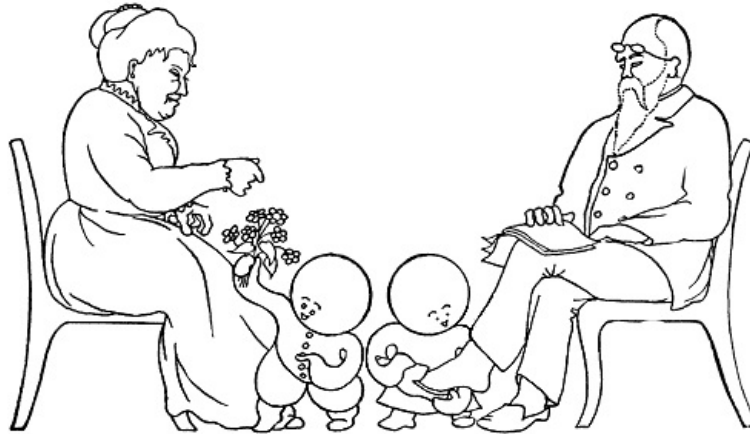
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CONSIDERATION

When you're old, and get to be
Thirty-four or forty-three,
Don't you hope that you will see
Children all respect you?

Will they, without being told,
Wait on you, when you are old,
Or be heedless, selfish, cold?
I *hope* they'll not neglect you!

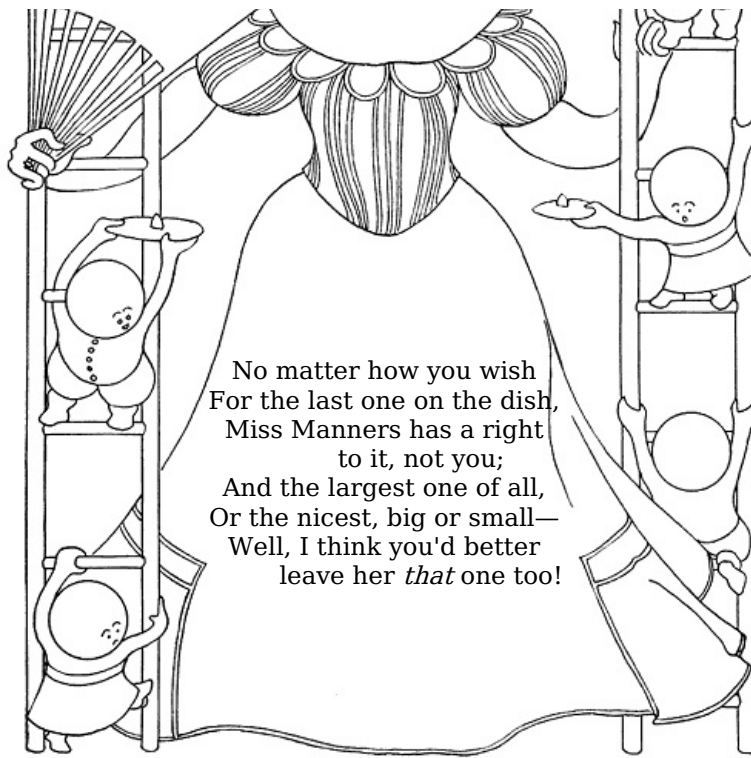


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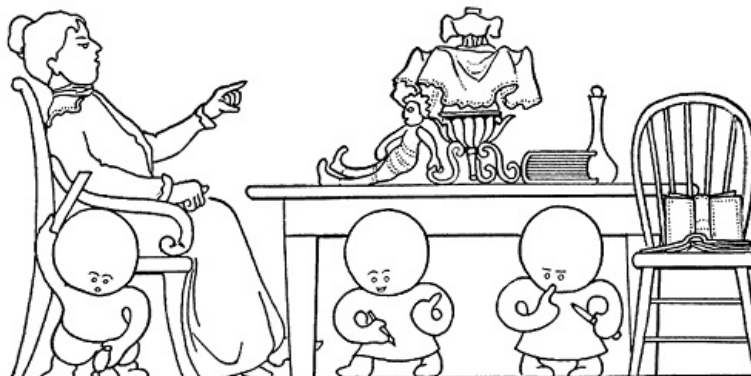


No matter how you wish
For the last one on the dish,
Miss Manners has a right
to it, not you;
And the largest one of all,
Or the nicest, big or small—
Well, I think you'd better
leave her *that* one too!

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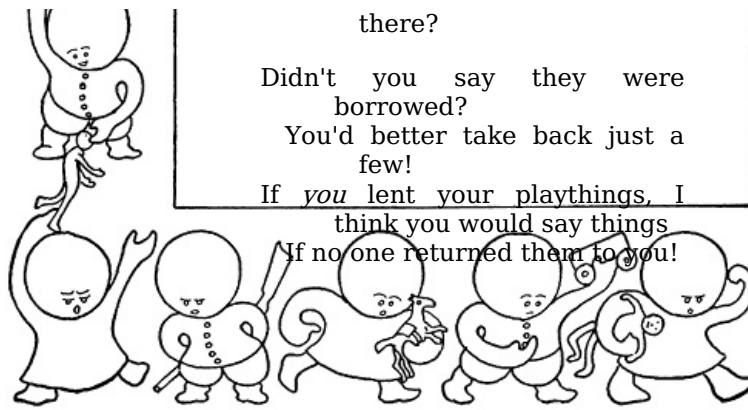
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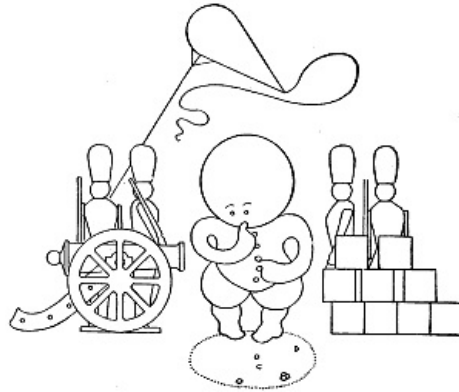
BORROWING

Whose doll is that on the table?
Whose book is that on the
chair?
The knife and the pencils and
other utensils,
Now how do they come to be

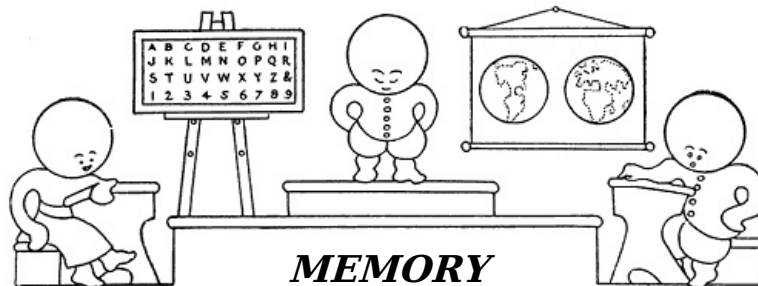




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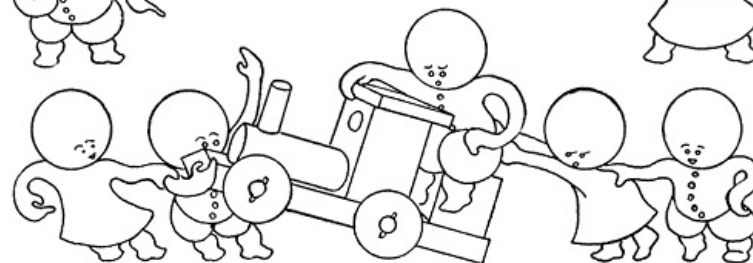
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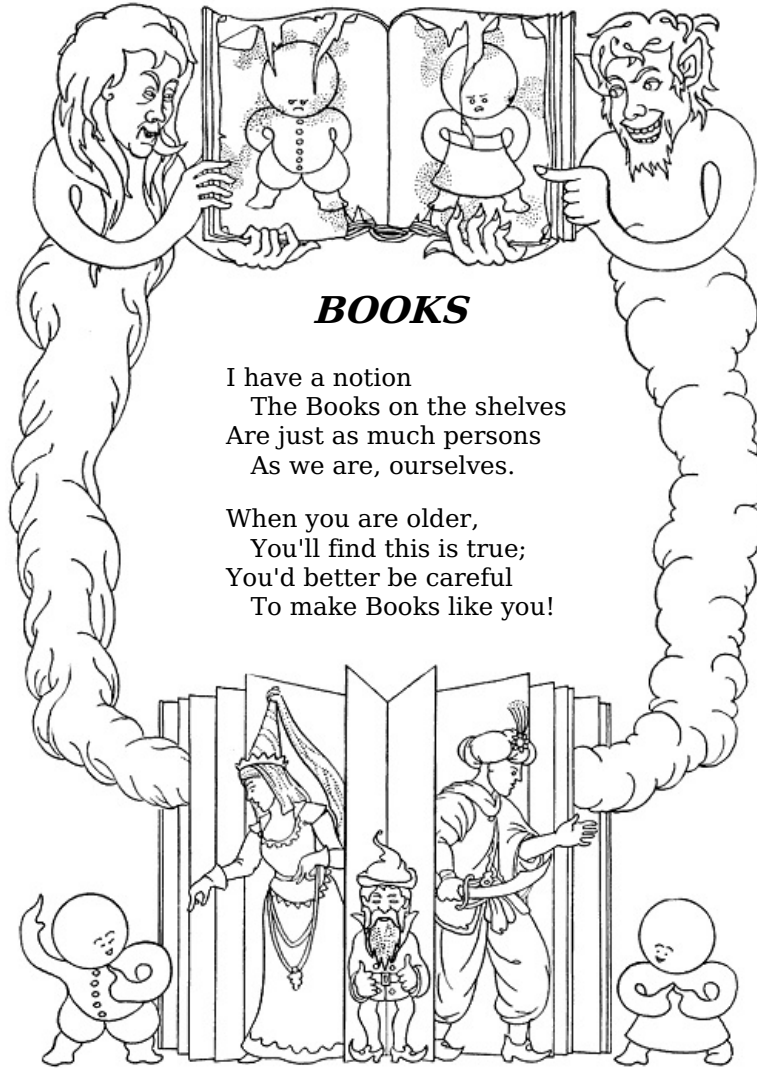
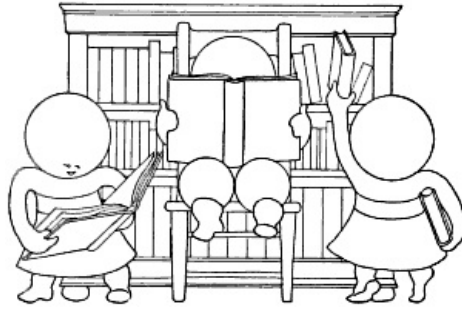


My teacher taught me, yesterday,
 A very pretty piece to say;
 But when I try to think of it,
 I can't remember it a bit!
 My head's so full of toys and such,
 I can't remember very much!



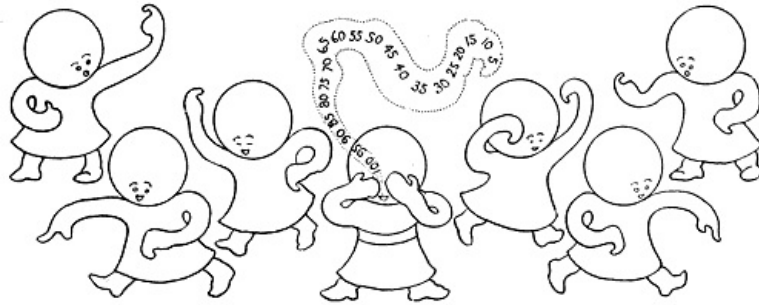
My teacher told me yesterday
 "Work when you work; Play when you
 play!"
 When I am playing with my toys
 I am the busiest of boys;
 But when I study or I work
 I'm 'fraid I *am* inclined to shirk!







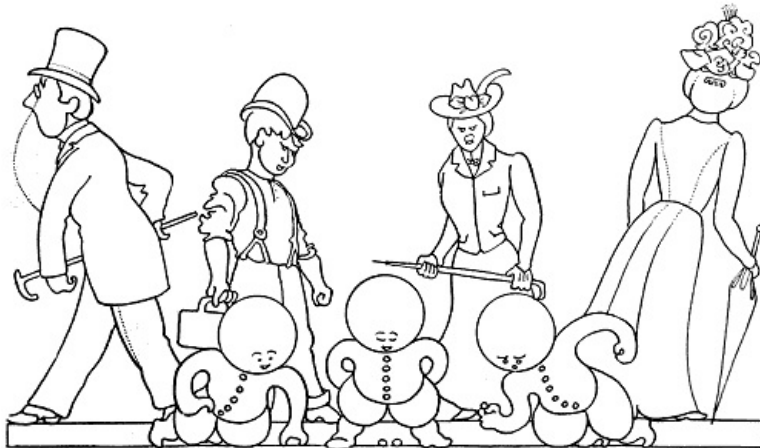
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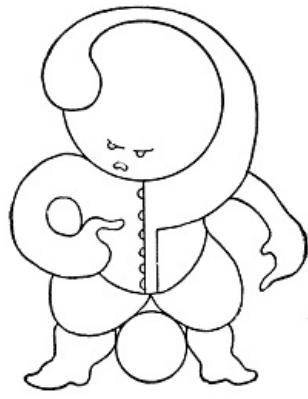
HONESTY

The boy who plays at marbles and doesn't try to cheat,
Who always keeps his temper, no matter if he's beat,
Is sure to be a favorite with all upon the street.

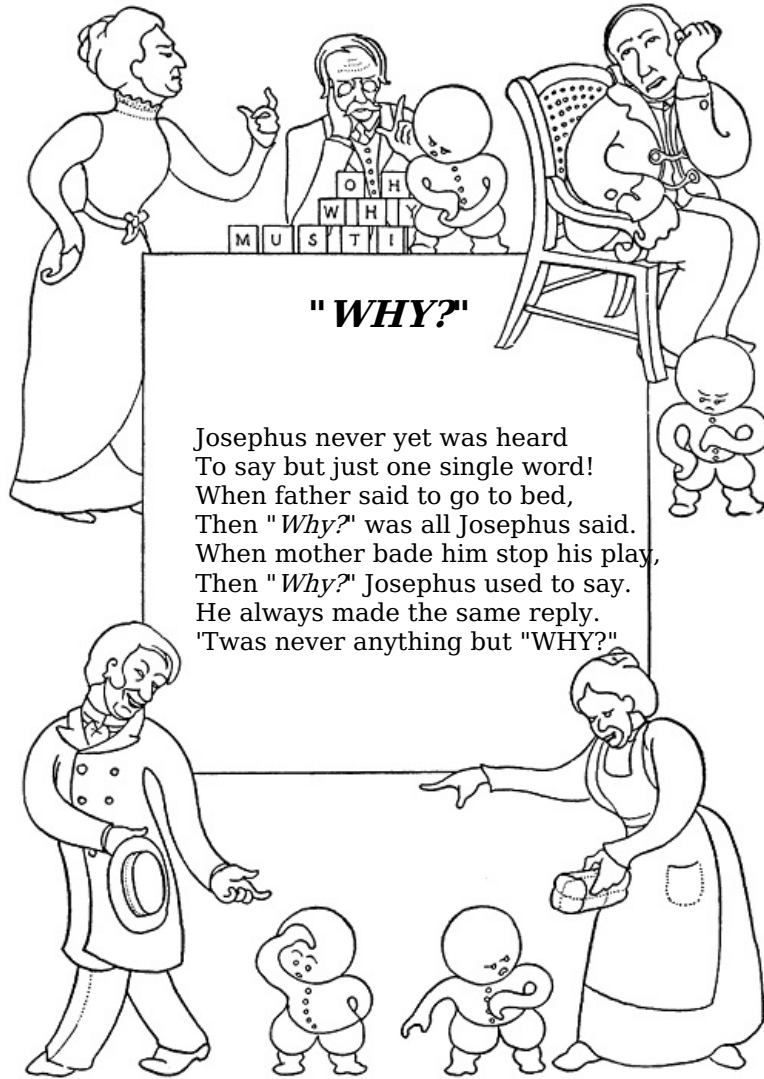
The girl who counts her hundreds very fairly, when
she's "it"
Who doesn't peep or listen, nor turn around a bit,
I'm sure she's not a Goop, in fact, she's quite the
opposite!



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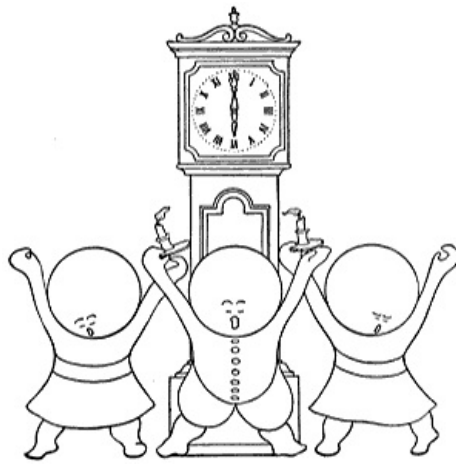
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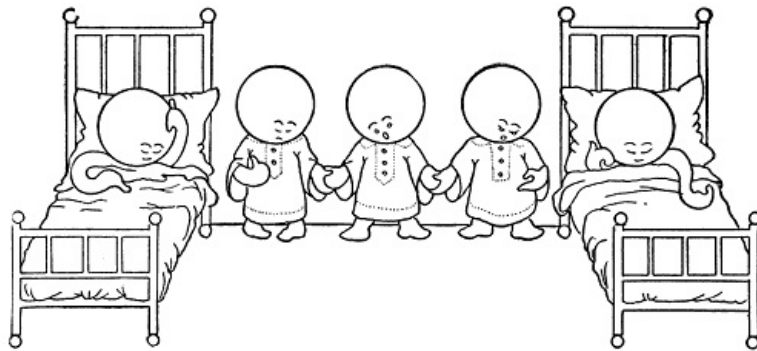
"WHY?"

Josephus never yet was heard
To say but just one single word!
When father said to go to bed,
Then "Why?" was all Josephus said.
When mother bade him stop his play,
Then "Why?" Josephus used to say.
He always made the same reply.
'Twas never anything but "WHY?"

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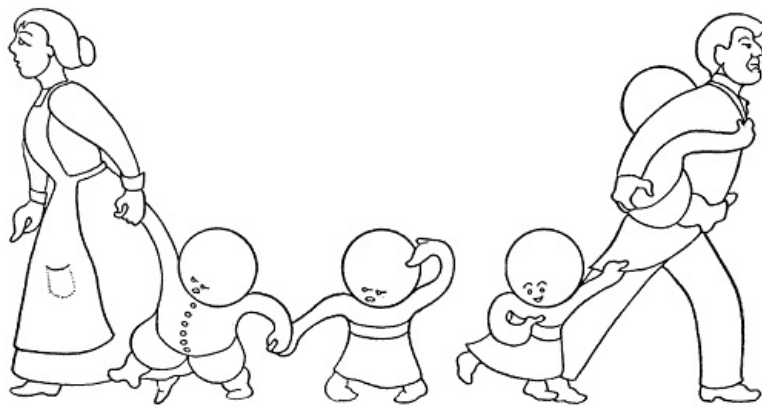
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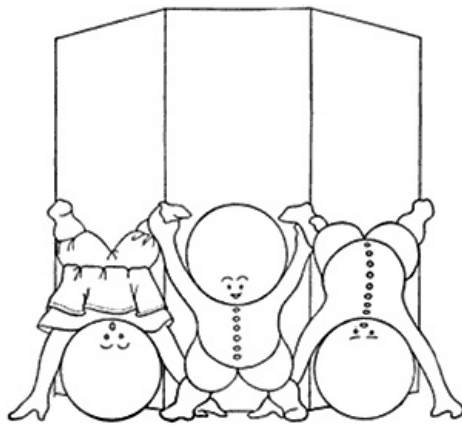
BED-TIME

The night is different from the day—
It's darker in the night;
How can you ever hope to play
When it's no longer light?

When bed-time comes, it's time for you
To stop, for when you're yawning,
You should be dreaming what you'll do
When it's to-morrow morning.



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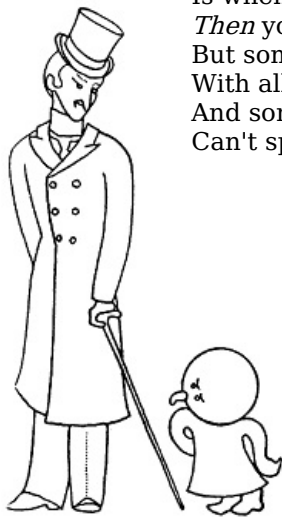


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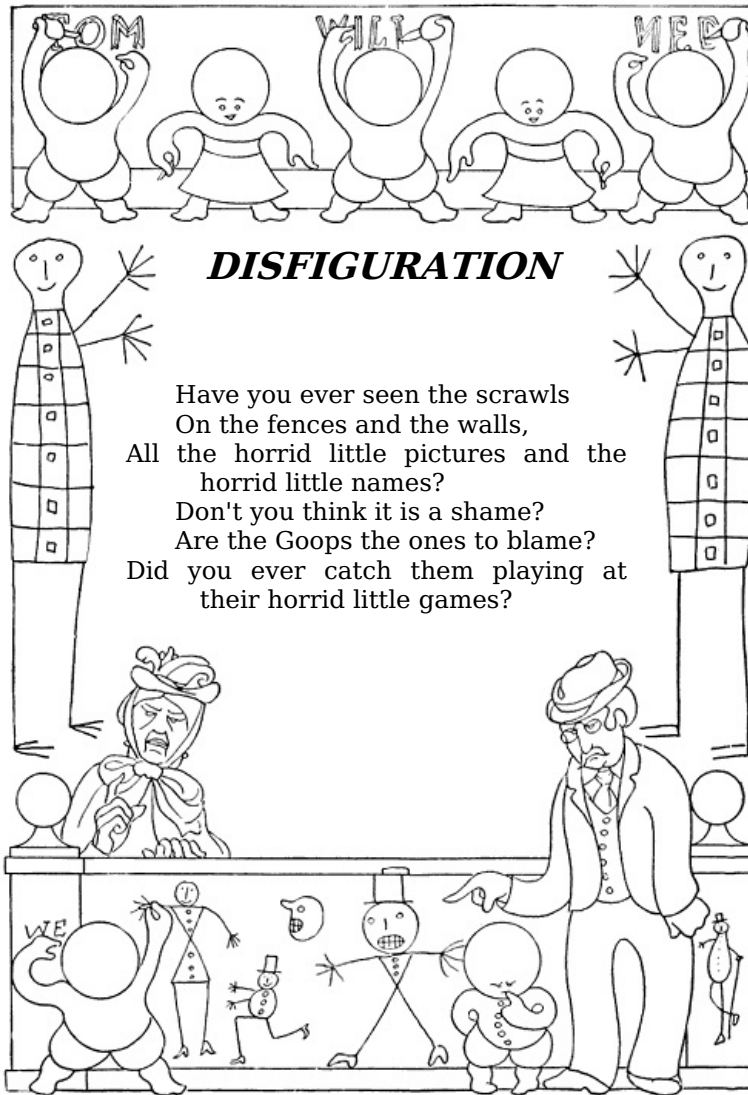
The proper time for you to show
Whatever little tricks you know
Is when grown people ask you to;
Then you may show what you can do!
But sometimes mother's head will ache
With all the jolly noise you make,
And sometimes other people, too,
Can't spend the time to play with you.



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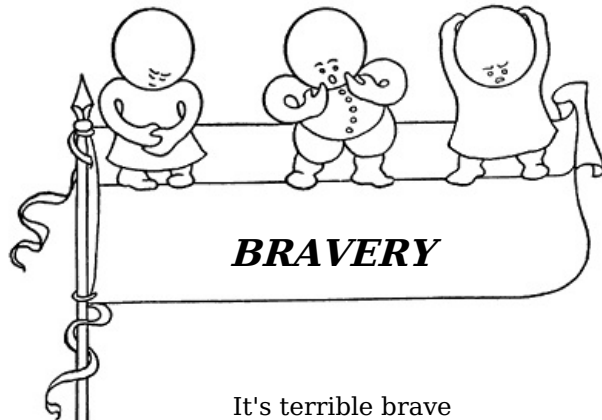
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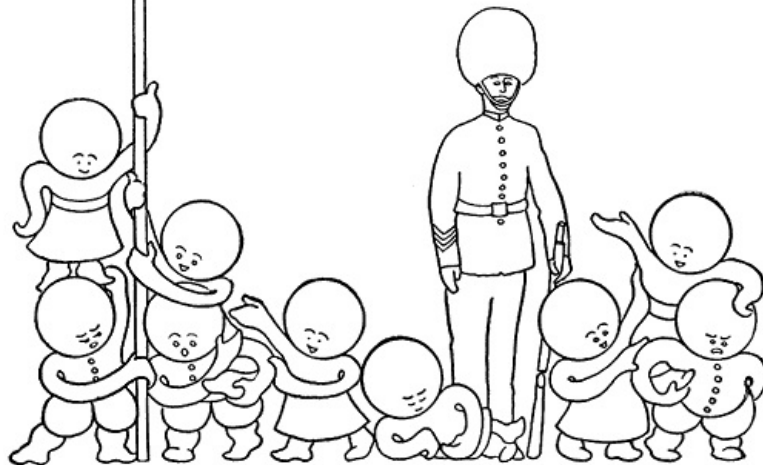
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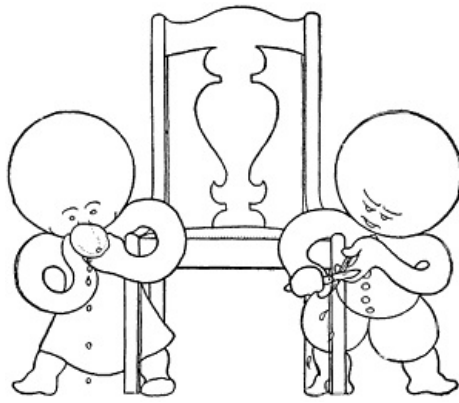
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It's terrible brave
To try to save
A girl on a runaway horse;
You could do that, of course!
But think of trying
To keep from crying,
When you're hungry and tired and
cross—
You couldn't do *that*, of course!



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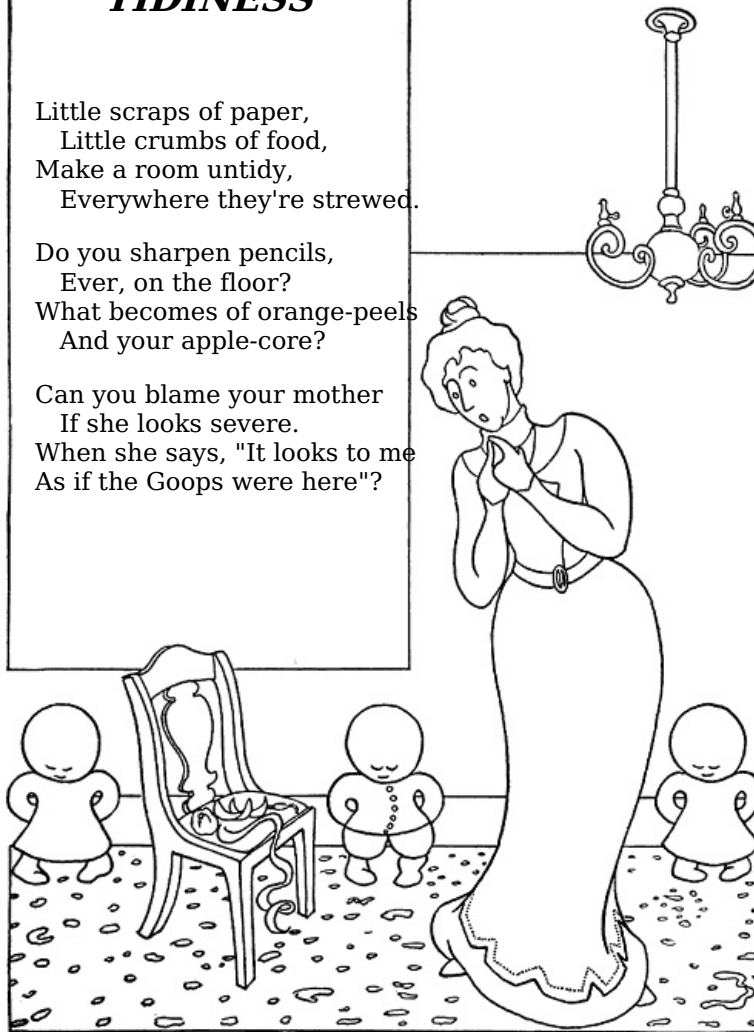
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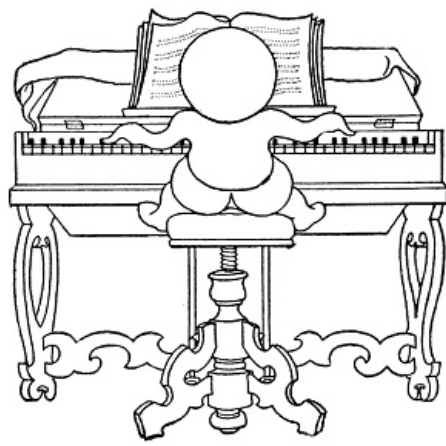
Little scraps of paper,
Little crumbs of food,
Make a room untidy,
Everywhere they're strewed.

Do you sharpen pencils,
Ever, on the floor?
What becomes of orange-peels
And your apple-core?

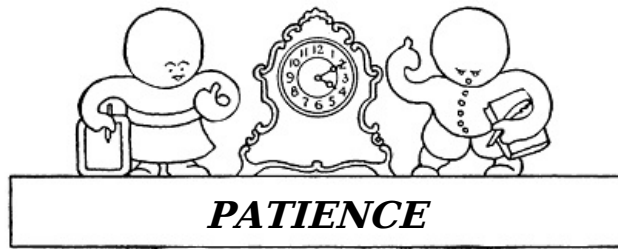
Can you blame your mother
If she looks severe.
When she says, "It looks to me
As if the Goops were here"?



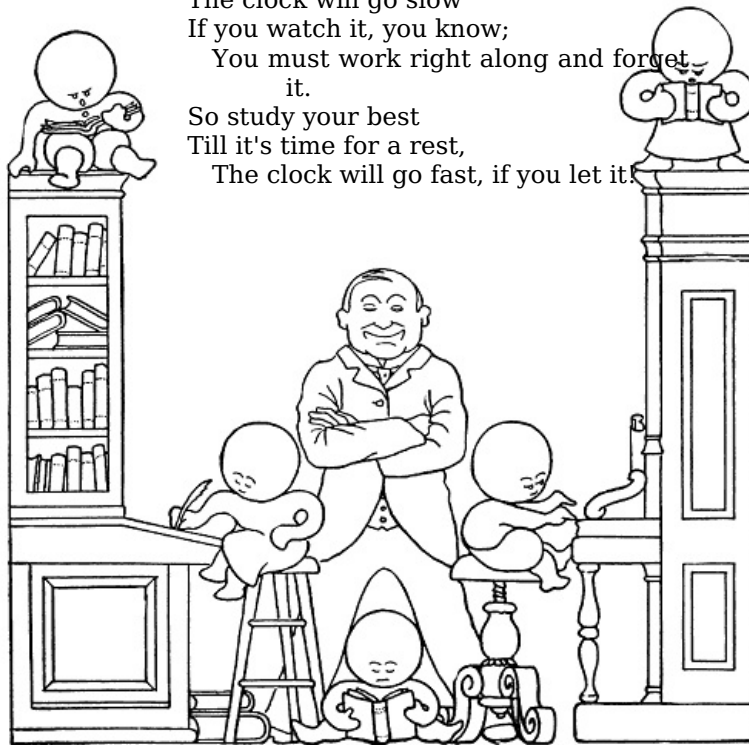
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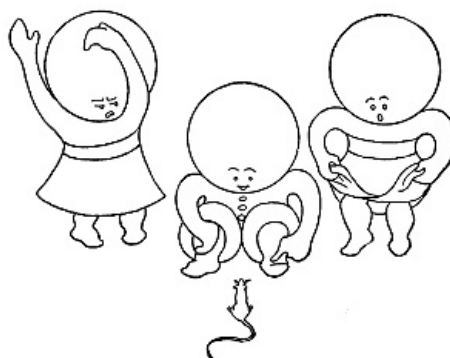
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The clock will go slow
If you watch it, you know;
You must work right along and forget
it.
So study your best
Till it's time for a rest,
The clock will go fast, if you let it!



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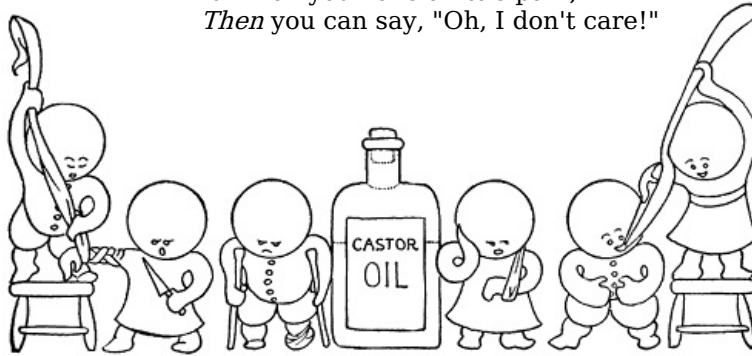
FORTITUDE



When you have been a naughty child,
Or taken more than was your share,
When you've been sulky, cross or wild,
You must not say, "Oh, I don't care!"

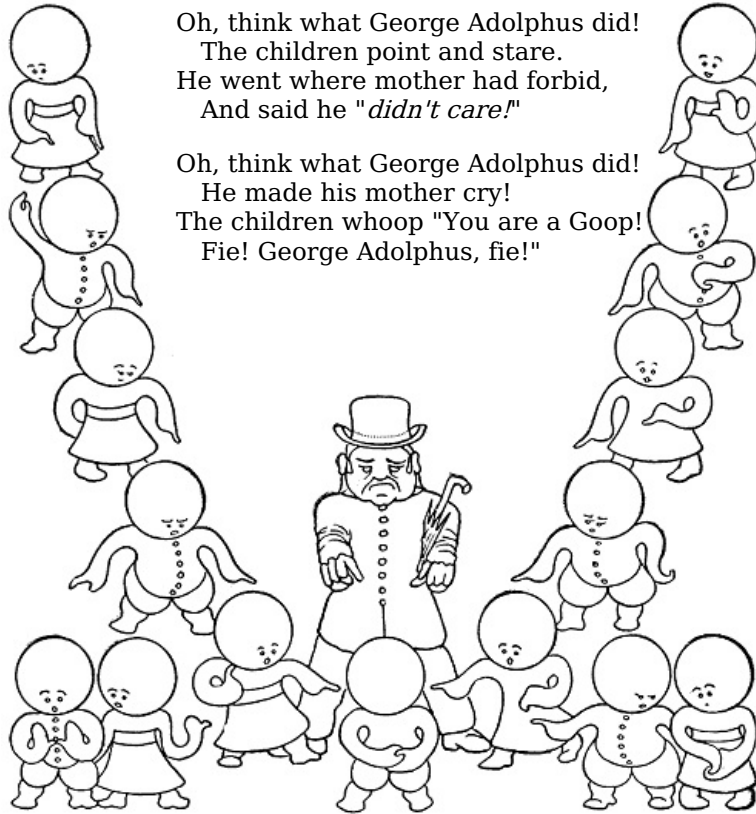


But when you hate to see it rain,
And when it's time to comb your hair,
And when you have a little pain,
Then you can say, "Oh, I don't care!"





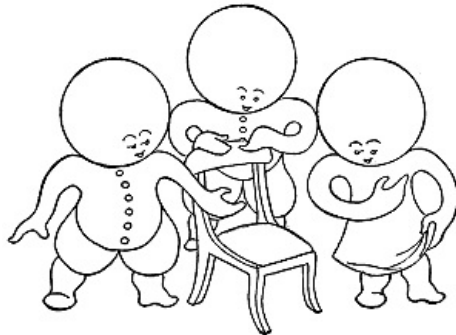
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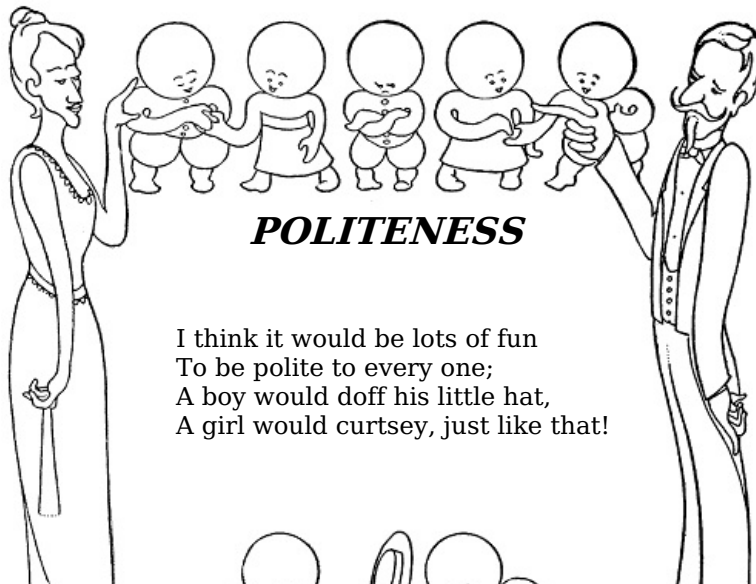
Oh, think what George Adolphus did!
The children point and stare.
He went where mother had forbid,
And said he "*didn't care!*"

Oh, think what George Adolphus did!
He made his mother cry!
The children whoop "You are a Goop!
Fie! George Adolphus, fie!"

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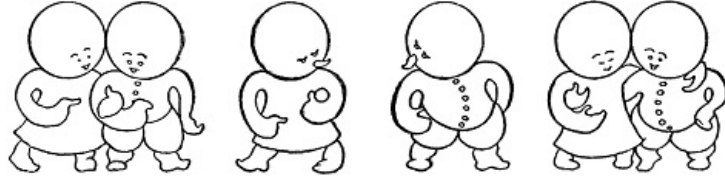


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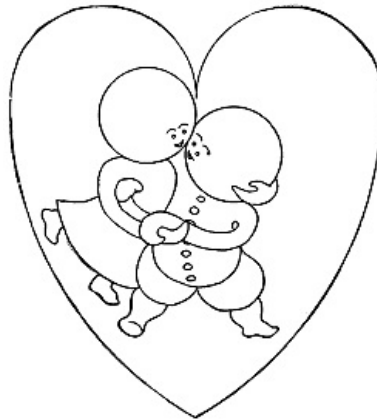
I think it would be lots of fun
To be polite to every one;
A boy would doff his little hat,
A girl would curtsy, just like that!



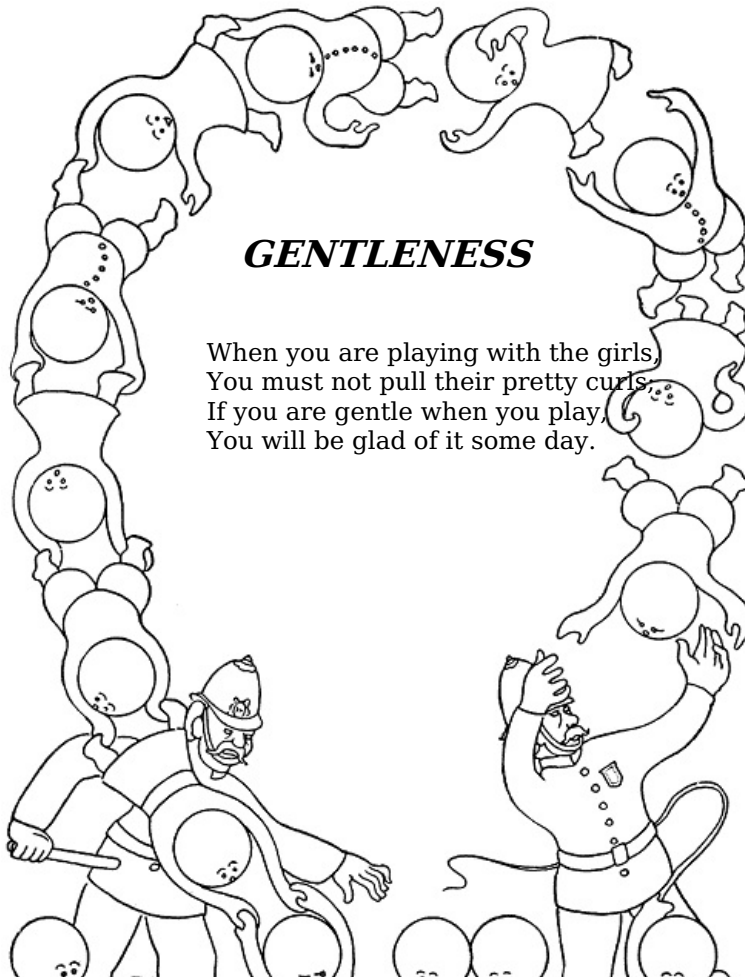
And both would use such words as these:
"Excuse me, Sir," and "If you please;"
Not only just at home, you know,
But everywhere that they should go.



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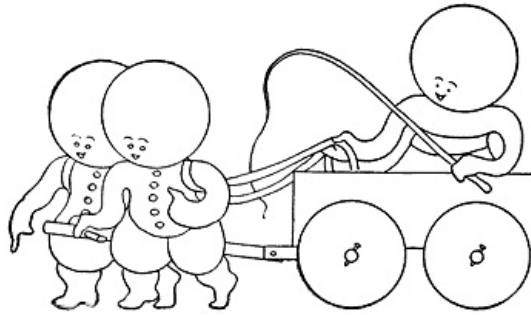


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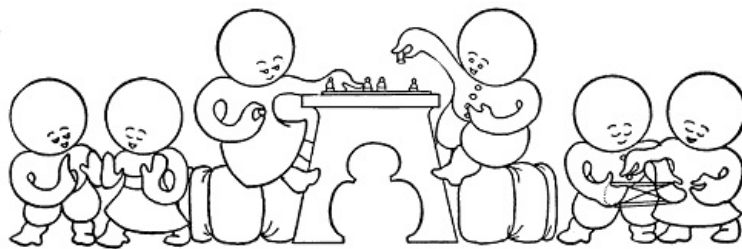
When you are playing with the girls,
You must not pull their pretty curls,
If you are gentle when you play,
You will be glad of it some day.



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HOSPITALITY

When a person visits you, remember he's your guest,
Receive him very kindly, and be sure he has the best;
Make him very comfortable and show him all your toys,
And only play the games you're very sure that he enjoys.

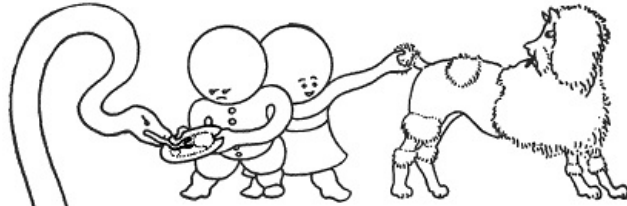
When you pay a visit, never grumble or complain,
Try to be so affable they'll want you there again;
Don't forget the older ones, your hostess least of all,
When you're leaving tell her you have had a pleasant call!



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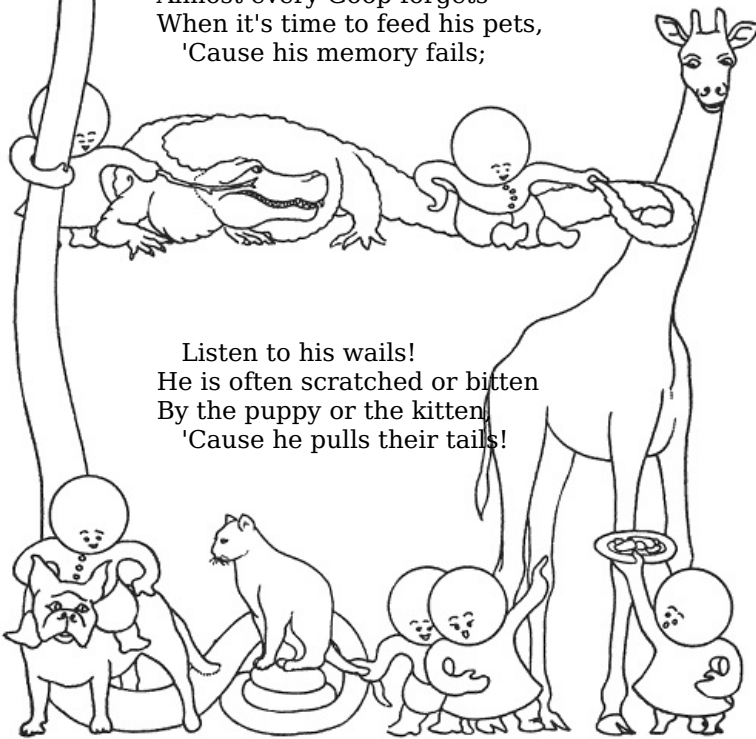


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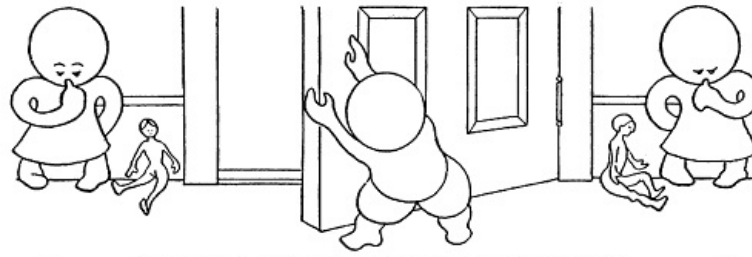
Almost every Goop forgets
When it's time to feed his pets,
'Cause his memory fails;



Listen to his wails!
He is often scratched or bitten
By the puppy or the kitten,
'Cause he pulls their tails!

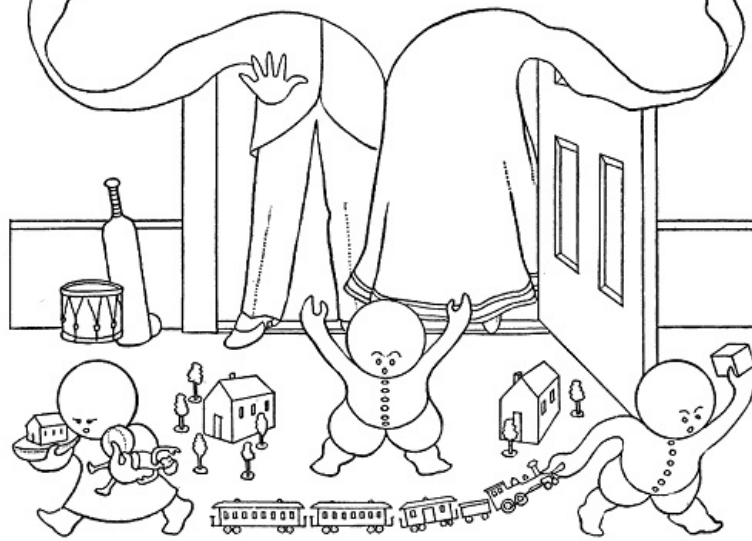
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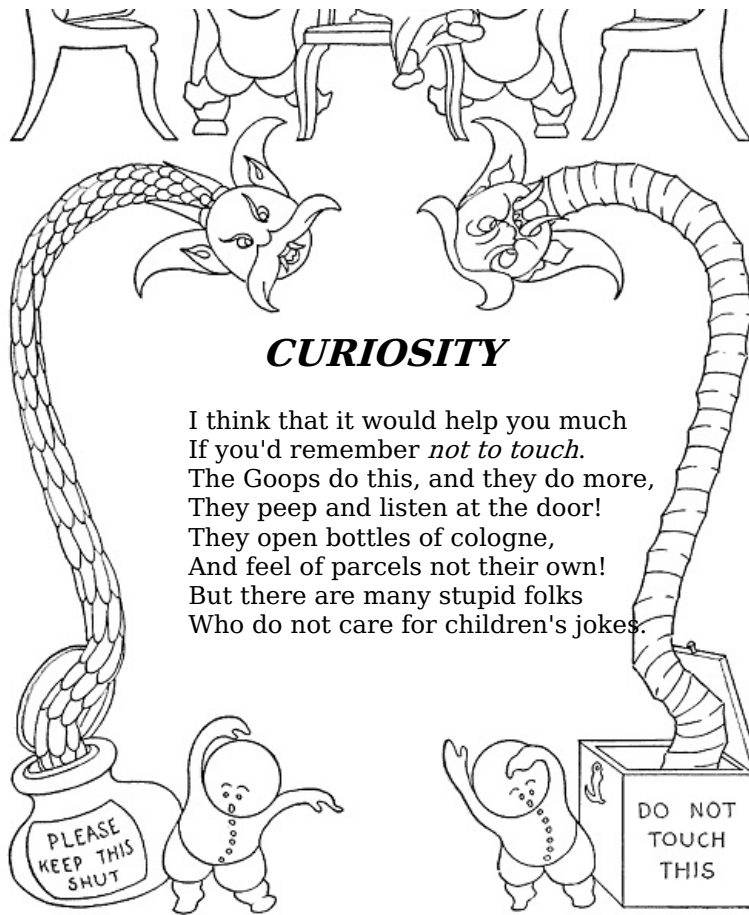




REMEMBER

Remember not to suck your thumb;
Remember not to slam the door;
Remember when the callers come
To take your toys from off the floor.





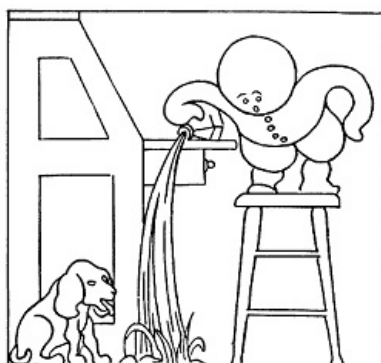
CURIOSITY

I think that it would help you much
 If you'd remember *not to touch*.
 The Goops do this, and they do more,
 They peep and listen at the door!
 They open bottles of cologne,
 And feel of parcels not their own!
 But there are many stupid folks
 Who do not care for children's jokes.

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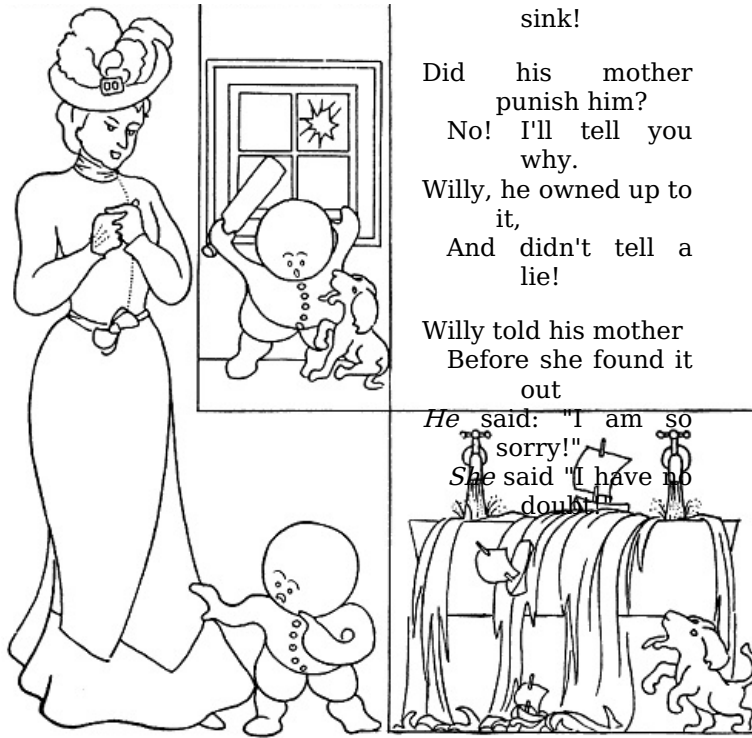


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WILLY

Willy broke the
 window-pane.
 Willy spilled the
 ink,
 Willy left the water-
 pipe
 Running in the



sink!

Did his mother
punish him?

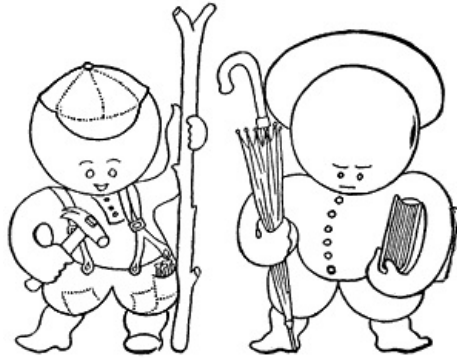
No! I'll tell you
why.

Willy, he owned up to
it,
And didn't tell a
lie!

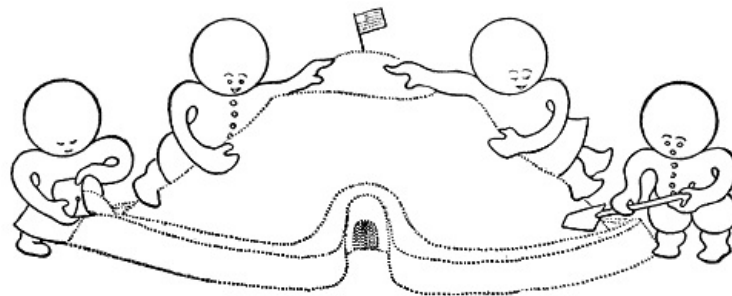
Willy told his mother
Before she found it
out

He said: "I am so
sorry!"
She said "I have no
doubt!"

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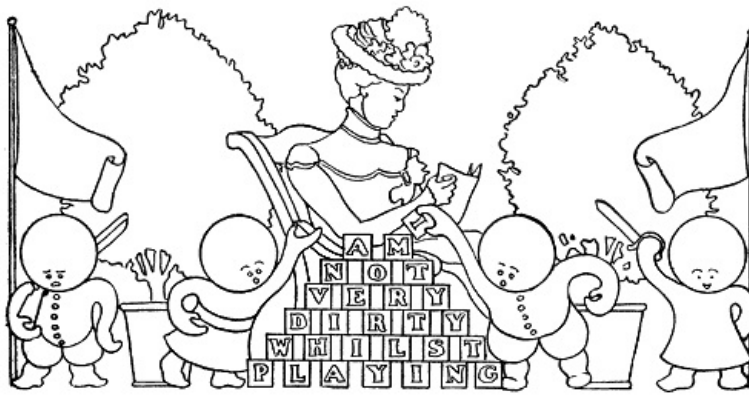
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CLOTHES

When you are playing in the dirt,
You should wear clothes you cannot hurt;
It will not matter, when they're worn,
If they are just a *little* torn.

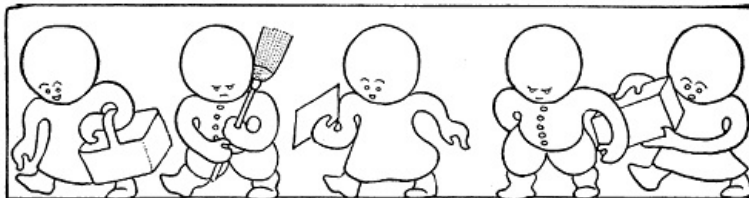
But when you're really nicely dressed,
Be careful of your Sunday Best!
You must not crawl upon your knees;
Be careful of your elbows, please!



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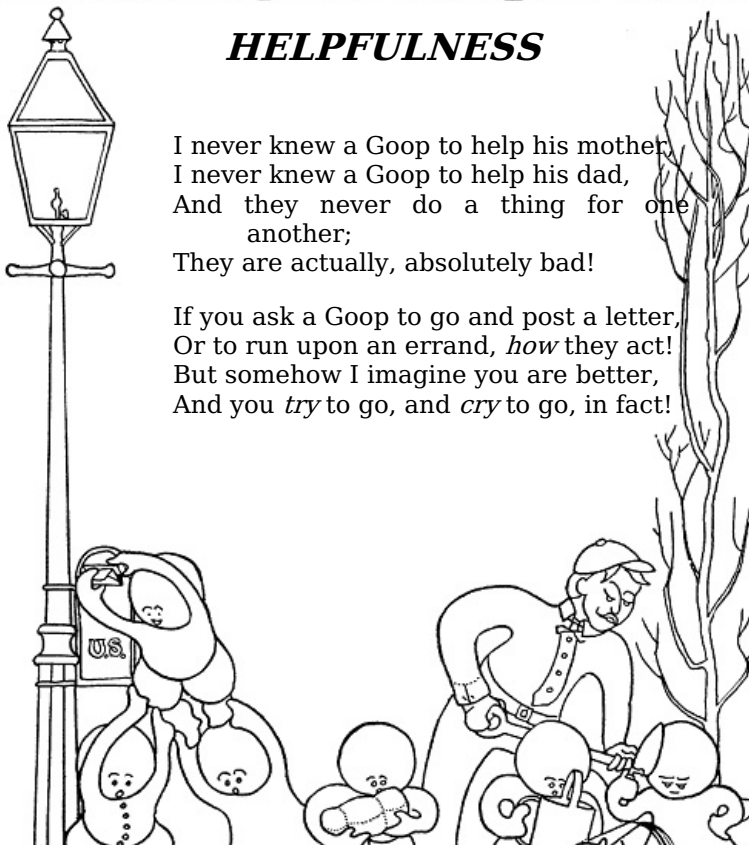
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HELPFULNESS

I never knew a Goop to help his mother,
 I never knew a Goop to help his dad,
 And they never do a thing for one
 another;
 They are actually, absolutely bad!

If you ask a Goop to go and post a letter,
 Or to run upon an errand, *how* they act!
 But somehow I imagine you are better,
 And you *try* to go, and *cry* to go, in fact!



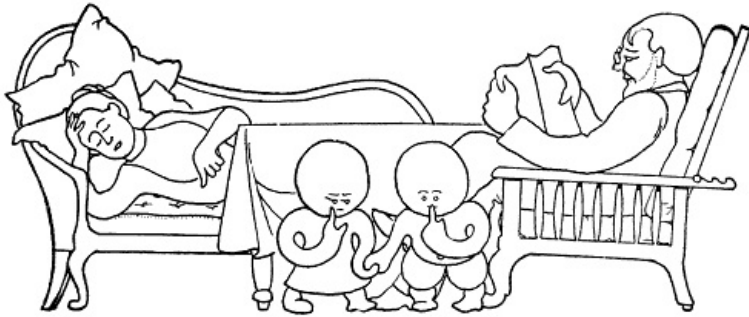


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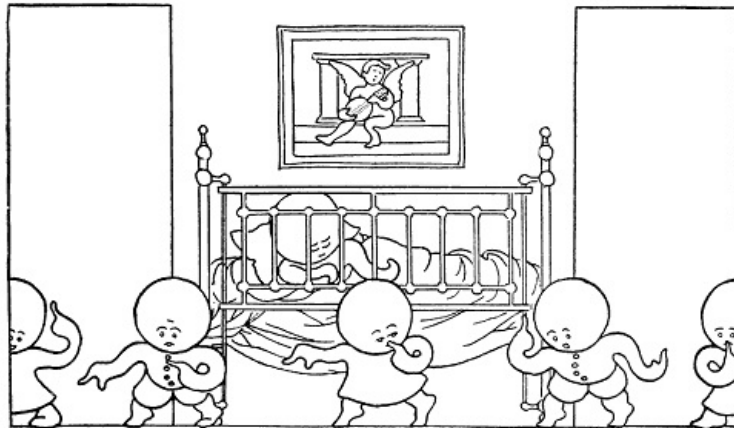


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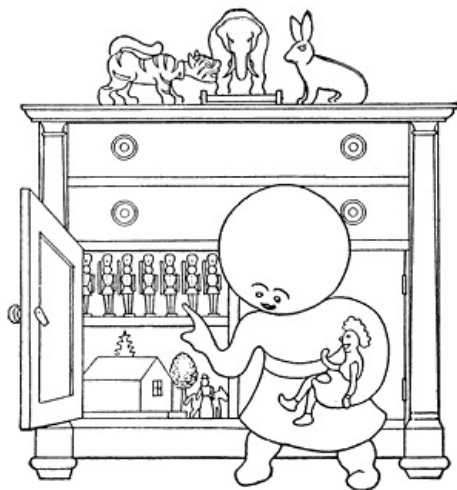
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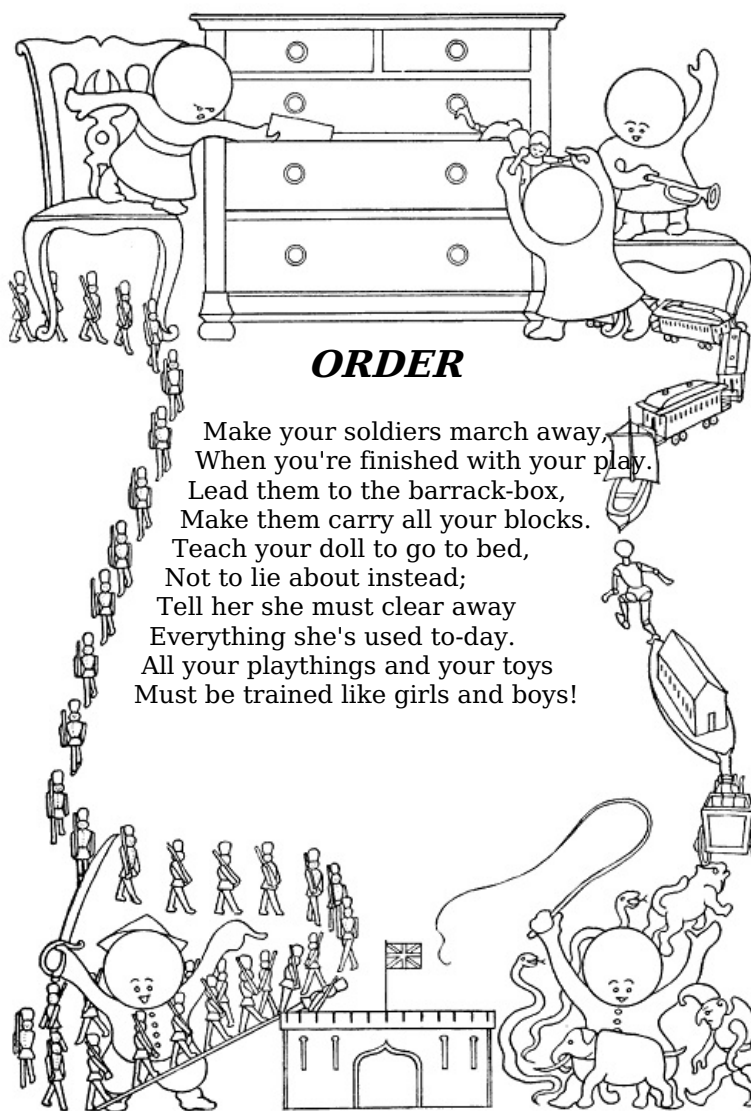
Hush! for your father is reading.
Hush! for your mother is ill.
Hush! for the baby
Is sleeping, and may be
He'll catch a nice dream if you're still.
Kiss me, and promise you will!



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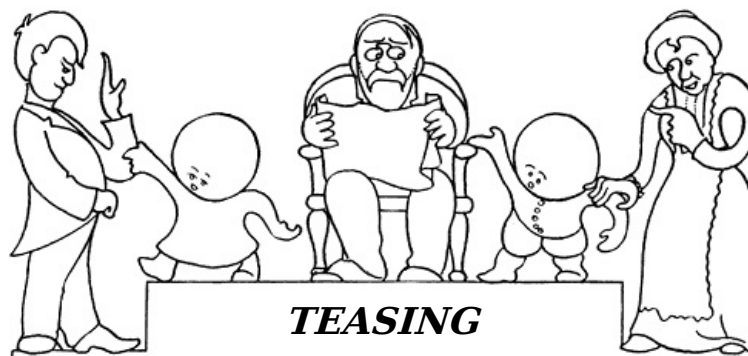
ORDER

Make your soldiers march away,
 When you're finished with your play.
 Lead them to the barrack-box,
 Make them carry all your blocks.
 Teach your doll to go to bed,
 Not to lie about instead;
 Tell her she must clear away
 Everything she's used to-day.
 All your playthings and your toys
 Must be trained like girls and boys!

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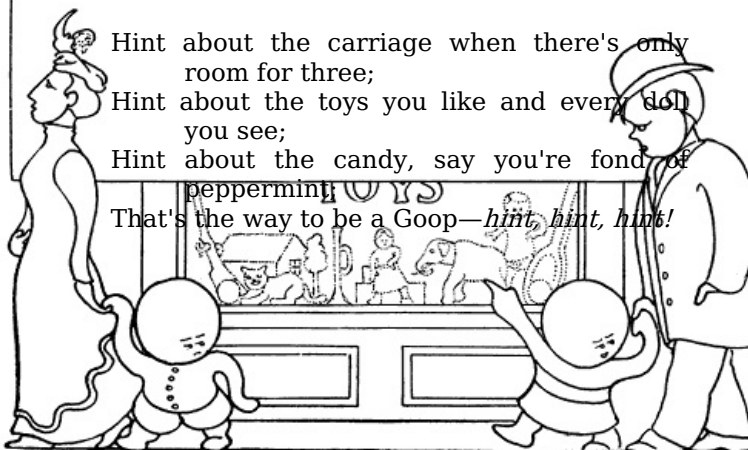


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TEASING

Tease to linger longer when your mother bids
 you go;
 Tease to have a penny when your father
 answers, "No!"
 Tease to have a story when your uncle doesn't
 please;
 That's the way to be a Goop—*tease, tease,*
tease!



Hint about the carriage when there's only
 room for three;
 Hint about the toys you like and every doll
 you see;
 Hint about the candy, say you're fond of
 peppermint;
 That's the way to be a Goop—*hint, hint, hint!*

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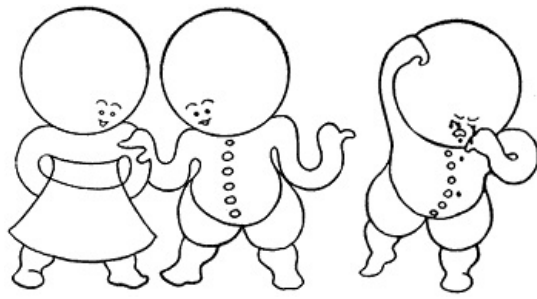


INTERRUPTION

Don't interrupt your father when he's telling funny
jokes;
Don't interrupt your mother when she's entertaining
folks;
Don't interrupt the visitors when they have come to
call,—
In fact, it's generally wiser not to interrupt at all.



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CRY-BABY

I'm sure that I would rather die
Than have my playmates see me cry;
It twists your face
And knots your forehead,
And makes you look all cross and horrid;
And every one who sees you cries
"What *is* the matter with your eyes?"



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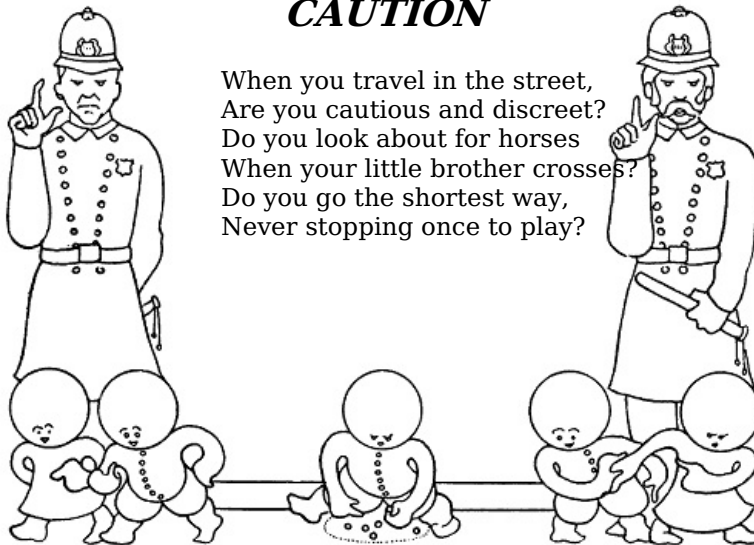


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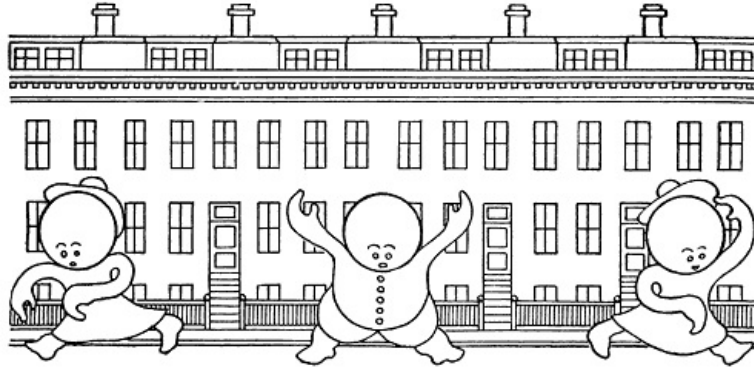
When you travel in the street,
Are you cautious and discreet?
Do you look about for horses
When your little brother crosses?
Do you go the shortest way,
Never stopping once to play?



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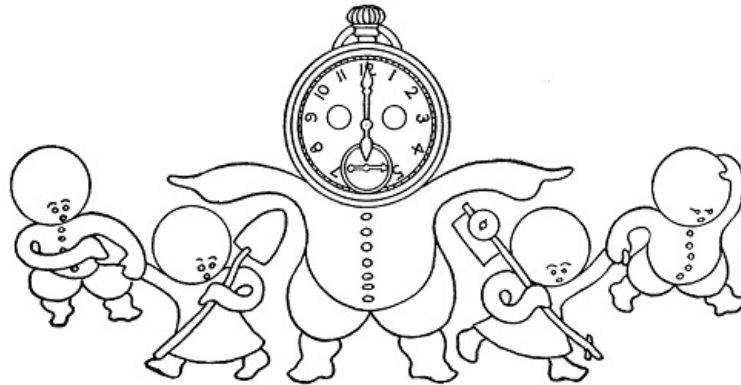


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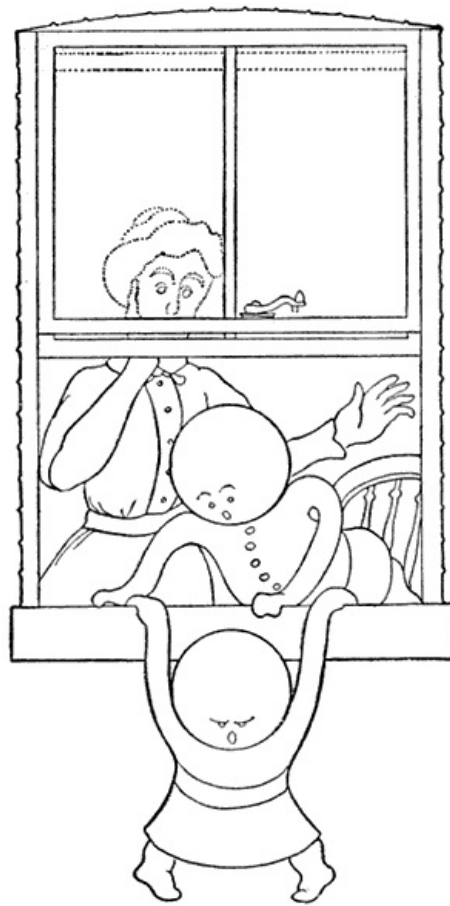


TARDINESS

Goodness gracious sakes alive!
Mother said, "Come home at five!"
Now the clock is striking six,
I am in a norful fix!
She will think I can't be trusted,
And she'll say that she's disgusted!

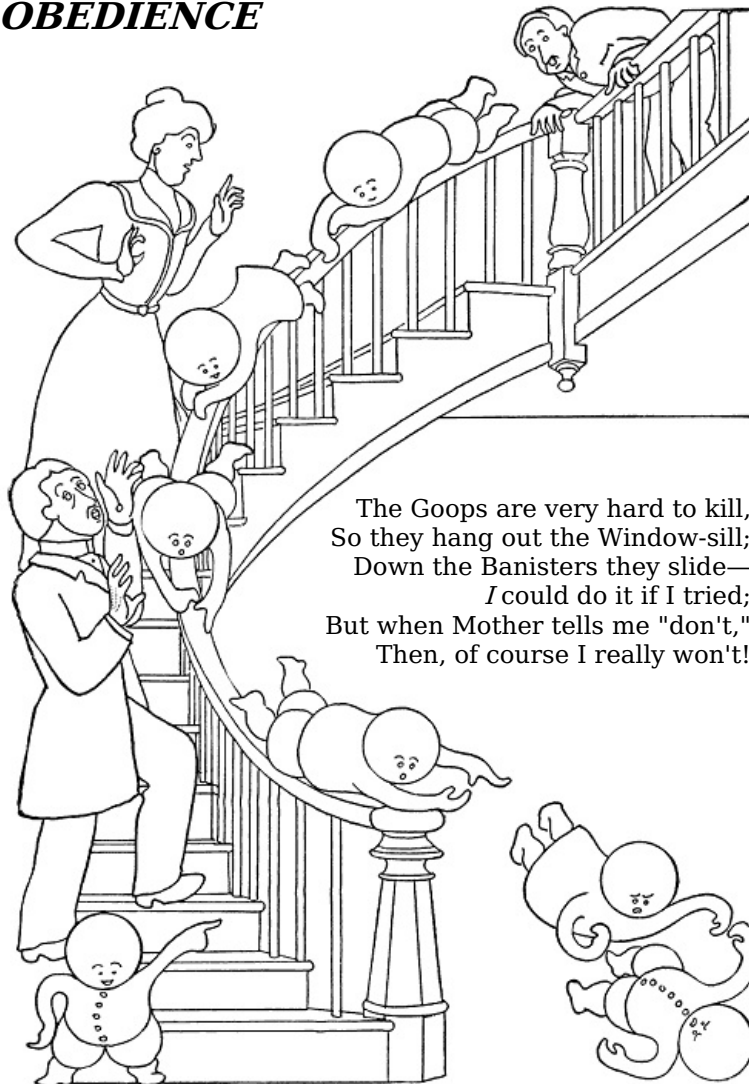


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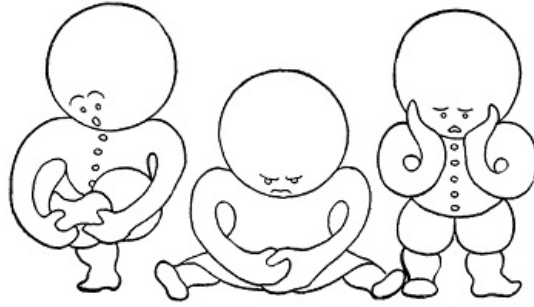


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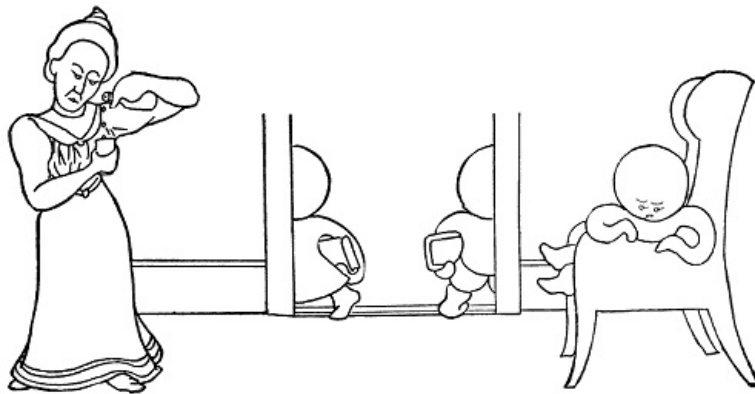


The Goops are very hard to kill,
So they hang out the Window-sill;
Down the Banisters they slide—
I could do it if I tried;
But when Mother tells me "don't,"
Then, of course I really won't!



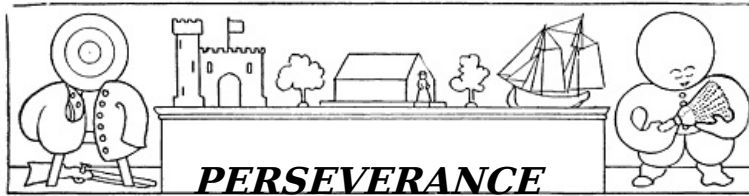
CHURCH HEADACHES

When 'tis time to go to church
 Do you ever have a chill?
 When 'tis time to go to school,
 Do you fancy you are ill?
 Oh, be very cautious, please,
 I can tell by signs like these
 You have got the Goop Disease!

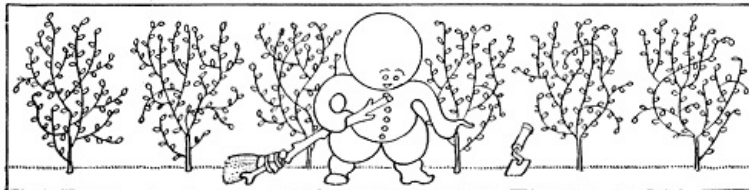




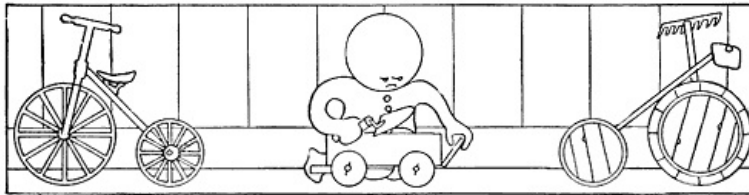
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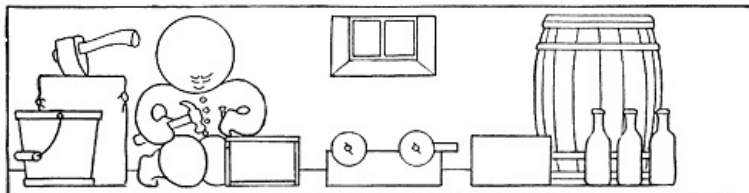
Tony started bright and early, clearing up his room,
Soon he found he had to stop and make a little broom;



So then he went into the yard to get a little stick,
But the garden needed weeding, so he set about it,
quick!



Then he found his wagon he intended to repair,
So he went into the cellar for the hammer that was
there;



He'd just begun to build a box, when it was time for
dinner;
And that's why Tony's father called his son a "*good
beginner.*"

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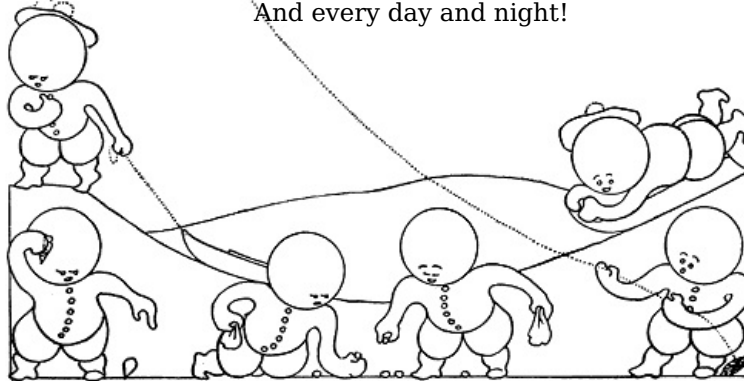
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DOLL-TIME

Spring's the time for marbles
And Fall's the time for tops,
But boys don't know, they only go
By seeing them in shops!

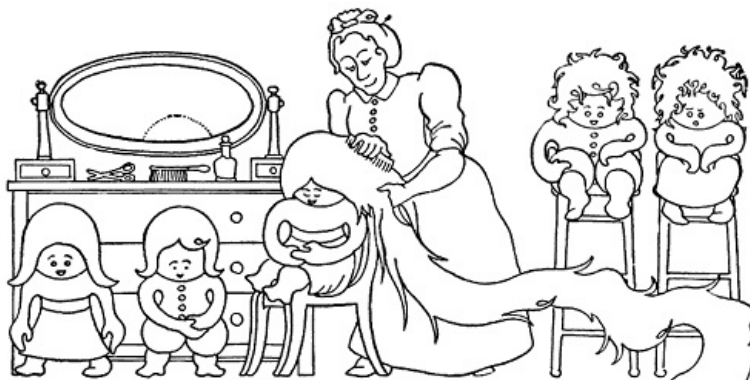
They like a sled in Winter,
In Summer 'tis a kite;
But dolls are found the whole year
round
And every day and night!



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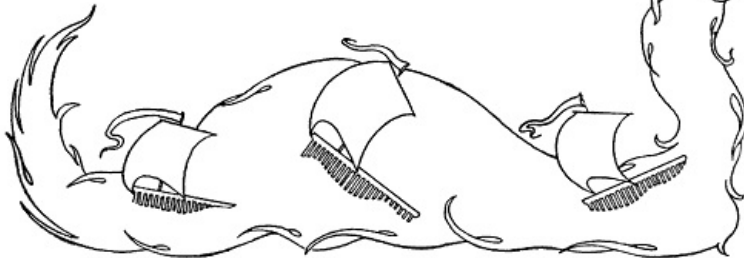


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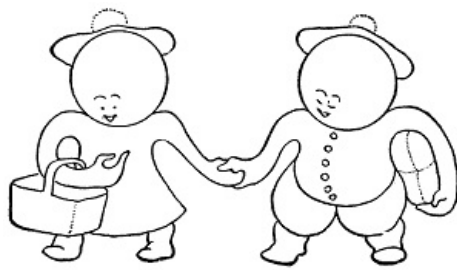
*When your mother combs your hair,
Here's a rhyme for you to say:
If you try it, I declare,
It will take the snarls away!*



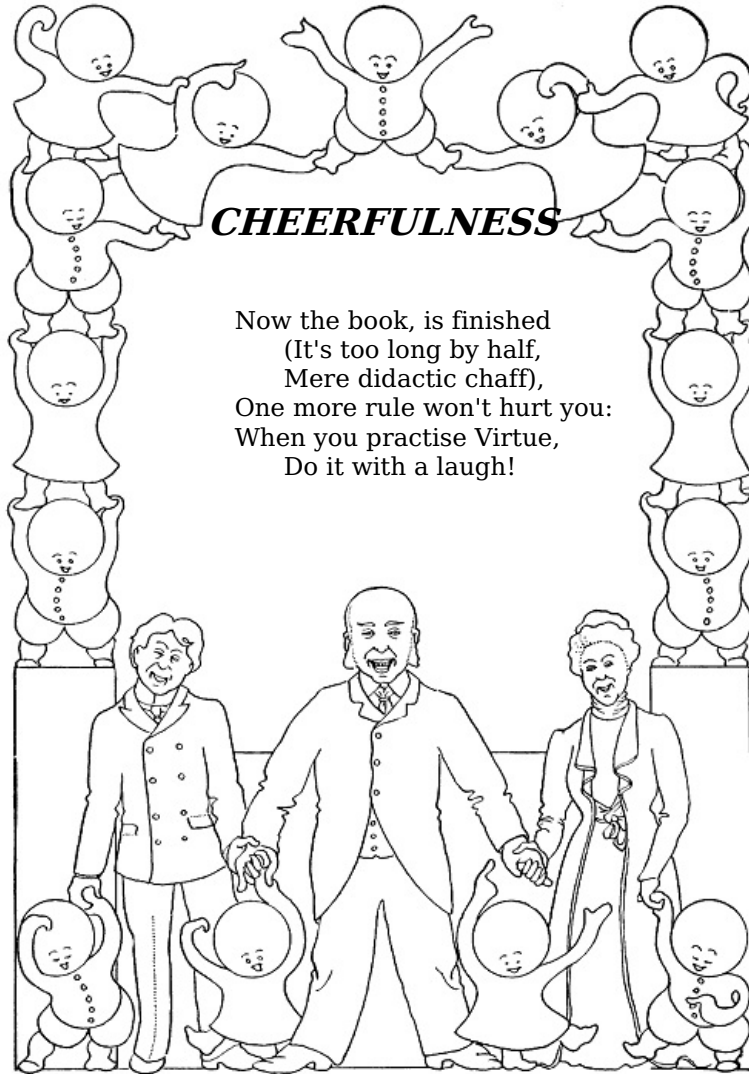
In the ocean of my hair,
Many little waves are there;
Make the comb, a little boat,
Over all the billows float;
Sail the rough and tangled tide
Till it's smooth on every side,
Till, like other little girls,
I've a sea of wavy curls!



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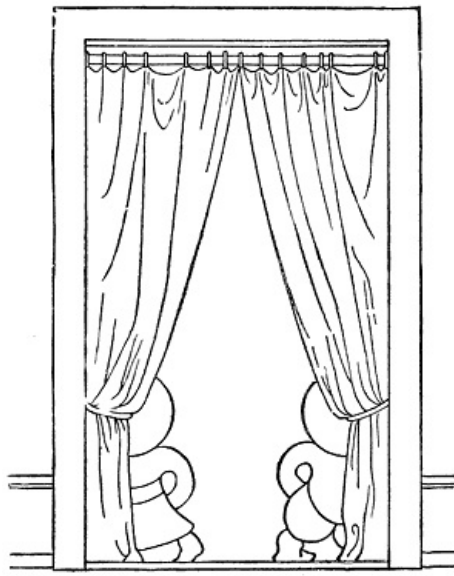
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CHEERFULNESS

Now the book, is finished
(It's too long by half,
Mere didactic chaff),
One more rule won't hurt you:
When you practise Virtue,
Do it with a laugh!

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