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MASTER THE 400 WORD LEVEL.

THEN READ THE STORIES QUICKLY WITHOUT TRANSLATION TILL YOU ARE READING EASILY.

THEN GO ON TO THE 500 WORD LEVEL.



THE GOOD LITTLE MEN

1. Inside John's House

John. What shall I do? What shall I do?

Joan. Why do you sit there, saying, 'What shall I do?' so often, John?

John. Because I have only a little *cloth, Joan, just enough to make two *shoes. When these two shoes are made, I shall not have any more to sell.



Joan. Put your work away, John. It's night now. Don't work any more. You can make the shoes tomorrow morning.

John. Yes, I'll do as you say. I have worked all day. I don't know why we are so poor. I always do good work.

Joan. Your work is very good, John. There isn't anyone in the city who can make shoes that are as pretty or as good as your shoes are.

John. And I'm sitting here in a little house, wishing to do good work, but I have no more cloth, and no money to buy cloth.

Joan. Come, you must not sit here, looking so unhappy. It's time we were sleeping.

John. You're a good wife, Joan, because you always say things to make me happy.

Joan. That's because I love you, John. You have been so good and kind to me.

John. Come, then, help me put my things away.

2. Two Hours Later. Two Little Men Come in.

1st Little Man. Come here, friend. See what I've found.

2nd L.M. What have you found?

1st L.M. Some cloth for shoes.

2nd L.M. Then this is the house of John who makes shoes. He's a very good man, yet he's poor.

1st L.M. Yes, he is poor. I've looked everywhere in the house, and I can't find any money.

2nd L.M. Can't we help him? When he has any money, he always gives part of it to his poor friends.

1st L.M. Yes, we'll help him. Come, begin work. Here's enough cloth for two shoes. We must make these shoes so beautiful that when the women see them, they will all want them. Then they'll give more money for John's shoes than they will for any others.

2nd L.M. That's the way to help him. But we must work quickly if these two shoes are to be ready before morning.

1st L.M. Yes, we must work very quickly.

2nd L.M. And make them very beautiful, too.

1st L.M. You sit here and let me sit there. Now, let's start.

3. The Following Morning

Joan. John, it's time to get up.

John. What time is it?

Joan. It's just six.

John. Is my food ready?

Joan. Yes, it's already cooked and on the table.

John. Then I'll get up at once.

Joan. Be quick, John. You must make those shoes today because I need some money for food.

John. I'll have them ready before night. I'll start work on them before I eat. . . . Joan! Joan! Come here, quickly! Come and see what's on my work table!

Joan. What have you found, John?

John. Someone has come into our house while

we were asleep, and made two beautiful shoes from my cloth!

Joan. That's strange. Who could have done this? See how well they are made!

John. I've never seen shoes so well made.

Joan. I wonder if the Good Little Men made them! I've been told that they sometimes go into houses and help the poor.

John. I've been told this, too. But I don't know why they have come and worked for me.

Joan. John, you know they work only for good men. And aren't you always kind to your poor friends?

John. Then the Little Men have been very kind to me. I'll put these wonderful shoes where everyone can see them.

Joan. When the young girls in the city see these shoes, they will all want to buy them, since they are so beautiful.

4. *Several Hours Later in the Afternoon*

1st Woman. I see you have some beautiful new shoes today. May I look at them, please?

John. I'll get them for you. I have only these two shoes to sell, but they are the most beautiful shoes in the city.

2nd Woman. I saw those shoes before you did. I want to buy them.

1st Woman. I asked the man to show them

to me before you did. I'm going to buy them.

2nd Woman. I won't talk to you any more, if you buy those shoes.



1st Woman. Let me put them on; if they are too small for me, you may have them.

2nd Woman. They are too small for you. I wonder if I can get them on.

1st Woman. Take them, then. I think you can.

2nd Woman. That's lucky! I can! They look wonderful.

1st Woman. I wish there were some other pretty shoes for me.

John. If you want some shoes like these, I'll be glad to make them for you, ma'am.

1st Woman. I want some as quickly as you can make them.

John. And of what cloth shall I make them?

1st Woman. I think some white shoes with little flowers would be wonderful. When will you have them ready?

John. In two days' time. Come then, and see if they are what you want.

2nd Woman. I'd like to take these shoes with me. Shall I give you the money for them now?

John. Yes, please.

2nd Woman. Here it is. I'll want you to make some more shoes for me.

John. Thank you. I'll be very glad to make them.

Both. Good morning!

John. Good morning!

5. During the Day

Joan. Where have you been, John? The food is on the table getting cold.

John. I've been to see my old friend, William. He's not feeling very well.

Joan. Did you take him anything?

John. I took him some good things to eat.

Joan. I'm glad you did.

John. He can't work, because he isn't well. And he has no money, since he isn't working.

And when a man has no money, he can't buy food. We know that, don't we, Joan?

Joan. Yes, John. But now we have a little money and food in the house. So let's eat.

John. This food is good, Joan.

Joan. Show me the cloth you bought today, John. I want to see it.

John. Here it is. I had to go to several places before I could find just what I wanted.

Joan. I've never seen such fine cloth. It will make very pretty shoes for that young girl.

John. I think so, too. But let's stop work for today.

6. *That Night*

1st Little Man. How happy John and Joan were today when they saw the shoes we made for them!

2nd L.M. Yes. Joan was so happy that she almost cried.

1st L.M. Tonight we must make some more shoes for them. Here's John's cloth.

2nd L.M. Shall we each make two shoes tonight? I know we can if we work quickly.

1st L.M. Two shoes each? Yes, we can do that.

2nd L.M. How happy they will be when they see our shoes.

1st L.M. They'll show them to their friends, who will all want to buy shoes just like these.

2nd L.M. Then they'll come to ask John to make the shoes for them. Soon he'll be a rich man.

1st L.M. If they grow rich, John and Joan will always think of poor friends, and give part of their money to them. They'll help them more when they have more to give.

2nd L.M. Come, let's start work now. We must work fast if we are to have the shoes made before morning.

7. A Month Later

John. Look, Joan, see how much money we have in our money box! Aren't we lucky?

Joan. We have more than we have ever had before.

John. Now we are already rich, in just one month.

Joan. Yes, we are rich since the Little Men have been so good to us.

John. That's right. What can we do to thank them for all that they have done?

Joan. I don't know.

John. Do you remember the night when we sat up and looked through the door to see what the Little Men looked like? I thought their own *clothes looked poor and old.

Joan. Then we can make some new clothes for them.



John. Good! Let's start now. I'll work here and you work there.

(They quickly begin to work and make the new clothes; then John and Joan go to sleep with their heads on the table. As they sleep, the Little Men come in through the window.)

1st L.M. Here are John and Joan, sleeping over their work. What is that on the table?

2nd L.M. Look! New clothes!

1st L.M. Some new clothes! They are just right for me.

2nd L.M. And some new clothes for me, too! Aren't we lucky?

1st L.M. New clothes! New clothes! I haven't had new clothes for years.

2nd L.M. Now we shan't be cold while we sit working at night.

1st L.M. Oh! Look at their money box. John and Joan are rich now.

2nd L.M. Then we can't come any more. We must find another poor man to help.

1st L.M. Come along, then. We must be going. Goodby, John! Goodby, Joan!

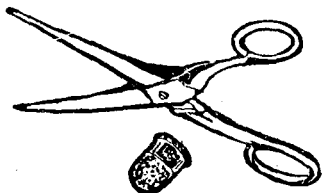
(The Little Men take one long look at John and Joan, and then go out.)

Joan. Did you call, John?

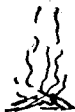
John. No, Joan. I think I've been sleeping. But where are the new clothes we were making.

Joan. I think the Good Little Men came while we were sleeping and took them.

John. Then we heard them saying 'Goodby' to us. *(Calling.)* Goodby, Good Little Men!



snow



fire



bed



river



SNOW-WHITE AND ROSE-RED

1. The Little House

In a pretty little house in the country there once lived a woman. She was poor, yet she was happy because she had two beautiful little daughters, Snow-White and Rose-Red. She gave them these names since she liked to think that they were like the *roses that grew beside the door of the little house. On one side of the door was a rose-tree with roses as white as *snow, and on the other a rose-tree with beautiful red roses.

The mother loved her daughters very much and they loved her. So the family was a very happy one.

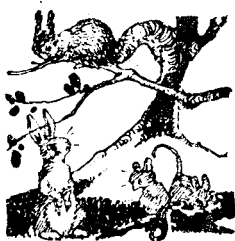
Also it was a fine place for a home, because near the little house there were places where the children could run and play together and find



flower's for their mother. Not far away was a wood in which they sometimes took walks together.

Because the little girls loved each other, they always walked hand in

hand. The birds in the trees and the animals in the woods loved the little girls whom they saw so often together. When Snow-White and Rose-Red played and walked in the wood, they were not afraid, because they knew that the birds and animals loved them.



2. How the Little Girls Helped their Mother

Snow-White and Rose-Red were always trying to help their mother, to show their love for her. They made the house so clean that everyone who saw it said, 'What good daughters you have!' Every morning Rose-Red went to see if there were any roses on the rose-trees. When there were, she took them to her mother. When it was very cold and snow was on all the world outside, Snow-White waked before the others, made the fire, and got the food ready for her mother and sister.