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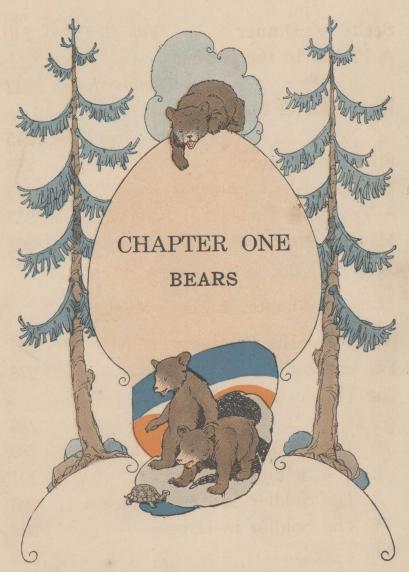
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#### THE BEAR AND HIS COAT

His shaggy coat must make the bear In winter-time as warm as toast, But when spring-time is in the air Why I should think he'd simply roast.





#### BEARS

Have you ever watched bears in a Zoo? Don't they make you think of clowns? Sometimes when they tumble about or walk on their hind legs, they look as if they were really trying to be funny. Sometimes they almost look as if they wanted to laugh at themselves.

Bears live in every part of the world. There are bears in the cold and frozen north, and in the hot jungle countries.

The great white polar bear lives in the land of ice and snow. He is the largest of the bear family. His body is sometimes nine feet long and may weigh as much as sixteen hundred pounds.

He is the only one of the bears that has hair on the bottom of his feet. This helps him to walk on the slippery ice. He is a great swimmer, and can swim for miles and miles.

In the days before the white men came, there were many bears in America. The largest of them all



was the grizzly. There are still some grizzly bears in the western part of our country, and they are very fierce and strong. But most of the bears left in the United States are black bears.

The black bear is not a fierce animal and will not kill a man unless his little ones are in danger. His coat is shining black and very soft.

His brother, the brown bear, who lives in Europe, has no such fine coat. His fur is rough and hard. But he is a better fighter than the black bear. It is he that catches his enemy in a "bear hug."

Bears eat all kinds of food. The polar bears and the grizzlies like meat, but the brown and black bears eat very little meat. They like vegetables and honey.

Bears can climb trees but they