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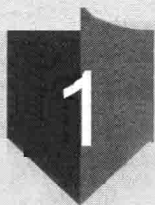
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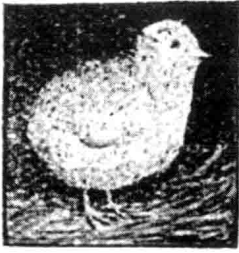
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❧ LESSON 1 ❧

CHICKEN LITTLE



Chicken Little was in a gentleman's garden, where she had no right to be, when a rose leaf fell on her tail. Away she ran in great fright until she met Hen Pen. "O Hen Pen!" she cried, "the sky is falling."

"How do you know that?" asked Hen Pen.

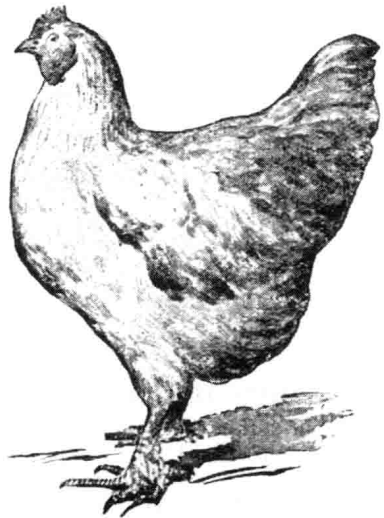
"Oh! I saw it with my eyes, and I heard it with my ears, and a part of it fell on my tail."

"Let us run," said Hen Pen.

So they ran to Duck Luck.

"O Duck Luck!" cried Hen Pen, "the sky is falling."

"Pray, how do you know that?" asked Duck Luck.





"Chicken Little told me."

"How do you know that, Chicken Little?"

"Oh!" answered Chicken Little, "I saw it with my eyes, I heard it with my ears, and a part of it fell on my tail."



"Let us run," said Duck Luck.

So they ran until they came to Goose Loose.

"O Goose Loose!" cried Duck Luck, "the sky is falling."

"How do you know that, Duck Luck?"

"Hen Pen told me."

"How do you know that, Hen Pen?"

"Chicken Little told me."

"How do you know that, Chicken Little?"

"Oh! I saw it with my eyes, and I heard it with my ears, and a part of it fell on my tail."

"Let us run," said Goose Loose.

So they ran until they met Turkey Lurkey.

“O Turkey Lurkey!” cried Goose Loose, “the sky is falling.”

“How do you know that, Goose Loose?”

“Duck Luck told me.”

“How do you know that, Duck Luck?”

“Hen Pen told me.”

“How do you know that, Hen Pen?”

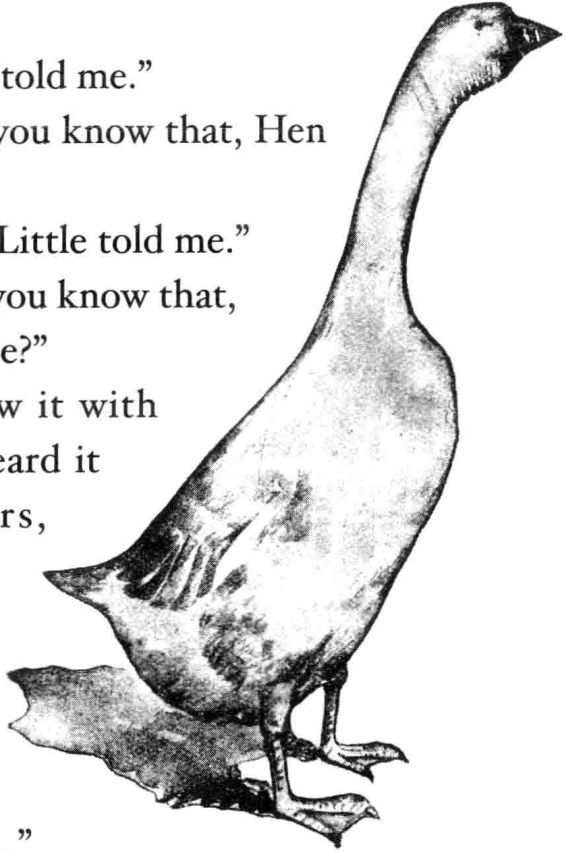
“Chicken Little told me.”

“How do you know that, Chicken Little?”

“Oh! I saw it with my eyes, I heard it with my ears, and a part of it fell on my tail.”

“Let us run to tell the Queen,” said Turkey Lurkey.

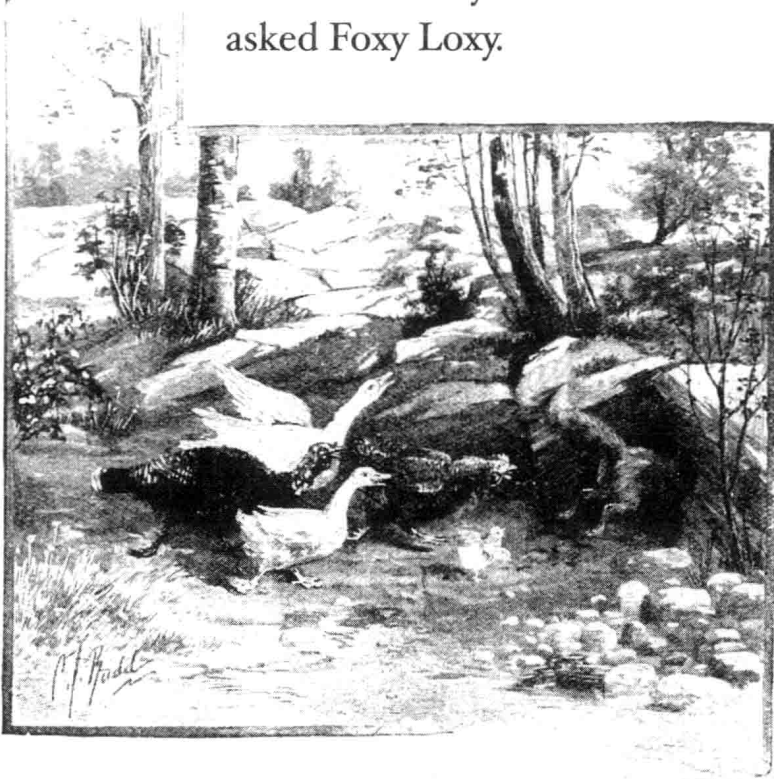
So they ran with all their might, until they met Foxy Loxy.





“O Foxy Loxy!” cried Turkey Lurkey, “the sky is falling.”

“How do you know that?”
asked Foxy Loxy.



“Goose Loose told me.”

“How do you know that, Goose Loose?”

“Duck Luck told me.”

“How do you know that, Duck Luck?”

“Hen Pen told me.”

“How do you know that, Hen Pen?”



“Chicken Little told me.”

“How do you know that, Chicken Little?”

“Oh! I saw it with my eyes, I heard it with my ears, and a part of it fell on my tail.”

“Come with me,” said Foxy Loxy. “I will lead you to the Queen.”

So Chicken Little, Hen Pen, Duck Luck, Goose Loose, and Turkey Lurkey followed Foxy Loxy, as they had been told to do.

But he led them into his den, and they never came out again.

FOR STUDY

Study the pictures in the story of Chicken Little.

What do they tell you?

What do you know about ducks? hens? geese? turkeys? foxes?

Look at the feet of the duck, hen, goose, and turkey, and see the different kinds of feet.

Which have feet alike? Why are not all alike?

❧ LESSON 2 ❧

KING MIDAS



I will tell you about Midas.

He was a king who loved gold better than anything else.

One day a fairy said to Midas, "You may wish for something, and you shall have your wish."

"Hurrah!" cried Midas. "I wish that everything I touch may turn into gold. How happy I shall be!"

Poor Midas! He wanted to be rich.

He touched a flower; it changed to solid gold. He touched an apple; it changed to gold.

He tried to drink some water; it changed to gold.

He wished to eat some meat. At his touch, it changed to gold.

At last, the saddest change came. He laid his hand on his little girl's head. She changed to gold.

Poor King Midas! No flowers, no food, no little girl! Nothing but gold! He sat down and wept. He hated gold. He cared only to have his dear little girl again.

Now came the fairy. "Well, Midas, have you gold enough?" she asked.

The poor king begged her to take away the power of gold making, and to give his child to him again.



His tears fell like rain. They fell on the golden head of his darling child, and she became his own happy little girl once more.

Do you suppose he could ever again care so much for riches?



❧ LESSON 3 ❧

THE LARK'S NEST

The lark once built her nest in a meadow, where it was soon hidden by the waving grain.

Here she laid her tiny eggs, and kept them warm beneath her soft breast.

Soon four little larks peeped from under her wings, crying to be fed.

Now she must search far and near for food for these four hungry mouths.

How busily the little mother flew back and forth, finding food for her little ones!

They grew stronger and larger every day. Whenever they saw her, they lifted their heads and called lustily.

One day they chattered in great fear, "O mother! mother! Farmer Brown says he is going to get some one to cut his grain."

"Never fear, my children; we are safely hidden away," answered the mother, cheerfully, as she flew off for another mouthful.

The next day the baby birds had the same story to tell.



THE HAYMAKERS.

“O mother! mother! Farmer Brown says he is going to get some one to cut his grain, it is so tall.”

“Never fear, my children; we are safely hidden away,” said the mother, cheerfully, and she flew away again.

The next night the little larks all chirped together, “O mother! mother! Farmer Brown says he must cut the grain himself to-morrow.”

“Ah!” said the mother, “now we must be off, for the grain will be cut to-morrow.”

And so it happened. The next morning, very early, Farmer Brown came with his sleeves rolled up and his scythe on his shoulder, to cut the grain. The little larks tried their young wings, and flew away.



❧ LESSON 4 ❧

THE BLIND MAN AND THE LAME MAN



A blind man and a lame man sat under a tree.

“Where are you going?” said the blind man to the lame man.

“I would like to go to town,” replied the lame man, “but I cannot walk.”

“I would like to go to town,” said the blind man, “but I cannot see.”

“Well,” the lame man said, “if you will be feet for me, I will be eyes for you.”

“Agreed,” answered the blind man.