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STORY NO.1

BELLING THE CAT

Long ago, the mice had a general meeting to consider how they could escape from their common enemy, the cat.

Some said this and some said that. But at last a young mouse got up and said he had an idea which he thought would solve the problem.

"You will all agree," said the mouse, "that our chief danger consists in the sly and quiet manner in which the enemy comes near us. Now, if we could receive some signal of her approach, we could easily escape from her. I want, therefore, to propose that a small bell be bought and attached by a ribbon round the neck of the cat. By this, we should always know when she was about and could easily run away while she was nearby."

Everyone clapped for the young mouse until an old mouse got up and said, "That is all very well but who is to bell the cat?"

The mice looked at one another and nobody spoke. The old mouse said,

"It is easy to give impossible ideas."

STORY NO.2

BUNDLE OF STICKS

An old man on the point of death called his sons around him to give them some advice. He ordered his servants to bring in a bundle of sticks and said to his eldest son, "*Break it.*"

The son tried and tried but with all his efforts was unable to break the bundle. The other sons also tried but none of them were successful.

"Untie the bundle," said the father, *"and each of you take a stick."*

When they had done so, he called out to them, "*Now, break,*" and each stick was easily broken.

"You see my meaning," said their father.

Moral – Unity is strength.

STORY NO.3

THE MILKMAID AND HER PAIL

Patty, the Milkmaid was going to market carrying her milk in a pail on her head.

As she went along she began calculating what she would do with the money she would get for the milk.

"I'll buy some chicks from Farmer Brown," said Patty, "and they will lay eggs each morning, which I will sell to the parson's wife. With the money that I get from the sale of these eggs, I'll buy myself a new pretty and a cute hat. When I go to market, all the young men will come up and speak to me! I shall just look at them and toss my head like this."

As she spoke she tossed her head back, the pail fell off it and all the milk was spilt.

So she had to go home and tell her mother what had occurred.

Moral : Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.



STORY NO.4

THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

In a field one summer's day a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing happily. An ant passed by carrying along an ear of corn he was taking to the nest.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the Grasshopper, "instead of working every day?"

"I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the Ant, "and will you to do the same?"

"Why bother about winter?" said the Grasshopper. "We have got plenty of food at present."

But the ant went on its way and continued its work.

When the winter came the grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants distributing every day corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer.

The grasshopper knew that it is best to work hard and be prepared.



STORY NO.5

THE GREEDY DOG

Once upon a time, a dog had got a piece of meat and was carrying it home in his mouth to eat it in peace.

Now on his way home he had to cross a bridge across a running river.

As he crossed, he looked down and saw his own image reflected in the water.

Thinking it was another dog with another piece of meat, he made up his mind to have that also.

He made a snap at the reflection in the water but as he opened his mouth the piece of meat fell out and dropped into the water.

The foolish dog lost its food.



STORY NO.6

THE MOUSE, THE FROG AND THE HAWK

Long long ago, a mouse and a frog became friends.

One day, the naughty frog tied the foot of the mouse tightly to his own.

Thus joined together, the frog led his friend towards the pool in which he lived. When he reached the pool, he suddenly jumped in. He dragged the mouse too in with him.

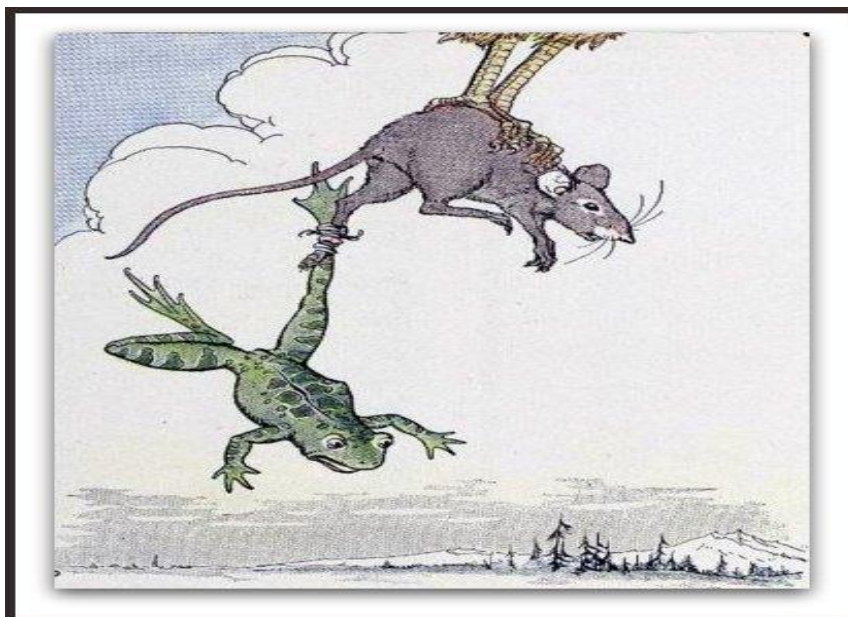
The frog enjoyed the water and swam croaking about as if he had done a very clever thing.

The unhappy mouse could not breathe and he tried to break free from the rope.

A hawk observed the movement and pounced upon the animals.

The frog being still tied to the leg of the mouse was also carried off and eaten by the hawk.

Moral of the story- Be careful while making friends.



STORY NO.7

THE THIRSTY CROW

A crow was very thirsty. He flew to all places searching for water and saw a pot which had once been full of water. When the crow put its beak into the mouth of the pot he found that only very little water was left in it. He could not reach far enough down to get at it.

He tried and he tried but at last had to give up very sadly.

Then a thought came to him. He took a pebble and dropped it into the pot.

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In the same way, he dropped many pebbles in the pot.

At last, he saw that the level of water came up near him. After dropping in a few more pebbles he was able to drink water and save his life.



STORY NO. 8

THE GOOSE WITH THE GOLDEN EGGS

One day a farmer found an egg all yellow and shining in the nest of his goose. When he picked it up, it was very heavy. He was going to throw it away because he thought a trick had been played on him.

But he decided to take it home and soon found out that it was an egg of pure gold.

Every morning the same thing happened and he grew rich by selling the eggs. As he grew rich, he grew greedy. He thought of an idea to get all the gold the goose could give. So he killed the goose and opened it only to find nothing.

“Don't forget -- It isn't good to be greedy!”

