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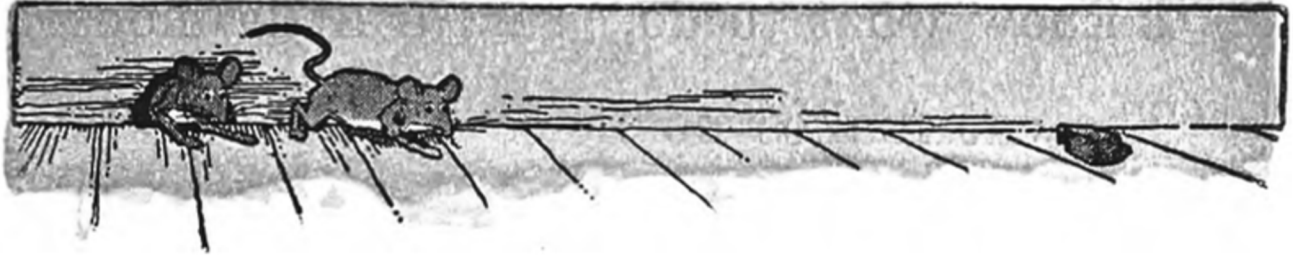


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start



Read this silently and then out loud.



THE FINE PLAN

Once some mice lived in a big house.

They ran all over the house.

Patter, patter, patter, went their feet!

The house was full of mice.

A cat lived in the big house, too.

He was a big cat.

He liked to catch the mice.

He caught some every day.

The mice were afraid of him.

They said, "What shall we do?"

This big cat will catch us all.

He will eat us up.

Oh, what shall we do?"



Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

"I know what to do," said a little mouse.

"The cat makes no noise when he walks.

We can not hear him.

I have a fine plan.

We must hang a bell on his neck!

The bell will make a noise.

Ting-a-ling! ting-a-ling! it will go.

We shall hear the bell. Then we shall know that the cat is coming.

We will run away.

The cat can not catch us."

"What a fine plan!" said the other mice.

"Yes! yes! The cat must have a bell on his neck!

Then he can not catch us."

The mice jumped for joy.

The little mouse was very proud.



Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

"How wise I am!" he said.

"Now we shall be safe."

But Old Gray Mouse laughed.

He was wiser than the little mouse.

"Ha, ha!" he laughed, "ha, ha, ha!"

That is a fine plan, little mouse.

But who will hang the bell

on the cat?

Will you, little mouse?"

"Oh, no, no! He would eat me up!"

But someone must put the bell on the cat!

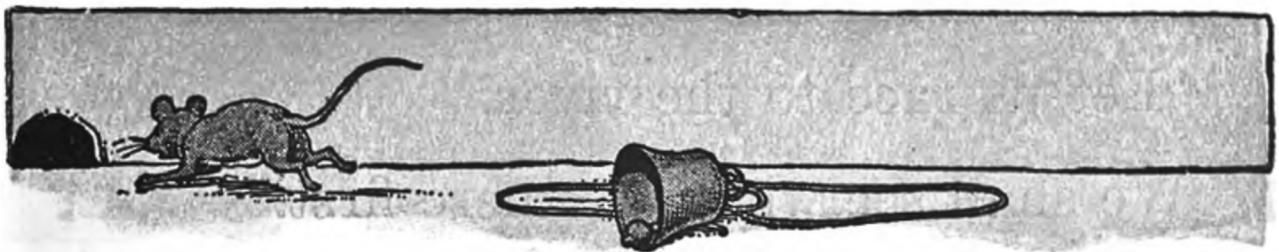
The little mouse had not thought of that.

He ran away as fast as he could go.

He cried "Squeak! squeak!" all the way

home.

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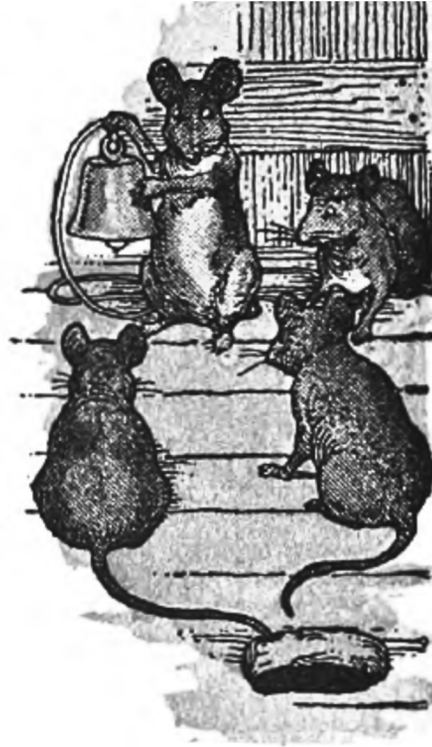
Discuss.



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Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

What was the problem with the cat?

What was the mouse's plan with the bell?

What was the problem with the mouse's bell plan?

Write.



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end



Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.

