







 <p>The Aesop for CHILDREN</p>	<p>RAND McNALLY & CO. CHICAGO</p> <p>Copyright, 1919, by Rand McNally & Company</p>	<p>A LIST OF THE FABLES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Belling the Cat 2. The Wolf and the Crane 3. The Lion and the Mouse 4. The Ass and the Load of Salt 	<p>BELLING THE CAT</p>	<p>The Mice once called a meeting to decide on a plan to free themselves of their enemy, the Cat. At least they wished to find some way</p>	<p>of knowing when she was coming, so they might have time to run away. Indeed, something had to be done, for they lived in</p>	<p>such constant fear of her claws that they hardly dared stir from their dens by night or day.</p> 	<p>Many plans were discussed, but none of them was thought good enough. At last a very young Mouse got up and said:</p>	<p>"I have a plan that seems very simple, but I know it will be successful. All we have to do is to hang a bell about the Cat's neck. When we</p>	<p>hear the bell ringing we will know immediately that our enemy is coming."</p> <p>All the Mice were much</p>
<p>のりしろ Glue</p>	<p>surprised that they had not thought of such a plan before. But in the midst of the rejoicing over their good</p>	<p>fortune, an old Mouse arose and said:</p> <p>"I will say that the plan of the young Mouse is very good.</p>	<p>But let me ask one question: Who will bell the Cat?"</p> 	<p>***** It is one thing to say that something should be done, but quite a different matter to do it *****</p>	<p>THE WOLF AND THE CRANE</p>	<p>A Wolf had been feasting too greedily, and a bone had stuck crosswise in his throat. He could get it neither up nor down, and of course</p>	<p>he could not eat a thing. Naturally that was an awful state of affairs for a greedy Wolf.</p>	<p>hurried to the Crane. He was sure that she, with her long neck and bill, would easily be able to reach the bone and pull it out.</p>	<p>のりしろ Glue</p>
<p>I will reward you very handsomely," said the Wolf, "if you pull that bone out for</p> 	<p>The Crane, as you can imagine, was very uneasy about putting her head in a Wolf's throat. But she was grasping in nature, so she</p>	<p>did what the Wolf asked her to do.</p> <p>When the Wolf felt that the bone was gone, he started to walk away.</p>	<p>"But what about my reward?" called the Crane anxiously.</p> 	<p>"What?" snarled the Wolf, whirling around. "Haven't you got it? Isn't it enough that I let you take your head out of my mouth</p>	<p>without snapping it off?"</p>	<p>***** Expect no reward for serving the wicked. *****</p>		<p>THE LION AND THE MOUSE</p>	<p>A Lion lay asleep in the forest, his great head resting on his paws. A timid little Mouse came upon him unexpectedly, and in her</p>
<p>のりしろ Glue</p>	<p>fright and haste to get away, ran across the Lion's nose. Roused from his nap, the Lion laid his huge paw angrily on the</p>	<p>tiny creature to kill her.</p> 	<p>"Spare me!" begged the poor Mouse. "Please let me go and some day I will surely repay you!"</p> 	<p>The Lion was much amused to think that a Mouse could ever help him. But he was generous and finally let the Mouse go.</p>	<p>Some days later, while stalking his prey in the forest, the Lion was caught in the toils of a hunter's net. Unable to free himself,</p>	<p>Some days later, while stalking his prey in the forest, the Lion was caught in the toils of a hunter's net. Unable to free himself,</p>	<p>he filled the forest with his angry roaring. The Mouse knew the voice and quickly found the Lion struggling in the net.</p>	<p>Running to one of the great ropes that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted, and soon the Lion was free.</p>	<p>のりしろ Glue</p>
<p>"You laughed when I said I would repay you," said the Mouse. "Now you see that even a Mouse can help a Lion!"</p>	<p>***** A kindness is never wasted. *****</p>	<p>THE ASS AND THE LOAD OF SALT</p>	<p>A Merchant, driving his Ass homeward from the seashore with a heavy load of salt, came to a river crossed by a shallow ford.</p>	<p>They had crossed this river many times before without accident, but this time the Ass slipped and fell when halfway over, and when the</p>	<p>Merchant at last got him to his feet, much of the salt had melted away. Delighted to find how much lighter his burden had become, the Ass</p>	<p>what had happened at the ford, purposely let himself fall into the water, and again got rid of most of his burden.</p>	<p>The angry Merchant immediately turned about and</p> 	<p>drove the Ass back to the seashore, where he loaded him with two great baskets of sponges. At the ford the Ass again tumbled</p>	<p>over, but when he had scrambled to his feet, it was a very disconsolate Ass that dragged himself homeward under a load ten times heavier than before.</p>
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