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L O! here are airy halls and fairy halls  
Where life and joy and all true splendour reign,  
And be it shining creature with bright wings,  
Or but a little man or queer old dame,  
Or talking beast who doth appear to guide,  
Pray let him lead you hither to these halls.



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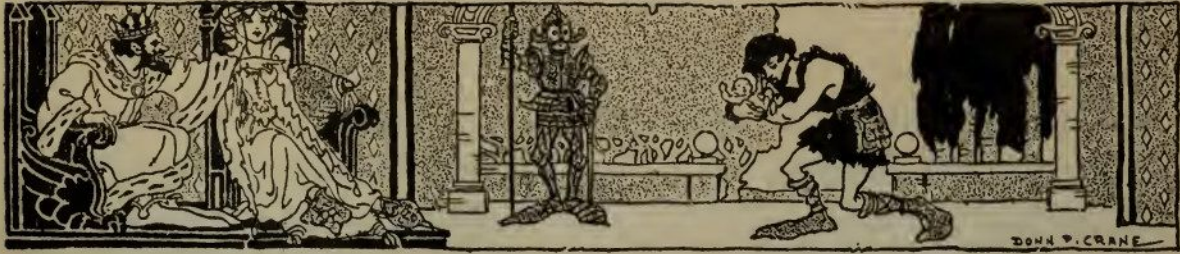
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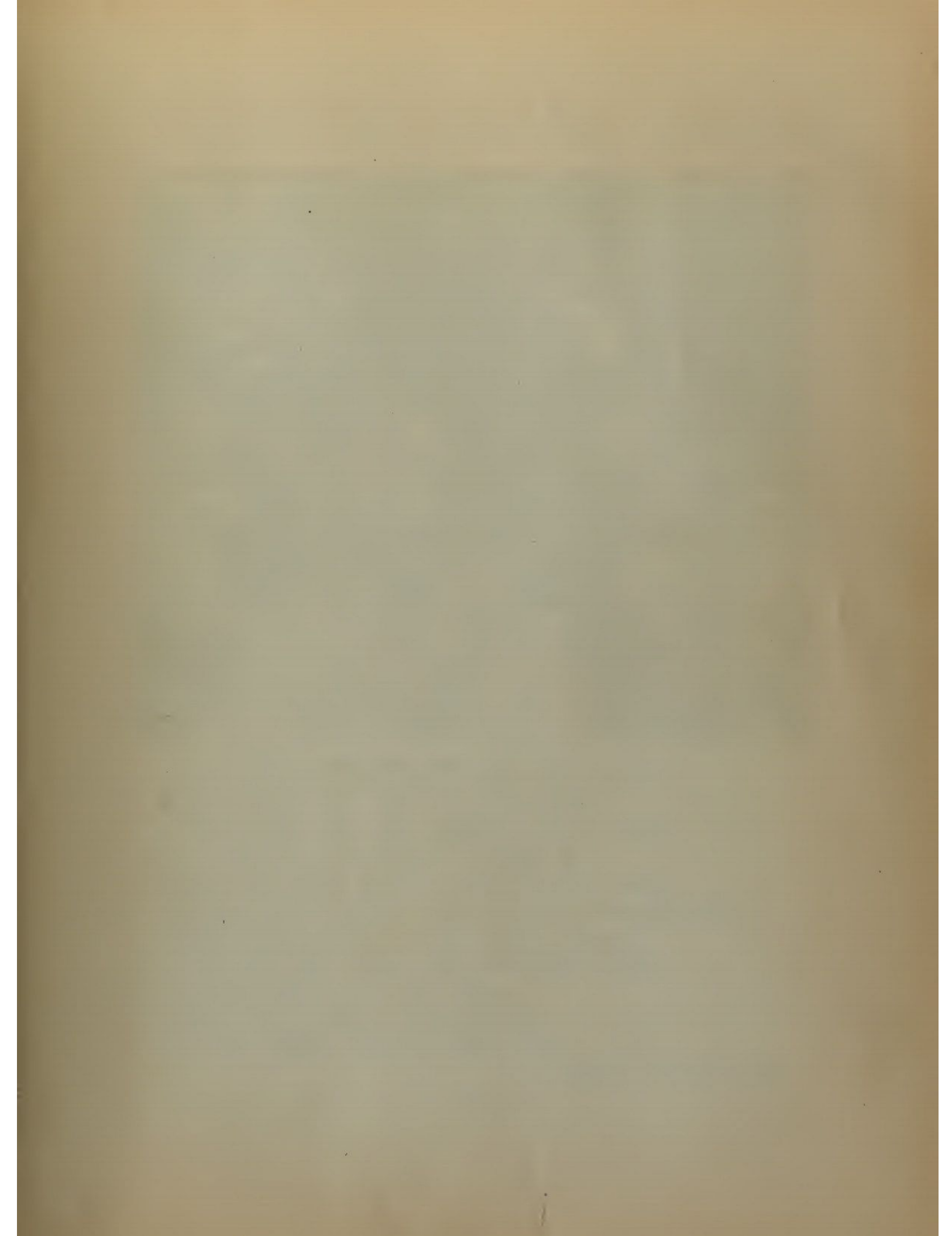
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## THE ASSEMBLING OF THE FAYS

They come from beds of lichen green,  
They creep from the mullein's velvet screen;  
Some on the backs of beetles fly  
From the silver tops of moon-touched trees,  
Where they swung in their cobweb hammocks high,  
And rocked about in the evening breeze;  
And now they throng the moonlight glade,  
Above—below—on every side,  
Their little minim forms arrayed,  
In the tricky pomp of fairy pride.

—*Joseph Rodman Drake*

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## THE STORY OF FAIRYFOOT\*

Frances Browne



ONCE upon a time there stood far away in the west country a town called Stumpingame. It contained seven windmills, a royal palace, a market place, and a prison, with every other convenience befitting the capital of a kingdom. A capital city was Stumpingame, and its inhabitants thought it the only one in the world. It stood in the midst of a great plain, which for three leagues round its walls was covered with corn, flax and orchards. Beyond that lay a great circle of pasture land, seven leagues in breadth, and it was bounded on all sides by a forest so thick and old that no man in Stumpingame knew its extent; and the opinion of the learned was, that it reached to the end of the world.

There were strong reasons for this opinion. First, that forest was known to be inhabited time out of mind by the fairies, and no hunter cared to go beyond its borders—so the west country believed it to be solidly full of old trees to the heart. Secondly, the people of Stumpingame were no travellers—man, woman, and child had feet so large and heavy that it was by no means convenient to carry them far. Whether it was the nature of the place or the people, I cannot tell, but great feet had been the fashion there time immemorial, and the higher the family the larger were they. It was, therefore, the aim of everybody above the degree of shepherds, and such-like rustics, to swell out and enlarge their feet by way of gentility; and so successful were they in these undertakings that, on a pinch, respectable people's slippers would have served for panniers.

Stumpingame had a king of its own, and his name was Stiff-step; his family was very ancient and large-footed. His subjects called him Lord of the World, and he made a speech to them every year concerning the grandeur of his mighty empire. His

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queen, Hammerheel, was the greatest beauty in Stumpinghame. Her majesty's shoe was not much less than a fishing-boat; their six children promised to be quite as handsome, and all went well with them till the birth of their seventh son.

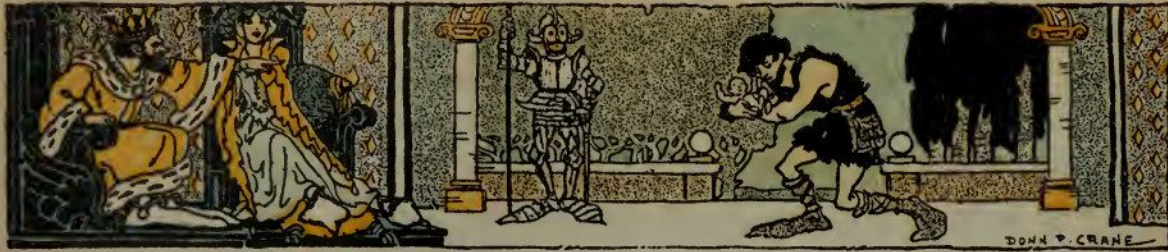
For a long time nobody about the palace could understand what was the matter—the ladies-in-waiting looked so astonished, and the king so vexed; but at last it was whispered through the city that the queen's seventh child had been born with such miserably small feet that they resembled nothing ever seen or heard of in Stumpinghame, except the feet of the fairies.

The chronicles furnished no example of such an affliction ever before happening in the royal family. The common people thought it portended some great calamity to the city, the learned men began to write books about it; and all the relations of the king and queen assembled at the palace to mourn with them over their singular misfortune. The whole court and most of the citizens helped in this mourning, but when it had lasted seven days they all found out it was of no use. So to cheer up the queen's spirits, the young prince was sent privately out to the pasture lands, to be nursed among the shepherds.

The chief man there was called Fleecefold, and his wife's name was Rough Ruddy. They lived in a snug cottage with their son, Blackthorn, and their daughter, Brownberry, and were thought great people, because they kept the king's sheep. Moreover, Fleecefold's family were known to be ancient; and Rough Ruddy boasted that she had the largest feet in all the pastures. The shepherds held them in high respect, and it grew still higher when the news spread that the king's seventh son had been sent to their cottage. People came from all quarters to see the young prince, and great were the lamentations over his misfortune in having such small feet.

The king and queen had given him fourteen names, begin-

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ning with Augustus—such being the fashion in that royal family; but the honest country people could not remember so many; besides, his feet were the most remarkable thing about the child, so with one accord they called him Fairyfoot and the boy never had another name throughout the pastures. At court it was not thought polite to speak of him at all. They did not keep his birthday, and he was never sent for at Christmas, because the queen and her ladies could not bear the sight. Once a year the undermost scullion was sent to see how he did, with a bundle of his next brother's cast-off clothes; and, as the king grew old and cross, it was said he had thoughts of disowning him.

So Fairyfoot grew in Fleecefold's cottage. Perhaps the country air made him fair and rosy—for all agreed that he would have been a handsome boy but for his small feet, with which nevertheless he learned to walk, and in time to run and to jump, thereby amazing everybody, for such doings were not known among the children of Stumpingame. The news of court, however, travelled to the shepherds, and Fairyfoot was despised among them. The old people thought him unlucky; the children refused to play with him. Fleecefold was ashamed to have him in his cottage, but he durst not disobey the king's orders. Moreover, Blackthorn wore most of the clothes brought by the scullion. At last, Rough Ruddy found out that the sight of such horrid jumping would make her children vulgar; and, as soon as he was old enough, she sent Fairyfoot every day to watch some sheep on a wild, weedy pasture, hard by the forest.

Poor Fairyfoot was often lonely and sorrowful; many a time he wished his feet would grow larger, and all the comfort he

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had was running and jumping by himself in the wild pasture, and thinking that none of the shepherds' children could do the like, for all their pride of their great feet.

Tired of this sport, he was lying in the shadow of a mossy rock one warm summer's noon, with the sheep feeding around, when a robin, pursued by a great hawk, flew into the old velvet cap which lay on the ground beside him. Fairyfoot covered it up, and the hawk, frightened by his shout, flew away.

"Now you may go, poor robin!" he said, opening the cap; but instead of the bird, out sprang a little man dressed in russet brown, and looking as if he were an hundred years old. Fairyfoot could not speak for astonishment, but the little man said:

"Thank you for your shelter, and be sure I will do as much for you. Call on me if you are ever in trouble; my name is Robin Goodfellow;" and darting off, he was out of sight in an



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instant. For days the boy wondered who that little man could be, but he told nobody, for the little man's feet were as small as his own, and it was clear he would be no favorite in Stump-ingham. Fairyfoot kept the story to himself, and at last mid-summer came. That evening was a feast among the shepherds. There were bonfires on the hills, and fun in the villages. But Fairyfoot sat alone beside his sheepfold, for the children of his village had refused to let him dance with them about the bonfire. He had never felt so lonely in all his life, and remembering the little man, he plucked up spirit, and cried:

"Ho! Robin Goodfellow!"

"Here I am," said a shrill voice at his elbow; and there stood the little man himself.

"I am very lonely, and no one will play with me, because my feet are not large enough," said Fairyfoot.

"Come then and play with us," said the little man. "We lead the merriest lives in the world, and care for nobody's feet; but all companies have their own manners, and there are two things you must mind among us: first, do as you see the rest doing; and secondly, never speak of anything you may hear or see, for we and the people of this country have had no friendship ever since large feet came in fashion."

"I will do that, and anything more you like," said Fairyfoot; and the little man, taking his hand, led him over the pasture into the forest, and along a mossy path among old trees wreathed with ivy (he never knew how far), till they heard the sound of music, and came upon a meadow where the moon shone as bright as day, and all the flowers of the year—snowdrops, violets, primroses, and cowslips—bloomed together in the thick grass. There were a crowd of little men and women, some clad in russet colour, but far more in green, dancing round a little well as clear as crystal. And under great rose-trees which grew

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here and there in the meadow, companies were sitting round low tables covered with cups of milk, dishes of honey, and carved wooden flagons filled with clear red wine. The little man led Fairyfoot up to the nearest table, handed him one of the flagons, and said, "Drink to the good company!"

Then the boy forgot all his troubles—how Blackthorn and Brownberry wore his clothes, how Rough Ruddy sent him to keep the sickly sheep, and the children would not dance with him; in short, he forgot the whole misfortune of his feet, and it seemed to his mind that he was a king's son, and all was well with him. All the little people about the well cried:

"Welcome! welcome!" and every one said: "Come and dance with me!" So Fairyfoot was as happy as a prince, and drank milk and ate honey till the moon was low in the sky, and then the little man took him by the hand, and never stopped nor stayed till he was at his own bed of straw in the cottage corner.

Next morning Fairyfoot was not tired for all his dancing. Nobody in the cottage had missed him, and he went out with the sheep as usual; but every night all that summer, when the shepherds were safe in bed, the little man came and took him away to dance in the forest. Now he did not care to play with

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the shepherds' children, nor grieve that his father and mother had forgotten him, but watched the sheep all day singing to himself or plaiting rushes; and when the sun went down, Fairyfoot's heart rejoiced at thought of meeting that merry company.

The wonder was that he was never tired nor sleepy, as people are apt to be who dance all night; but before the summer was ended Fairyfoot found out the reason. One night, when the moon was full, and the last of the ripe corn rustling in the fields, Robin Goodfellow came for him as usual, and away they went to the flowery green. The fun there was high, and Robin was in haste. So he only pointed to the carved cup from which Fairyfoot every night drank.

"I am not thirsty, and there is no use losing time," thought the boy to himself, and he joined the dance; but never in all his life did Fairyfoot find such hard work as to keep pace with the company. Their feet seemed to move like lightning; the swallows did not fly so fast or turn so quickly. Fairyfoot did his best, for he never gave in easily, but at length, his breath and strength being spent, the boy was glad to steal away, and sit down behind a mossy oak, where his eyes closed for very weariness. When he awoke the dance was nearly over, but two little ladies clad in green talked close beside him.

"What a beautiful boy!" said one of them. "He is worthy to be a king's son. Only see what handsome feet he has!"

"Yes," said the other, with a laugh that sounded spiteful; "they are just like the feet Princess Maybloom had before she washed them in the Growing Well. Her father has sent far and wide throughout the whole country searching for a doctor to make them small again, but nothing in this world can do it except the water of the Fair Fountain, and none but I and the nightingales know where it is."

"One would not care to let the like be known," said the first

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little lady, "there would come such crowds of these great coarse creatures of mankind, nobody would have peace for leagues round. But you will surely send word to the sweet princess!—she was so kind to our birds and butterflies, and danced so like one of ourselves!"

"Not I, indeed!" said the spiteful fairy. "Her father cut down the cedar which I loved best in the whole forest, and made a chest of it to hold his money in; besides, I never liked the princess—everybody praised her so."

When they were gone, Fairyfoot could sleep no more with astonishment. He did not wonder at the fairies admiring his feet, because their own were much the same; but it amazed him that Princess Maybloom's father should be troubled at hers growing large. Moreover, he wished to see that same princess and her country, since there were really other places in the world than Stumpingame.

All the next day Fairyfoot was so weary that in the afternoon he fell asleep, with his head on a clump of rushes. It was seldom that any one thought of looking after him and the sheep; but it so happened that towards evening the old shepherd, Fleecefold, thought he would see how things went on in the pastures. The shepherd had a bad temper and a slick staff, and no sooner did he catch sight of Fairyfoot sleeping, and his flock straying away, than shouting all the ill names he could remember, in a voice which woke up the boy, he ran after him as fast as his great feet would allow; while Fairyfoot, seeing no other shelter from his fury, fled into the forest, and never stopped nor stayed till he reached the banks of a little stream.

Thinking it might lead him to the fairies' dancing-ground, he followed that stream for many an hour, but it wound away into the heart of the forest, flowing through dells, falling over mossy rocks, and at last leading Fairyfoot, when he was tired

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and the night had fallen, to a grove of great rose-trees, with the moon shining on it as bright as day, and thousands of nightingales singing in the branches. In the midst of that grove was a clear spring, bordered with banks of lilies, and Fairyfoot sat down by it to rest himself and listen. The singing was so sweet he could have listened for ever, but as he sat the nightingales left off their songs, and began to talk together in the silence of the night:

“What boy is that,” said one on a branch above him, “who sits so lonely by the Fair Fountain? He cannot have come from Stumpingame with such small and handsome feet.”

“No, I’ll warrant you,” said another, “he has come from the west country. How in the world did he find the way?”

“How simple you are!” said a third nightingale. “What had he to do but follow the ground-ivy which grows over height and hollow, bank and bush, from the lowest gate of the king’s kitchen-garden to the root of this rose-tree? He looks a wise boy, and I hope he will keep the secret, or we shall have all the west country here, dabbling in our fountain, and leaving us no rest to either talk or sing.”

Fairyfoot sat in great astonishment at this discourse, but by and by, when the talk ceased and the songs began, he thought it might be as well for him to follow the ground-ivy, and see the Princess Maybloom, not to speak of getting rid of Rough Ruddy, the sickly sheep, and the crusty old shepherd. It was a long journey; but he went on, eating wild berries by day, sleeping in the hollows of old trees by night, and never losing sight of the ground-ivy, which led him over height and hollow, bank and bush, out of the forest, and along a noble high road, with fields and villages on every side, to a great city, and a low old-fashioned gate of the king’s kitchen-garden, which was thought too mean for scullions, and had not been opened for seven years.

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There was no use knocking—the gate was overgrown with tall weeds and moss; so, being an active boy, he climbed over, and walked through the garden, till a little fawn came frisking by, and he heard a soft voice saying sorrowfully:

“Come back, come back, my fawn! I cannot run and play with you now, my feet have grown so heavy;” and looking round he saw the loveliest young princess in the world, dressed in snow-white, and wearing a wreath of roses on her golden hair; but walking slowly, as the great people did in Stumpinghame, for her feet were as large as the best of them.

After her came six young ladies, dressed in white and walking slowly, for they could not go before the princess; but Fairy-foot was amazed to see that their feet were as small as his own. At once he guessed that this must be the Princess Maybloom, and made her an humble bow, saying:

“Royal princess, I have heard of your trouble because your feet have grown large; in my country that’s all the fashion. For

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seven years past I have been wondering what would make mine grow, to no purpose; but I know of a certain fountain that will make yours smaller and finer than ever they were, if the king, your father, gives you leave to come with me, accompanied by two of your maids that are the least given to talking, and the most prudent officer in all his household; for it would offend the fairies and the nightingales to make that fountain known."

When the princess heard that, she danced for joy in spite of her large feet, and she and her six maids brought Fairyfoot before the king and queen, where they sat in their palace hall, with all the courtiers paying their morning compliments. The lords were very much astonished to see a ragged, bare-footed boy brought in among them, and the ladies thought Princess Maybloom must have gone mad; but Fairyfoot, making an humble reverence, told his message to the king and queen, and offered to set out with the princess that very day. At first the king would not believe that there could be any use in his offer, because so many great physicians had failed to give any relief. The courtiers laughed Fairyfoot to scorn, and the pages wanted to turn him out for an impudent impostor, but the queen, being a prudent woman, said:

"I pray your majesty to notice what fine feet this boy has. There may be some truth in his story. For the sake of our only daughter, I will choose two maids who talk the least of all our train, and my chamberlain, who is the most discreet officer in our household. Let them go with the princess; who knows but our sorrow may be lessened?"

After some persuasion the king consented, though all his councillors advised the contrary. So the two silent maids, the discreet chamberlain, and her fawn, which would not stay behind, were sent with Princess Maybloom, and they all set out after dinner. Fairyfoot had hard work guiding them along the track

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of the ground-ivy. The maids and the chamberlain did not like the brambles and rough roots of the forest—they thought it hard to eat berries and sleep in hollow trees; but the princess went on with good courage, and at last they reached the grove of rose-trees, and the spring bordered with lilies.

The chamberlain washed—and though his hair had been grey, and his face wrinkled, the young courtiers envied his beauty for years after. The maids washed—and from that day they were esteemed the fairest in all the palace. Lastly, the princess washed also—it could make her no fairer, but the moment her feet touched the water they grew less, and when she had washed and dried them three times, they were as small and finely shaped as Fairyfoot's own. There was great joy among them, but the boy said sorrowfully:

“Oh! if there had been a well in the world to make my feet large, my father and mother would not have cast me off, nor sent me to live among the shepherds.”

“Cheer up your heart,” said the Princess Maybloom; “if you want large feet, there is a well in this forest that will do it. Last summer time, I came with my father and his foresters to see a great cedar cut down, of which he meant to make a money chest. While they were busy with the cedar, I saw a bramble branch covered with berries. Some were ripe and some were green, but it was the longest bramble that ever grew; for the sake of the berries, I went on and on to its root, which grew hard by a muddy-looking well, with banks of dark green moss, in the deepest part of the forest. The day was warm and dry, so I took off my scarlet shoes, and washed my feet in the well; but as I washed they grew larger every minute, and nothing could ever make them less again. I have seen the bramble this day; it is not far off, and as you have shown me the Fair Fountain, I will show you the Growing Well.”

# M Y B O O K H O U S E

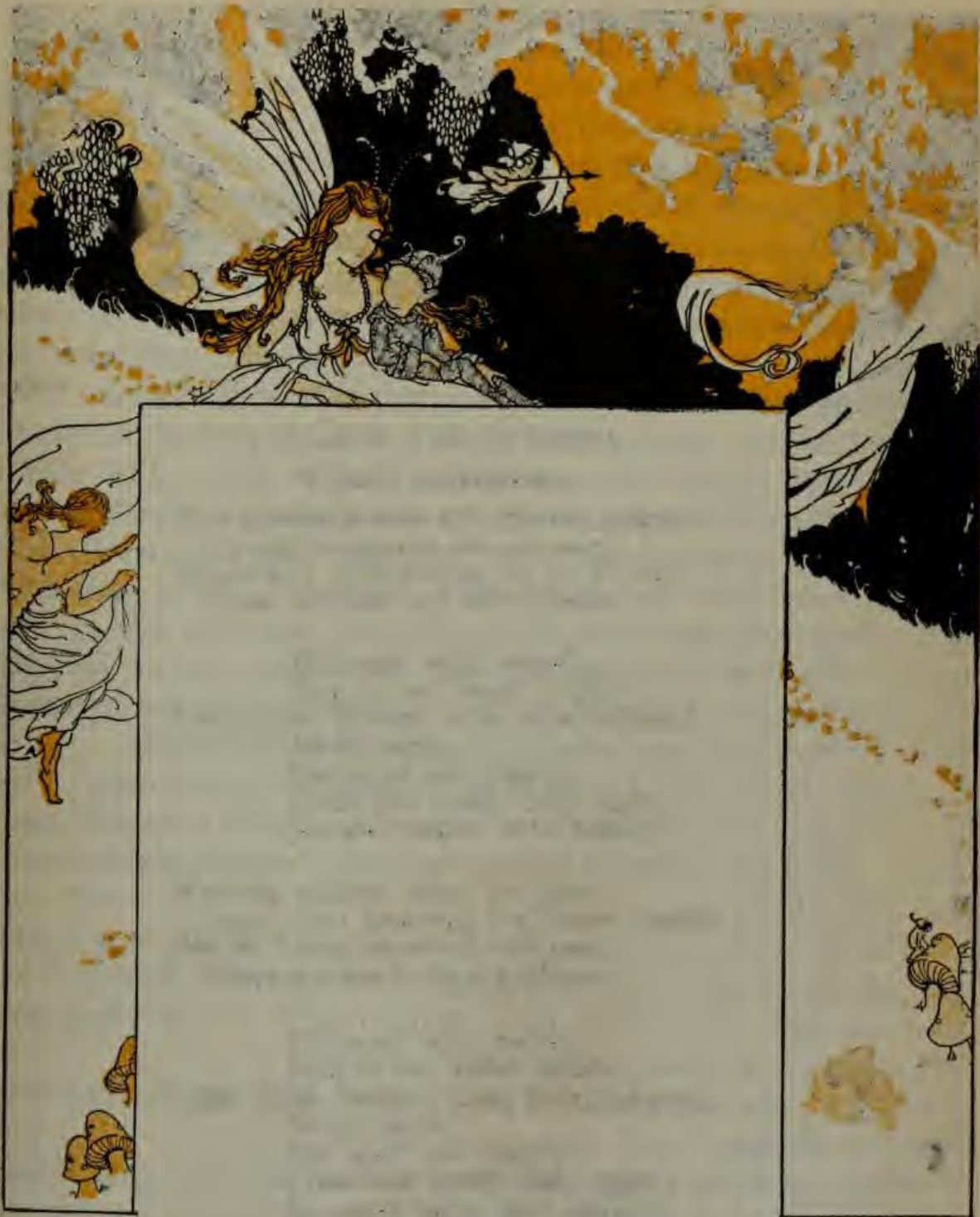
Up rose Fairyfoot and Princess Maybloom, and went together till they found the bramble, and came to where its root grew, hard by the muddy-looking well, with banks of dark green moss, in the deepest dell of the forest. Fairyfoot sat down to wash, but at that minute he heard a sound of music, and knew it was the fairies going to their dancing-ground.

“If my feet grow large,” said the boy to himself, “how shall I dance with them?” So, rising quickly, he took the Princess Maybloom by the hand. The fawn followed them; the maids and the chamberlain followed it, and all followed the music through the forest. At last they came to the flowery green. Robin Goodfellow welcomed the company for Fairyfoot’s sake, and they danced there from sunset till the grey morning, and nobody was tired. But before the lark sang, Robin Goodfellow took them all safe home, as he used to take Fairyfoot.

There was great joy that day in the palace because Princess Maybloom’s feet were made small again. The king gave Fairyfoot all manner of fine clothes and rich jewels; and when they heard this wonderful story, he and the queen asked him to live with them and be their son. In process of time Fairyfoot and Princess Maybloom were married, and still live happily. When they go to visit at Stumpingame, they always wash their feet in the Growing Well, might think them a they come back, they Fair Fountain; and nightingales are great as the maids and the they have told nobody peace and quiet yet in



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The first part of the book deals with the early years of the nation, from the time of the first settlers to the end of the Revolutionary War. It covers the period of the early colonial period, the struggle for independence, and the formation of the new government.

The second part of the book deals with the period of the early republic, from the end of the Revolutionary War to the beginning of the Civil War. It covers the period of the early republic, the struggle for a stronger central government, and the expansion of the nation.

The third part of the book deals with the period of the Civil War and Reconstruction, from the beginning of the Civil War to the end of Reconstruction. It covers the period of the Civil War, the Reconstruction era, and the struggle for civil rights.

The fourth part of the book deals with the period of the late republic, from the end of Reconstruction to the beginning of the Progressive Era. It covers the period of the late republic, the Progressive Era, and the struggle for reform.

# THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. From the first European settlers to the present day, the nation has evolved through various stages of development. The early years were marked by exploration and the establishment of colonies. The American Revolution led to the birth of a new nation, and the subsequent years saw the expansion of territory and the growth of industry.

The American Revolution was a pivotal moment in the nation's history. It was a struggle for independence from British rule, and it resulted in the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The revolution was followed by a period of conflict known as the War of 1812, which solidified the nation's status as an independent power.

The 19th century was a time of rapid expansion and growth. The discovery of gold in California led to a massive influx of settlers, and the westward expansion of the nation continued. The Civil War, which began in 1861, was a defining moment in the nation's history, as it resulted in the abolition of slavery and the preservation of the Union.

The 20th century has been a period of significant change and progress. The United States emerged as a global superpower after World War II, and it has played a leading role in the development of the world. The civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s was a landmark in the nation's history, as it led to the passage of laws that guaranteed equal rights for all citizens.

The United States has a rich and diverse cultural heritage, and it has made significant contributions to the world in many fields. From the arts and sciences to sports and entertainment, the United States has produced some of the most talented and innovative people in history. The nation's history is a testament to the power of the American dream and the pursuit of freedom and justice.

The United States is a nation of immigrants, and its history is a story of the contributions of people from many different backgrounds. The American dream is a powerful force that has inspired millions of people to seek a better life in this country. The United States is a land of opportunity, and it is a place where everyone has the chance to succeed.

The United States is a nation of freedom, and it is a place where the rights of all citizens are protected. The American flag is a symbol of the values that the United States stands for: freedom, justice, and equality. The United States is a land of hope, and it is a place where the future is bright.

The United States is a nation of progress, and it is a place where the future is being built. The American dream is a powerful force that has inspired millions of people to seek a better life in this country. The United States is a land of opportunity, and it is a place where everyone has the chance to succeed.



THE HISTORY OF THE PRINCE OF AFRICA

The first chapter of the history of the Prince of Africa is the story of his birth and early life. He was born in the city of Timbuktu, in the year of the great drought, when the people were suffering from famine and pestilence. His father was a nobleman of high rank, and his mother was a woman of great beauty and virtue. The Prince was named Mungo, and he was the only child of his parents.



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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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# THE BROWNIE FAIRIES OF ABERDEEN



The first of the brownie fairies, known as the "Aberdeen Brownie," is said to be a mischievous little fellow who lives in the roots of the trees. He is a small, round, red-faced creature with a pointed nose and a pair of small, black eyes. He is a very cunning and crafty little fellow, and he is known to play many tricks on the children of the town. He is said to be a very good friend to the children, and he is known to help them in many ways. He is said to be a very good friend to the children, and he is known to help them in many ways. He is said to be a very good friend to the children, and he is known to help them in many ways.



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# T H A N K S F O R T H E P A S T

The past is a long and winding road, a path of discovery and growth. It is a journey that has shaped us into the people we are today. We have learned from our mistakes, grown from our experiences, and found strength in our struggles. The past is not just a collection of memories, but a source of wisdom and inspiration. It is the foundation upon which we build our future. We must honor the past, for it is the key to understanding ourselves and the world around us. Let us cherish the lessons we have learned and the love we have received. For in the end, it is the love and the lessons that truly matter. The past is a gift, and we must treasure it. Let us carry the light of the past with us, for it will guide us through the darkest of times. The past is not dead, for as long as we remember it, it lives on in our hearts and minds. Let us be grateful for the past, for it has made us who we are. Let us be proud of the journey we have taken, for it has been a journey of love, of hope, and of faith. The past is a beautiful thing, and we must cherish it. Let us be grateful for the past, for it has made us who we are. Let us be proud of the journey we have taken, for it has been a journey of love, of hope, and of faith. The past is a beautiful thing, and we must cherish it. Let us be grateful for the past, for it has made us who we are. Let us be proud of the journey we have taken, for it has been a journey of love, of hope, and of faith.



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THE HISTORY OF THE KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN

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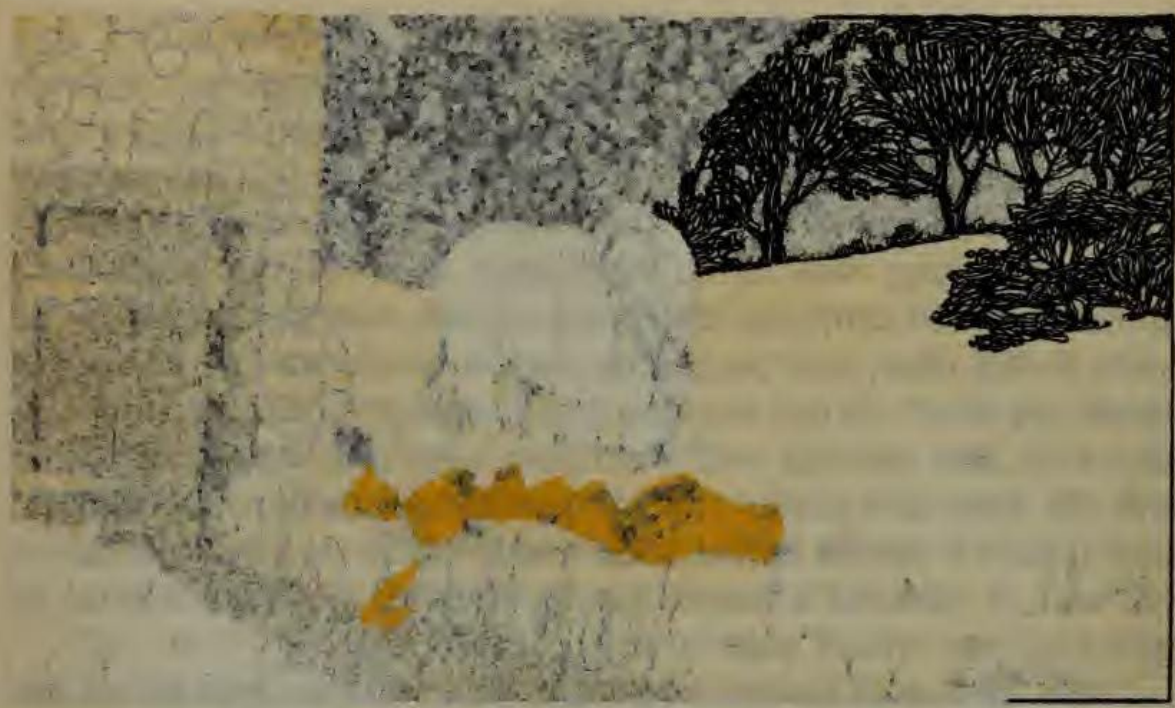
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# THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

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The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. It begins with the first settlers who came to the shores of the Atlantic coast. These early pioneers faced many hardships, but they were determined to build a new life in a new land. Over time, the colonies grew and developed, and they eventually declared their independence from Great Britain. The American Revolution was a turning point in the nation's history, as it established the United States as a sovereign nation. The new government was based on the principles of liberty and justice for all, and it has since become a model for other nations. The history of the United States is a testament to the power of the human spirit and the ability of a people to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves.



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The first part of the history of the world is the history of the human race. It is a story of struggle and progress, of triumph and defeat, of hope and despair. It is a story that has shaped the course of human civilization and that continues to shape the world we live in today.

The second part of the history of the world is the history of the nations and peoples. It is a story of the rise and fall of empires, of the growth of nations, and of the struggles for power and influence. It is a story that has shaped the course of human history and that continues to shape the world we live in today.

The third part of the history of the world is the history of the ideas and beliefs that have shaped human civilization. It is a story of the development of religion, philosophy, and science, and of the ways in which these ideas have shaped the course of human history. It is a story that has shaped the course of human civilization and that continues to shape the world we live in today.

The first part of the book is devoted to a general history of the world, from the beginning of time to the present. The author discusses the various ages of the world, and the different nations and empires that have arisen. He also touches upon the progress of science and the arts, and the state of the human mind in different ages. The second part of the book is a more particular history of the British nation, from the first settlement in America to the present time. It describes the various wars and revolutions that have befallen the country, and the progress of the British empire to its present greatness. The author also discusses the state of the colonies, and the different governments that have been established in them. The book is written in a plain and easy style, and is intended for the use of the general reader. It is a very useful and interesting work, and is well worth a perusal.



# THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

CHAPTER I

The first part of the history of the United States is the history of the colonies. The colonies were first settled by Englishmen in 1607, and they grew in number and importance until the Revolution in 1776. The colonies were at first dependent on Great Britain, but they gradually became more independent. They had their own laws and customs, and they elected their own representatives to the colonial legislatures. The British government, however, often interfered with the colonies, and this led to the Revolution. The Revolution was a struggle for independence, and it was won by the colonies in 1781. The United States was then declared an independent nation.

The second part of the history of the United States is the history of the Union. The Union was formed in 1787, and it has since then been a source of strength and unity for the United States. The Union has grown in size and power, and it has played a leading role in the world. The Union has been tested many times, but it has always emerged stronger and more united.

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The fourth part of the history of the United States is the history of the future. The United States has a long and glorious history, and it has a bright future. The United States will continue to be a source of strength and unity for the world, and it will continue to play a leading role in the world.

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The third part of the history of the United States is the history of the Constitution. The Constitution was adopted in 1787, and it is the foundation of the government of the United States.

The fourth part of the history of the United States is the history of the Civil War. The Civil War was fought between 1861 and 1865, and it resulted in the abolition of slavery in the United States.

The fifth part of the history of the United States is the history of Reconstruction. Reconstruction was the period between 1865 and 1877, and it was the time when the United States was rebuilding itself after the Civil War.

The sixth part of the history of the United States is the history of the Gilded Age. The Gilded Age was the period between 1870 and 1900, and it was a time of great wealth and corruption in the United States.

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The tenth part of the history of the United States is the history of the Cold War. The Cold War was the period between 1945 and 1991, and it was a time of tension and conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union.



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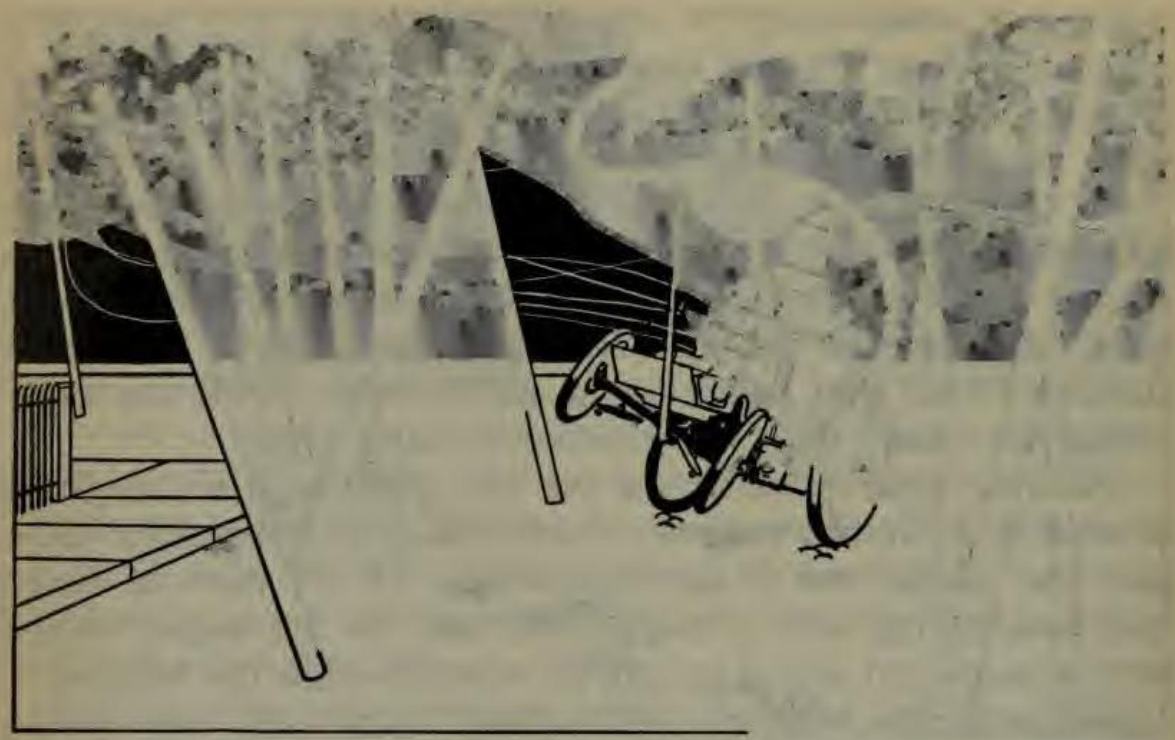


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# THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

By Howard Chandler Christy

The history of the United States is a story of growth and progress. From the first settlers to the present day, the nation has grown from a small colony to a great power. The story is one of struggle and triumph, of hope and despair. It is a story that has shaped the lives of millions of people and will continue to shape the lives of millions more.

The story begins with the first settlers who came to the New World in search of a better life. They found a land of opportunity and a land of freedom. They built a nation that was based on the principles of liberty and justice for all.

The story continues with the struggle for independence from Great Britain. The American Revolution was a fight for the right to self-determination. It was a fight that was won, and it paved the way for the birth of a new nation.

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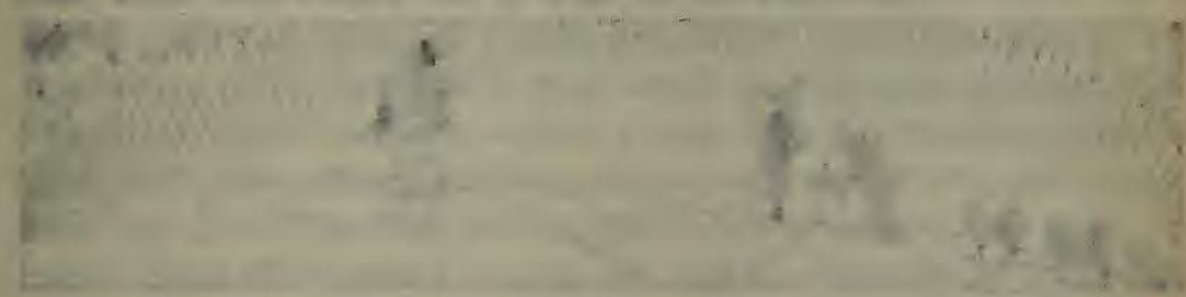
The second paragraph delves into the practical applications of the discussed methods. It provides examples of how these techniques can be implemented in different industries, such as retail, manufacturing, and service sectors. The text also discusses the role of technology in enhancing data accuracy and accessibility. It mentions the use of spreadsheets, databases, and specialized software for data analysis and reporting. The author concludes by emphasizing the long-term benefits of a well-maintained record-keeping system, including improved decision-making and operational efficiency.

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The first part of the book is devoted to the early history of the United States, from the discovery of the continent by Christopher Columbus in 1492 to the establishment of the first permanent settlements. This section covers the exploration of the eastern seaboard, the founding of Jamestown in 1607, and the growth of the New England colonies. It also discusses the conflicts with Native Americans and the struggle for independence from British rule.

The second part of the book deals with the American Revolution and the early years of the new nation. It begins with the outbreak of the war in 1775 and the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This section covers the military campaigns, the establishment of the Constitution in 1787, and the early challenges of the young republic. It also discusses the role of key figures such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Alexander Hamilton.

The third part of the book focuses on the expansion of the United States and the westward movement. It covers the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the discovery of gold in California in 1848. This section also discusses the Mexican-American War and the acquisition of Texas and California. It highlights the impact of westward expansion on the economy and society of the United States.



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# THE HISTORY OF THE BARRON COUNTY

The history of the Barron County, Wisconsin, is a story of growth and development. It begins with the early settlers who came to the area in the 1850s, seeking fertile land for agriculture. The county was named in honor of John Barron, a prominent local businessman and politician. Over the years, the county has experienced significant changes, from its early days as a frontier settlement to its current status as a major agricultural and industrial center. The county's history is marked by the arrival of the railroad, which brought new opportunities for trade and commerce. The county's economy has diversified over time, with the emergence of industries such as manufacturing and services. The county's rich cultural heritage is reflected in its numerous historical landmarks and museums. The county's history is a testament to the resilience and hard work of its people, who have built a thriving community over the years.

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# THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

The Great Wall of China is one of the most famous and longest man-made structures in the world. It stretches for over 13,000 miles across the northern part of the country, protecting it from invasions. The wall was built in several stages over many centuries, starting from the 7th century BC. It is made of brick, stone, and tamped earth. The wall is not just a simple barrier; it has a complex system of watchtowers, battlements, and gates. The Great Wall is a symbol of China's rich history and its ability to defend itself against foreign threats. It is also a major tourist attraction, drawing millions of visitors each year. The wall is a testament to the ingenuity and perseverance of the Chinese people.





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