

BLACKIE'S
Coloured-Picture
STORY-READERS
FOR INFANTS



Rosebud





THE PRINCE GOES INTO THE SLEEPING PALACE

ROSEBUD

Illustrated by

JOHN HASSALL

BLACKIE & SON LIMITED

LONDON AND GLASGOW

BLACKIE & SON LIMITED

50 Old Bailey, London

17 Stanhope Street, Glasgow

BLACKIE & SON (INDIA) LIMITED

Warwick House, Fort Street, Bombay

BLACKIE & SON (CANADA) LIMITED

Toronto

Blackie's Coloured-Picture Story-Readers for Infants

Beauty and the Beast.

Three Little Pigs.

Puss in Boots.

Rosebud.

Hop o' My Thumb.

Blue Shoes and Black.

The Three Bears and Golden
Hair.

Buntie Boo.

Jack the Giant-Killer.

The Games we Play.

By the Sea and In the Fields.

Little Red-Riding-Hood and
Jack and the Beanstalk.

Cinderella and The Babes in
the Wood.

Rosebud

1. Once upon a time there lived a good king and queen who had no child, and this made them very sad.

2. One day, as the queen was walking by the river-side, a fish lifted its head out of the water and said:

3. "Your wish will be given you, and you will get a little baby girl."

4. By and by, to the joy of the king and queen, a little girl

was given to them. They called her Rosebud.

1. The baby was so pretty, that



the king spent most of his time looking at her.

2. So great was his joy, that he made up his mind to hold a feast.

3. To this feast he called all his friends. He also asked all

the fairies in the land to come, so that they might be kind to his little girl.

1. Now, there were thirteen



fairies that were wise women, and as the king had only twelve golden dishes to eat from, he had to leave one fairy out.

2. This fairy was old and ugly,

and the king said she would not mind.

1. The other fairies all came with great joy to see baby Rosebud.

2. When the feast was over, the fairies came to where the baby lay on a silk robe.

3. Each in turn gave her best gift to the little princess.

4. One said she would be as good as gold; another that she would be happy as the day is long.

5. Another said she would be merry as the lark; and so on.

6. The king and queen were glad to hear what the fairies said about their baby.

1. All at once a loud noise was heard at the door, and in came the ugly old fairy, who had not been asked.

2. "I have come," she said, "to give the princess my gift.

3. "When Rosebud is fifteen years of age, she will hurt her hand with a spinning wheel, and fall down dead."

4. The king and his friends were very sad when they heard this.

5. The queen screamed, the baby cried, and the poor king shook all over.

6. But one of the good fairies had yet to give her gift.

1. So she came up and said, "I can do something to take away that gift of this bad old fairy."

2. She waved her wand over the baby and said, "Little princess, you will not die, but you will sleep for many years."

3. As time went on, the king hoped to save his child, for he burned all the spinning wheels in his land.

4. "For," said he, "if there are no wheels, my Rosebud cannot hurt her hand on one."

5. The princess grew up to be a big girl, and she was loved by all who knew her.



THE BAD OLD FAIRY

1. Now, on a day when she was fifteen, her father and mother had to go out, and she was left to do what she liked.

2. So she went to a part of the palace where she had never been before.

3. She went up a stair, and came to a door which was shut.

4. Rosebud opened the door, and what do you think she saw? Why, a funny old lady in a big red cloak.

5. There she was working hard at her spinning wheel, which she had hid in this room.

6. "Good mother," said Rosebud, "I have never seen a wheel

like that. Let me see if I can make it go round."

1. As soon as she tried to work



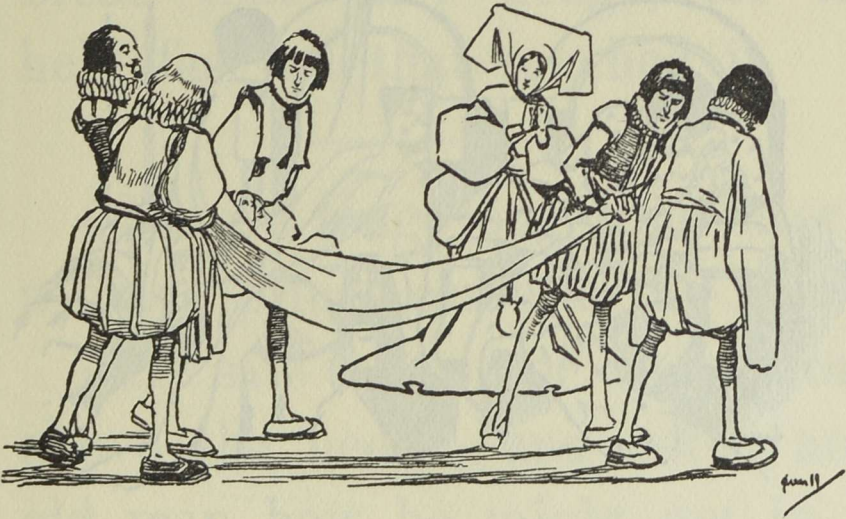
it, she hurt her hand, and at once fell down as if dead.

2. The old lady cried for help, and soon people came to see what had taken place to the princess.



"WHERE ROSEBUD HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE"

1. They did all they could to make her well, but it was no use. She was fast asleep. So



they carried her to her own room, and laid her upon the bed.

2. When the king and queen came home and saw Rosebud, they knew that the bad fairy's words had come true.

1. A strange thing now took place. The king and queen fell



asleep, and the men round them slept also.

2. The dogs in the yard, the doves on the roof, and even the flies on the wall fell asleep.

3. And now, all around the king's house, a hedge began to

grow, so tall and so thick as to hide the house.

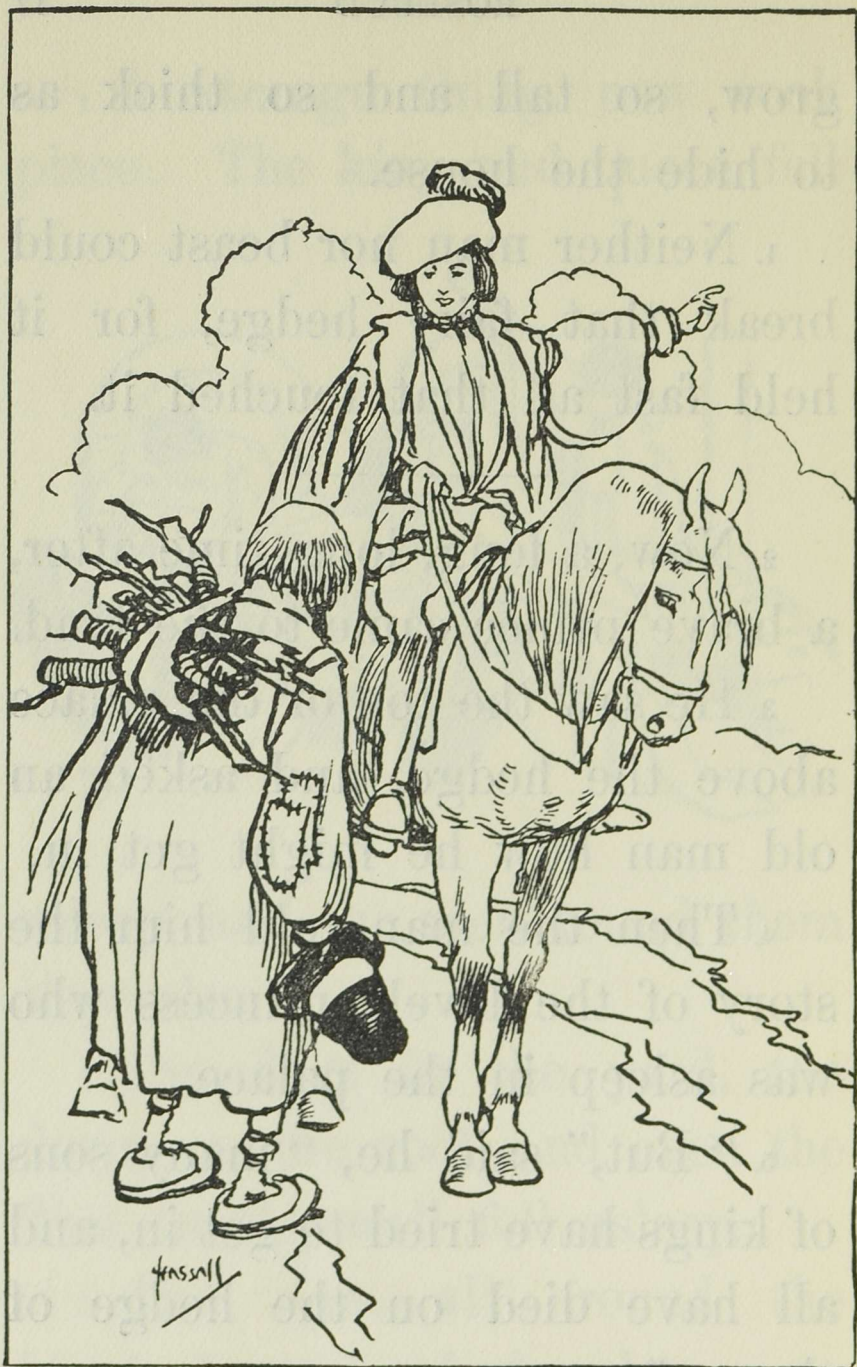
1. Neither man nor beast could break that fairy hedge, for it held fast all that touched it.

2. Now, a long, long time after, a brave prince came to the land.

3. He saw the top of the palace above the hedge, and asked an old man how he might get in.

4. Then the man told him the story of the lovely princess who was asleep in the palace.

5. "But," said he, "many sons of kings have tried to get in, and all have died on the hedge of thorns."



HE ASKED AN OLD MAN HOW HE MIGHT GET IN

1. This prince was a brave young man, and he went up to the hedge with his sword in his hand.

2. As it was now time for the bad fairy's spell to end, the hedge of thorns turned into a garden of flowers.

3. So the prince went into the house, and saw all the folk sleeping.

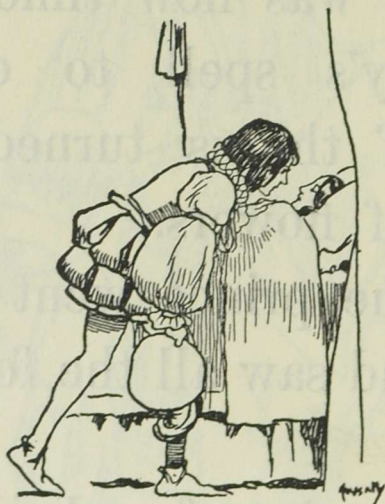
4. When he found Rosebud, he could not take his eyes off her fair young face.

5. She looked so sweet, for her hair had grown long, and shone in the sun like threads of gold.

6. So the prince bent down and

kissed her cheek, and at once Rosebud opened her eyes, and smiled.

1. "Is that you, my prince?"



she said. "I have waited long for you."

2. The prince was made glad by her kind words, and he told her that he loved her more than all the world.

1. Then he took Rosebud by the hand, and they went down to the great hall.

2. And now the whole people awoke, and looked around them. The king sprang to his feet, and the queen cried out with joy.

3. The dogs barked again in the garden, and the cock crowed in the yard. The birds flew from the house-top, and the flies crept along the walls.

4. The servants began to work in a hurry, as if they had been caught napping.

5. The maids began to scrub the floor. The cook boxed her

boy's ears, and he dropped a bowl of milk.

1. The news went to all parts of the land that the princess had wakened, and a great many folk came to see her.

2. Now, the king was so glad that he made a great feast for the brave prince who had come to set them free.

3. Rosebud and the prince sat side by side at the feast, for they loved each other very much and liked to be together.

4. By and by the prince took Rosebud to be his dear wife, and they lived a long and happy life.



THE COOK BOXED HER BOY'S EARS

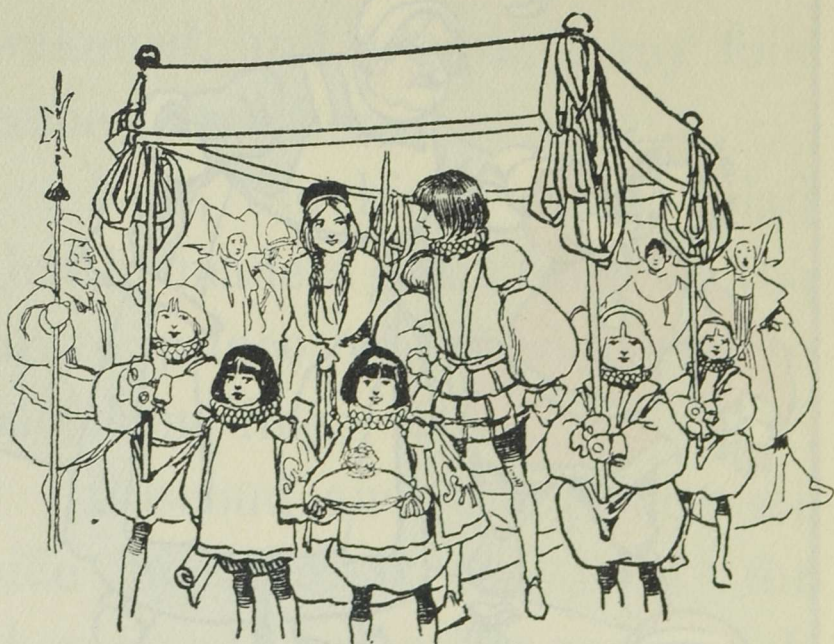


Table Talks and Table Travels

THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE BREAKFAST TABLE. By
MABEL BLOOMER. With 8 coloured and many other
illustrations.

Little Folk in Many Lands

A FIRST BOOK OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY. By
HUGH LAURENCE. With 16 coloured and many other
illustrations.

Tales and Travels

A SECOND BOOK OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY. By
HUGH LAURENCE. With 16 coloured and many other
illustrations.

Nature's Pageant

THE STORY OF THE SEASONS. By MARGARET CAMERON,
L.L.A. With 12 coloured and many other illustrations.

London Bells

AND WHAT THEY TELL US. London past and present
described for little folk. By W. RAYBOULD. With 12
coloured and many other pictures, and songs with music.

Le Livre Rouge

A FIRST BOOK OF FRENCH IN COLOURED PICTURES.
By E. MAGEE. With many coloured and other illustrations.

BLACKIE & SON, LTD., LONDON, GLASGOW, BOMBAY