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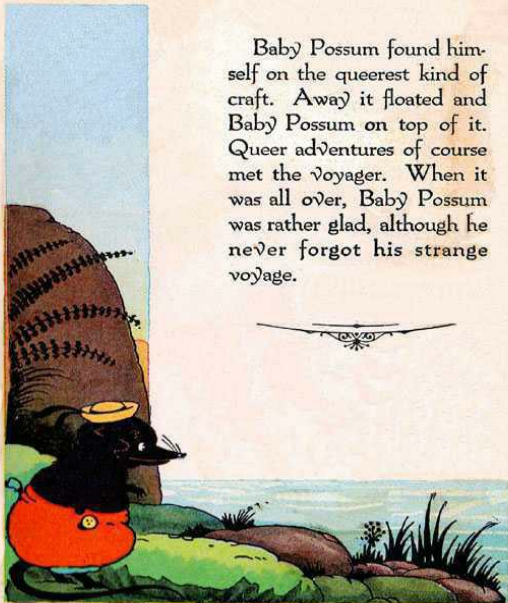
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BABY POSSUM didn't know what to make of it. Here he was out in the middle of the Laughing Brook riding on the queerest craft you can imagine. When Baby Possum had hopped on to it he had thought it just a stone. But whoever heard of a stone that floated or that



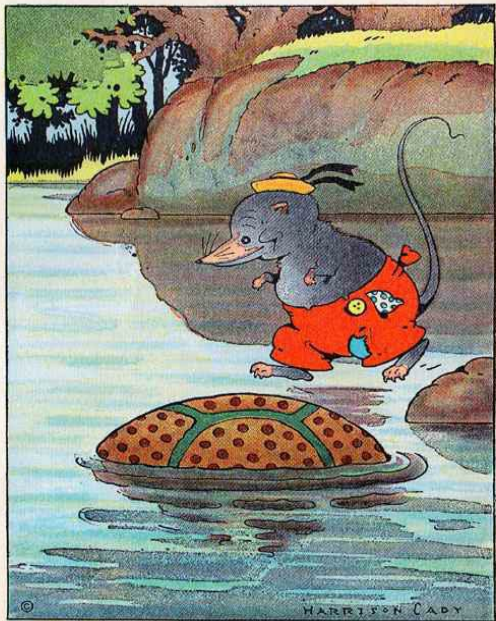


swam when it wasn't floating? Well, that is just what Baby Possum's queer craft, which he had thought was a stone, was doing.

At first Baby Possum was too frightened



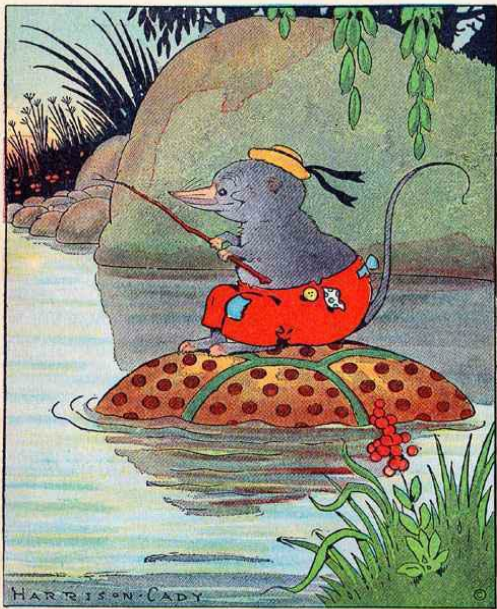
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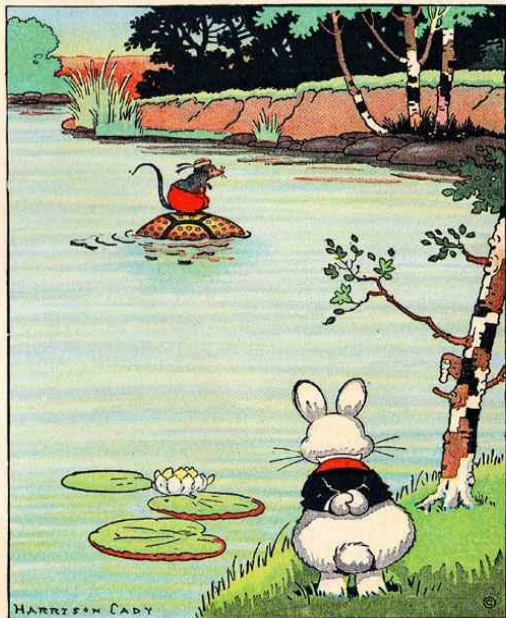
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He Began To Look Timidly Around



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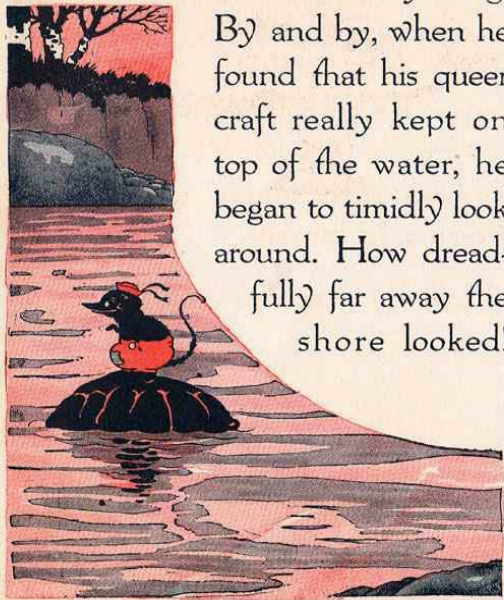
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to notice anything. By and by, when he found that his queer craft really kept on top of the water, he began to timidly look around. How dreadfully far away the shore looked!



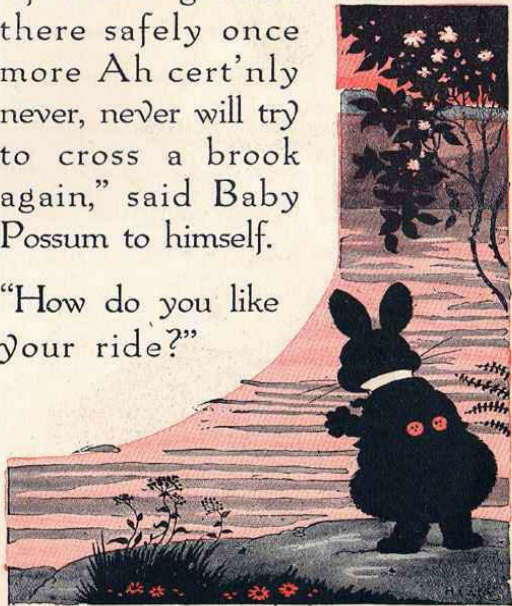


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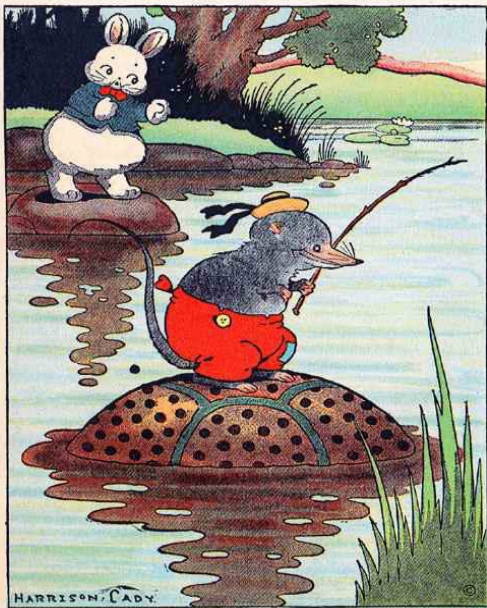
"If Ah ever get back there safely once more Ah cert'nly never, never will try to cross a brook again," said Baby Possum to himself.

"How do you like your ride?"





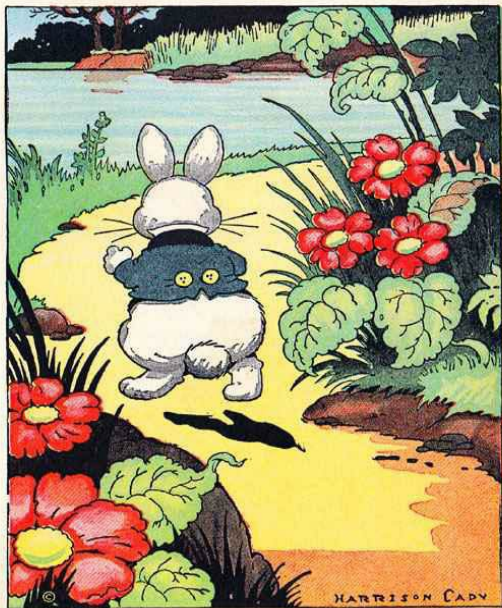
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The Queerest Craft You Can Imagine



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No One Was In Sight Except Peter Rabbit



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asked a voice, which seemed to come from somewhere close at hand.

Baby Possum looked everywhere up in the air, but he could see no one excepting jolly, round, red Mr. Sun, who was looking down through the trees and laughing.



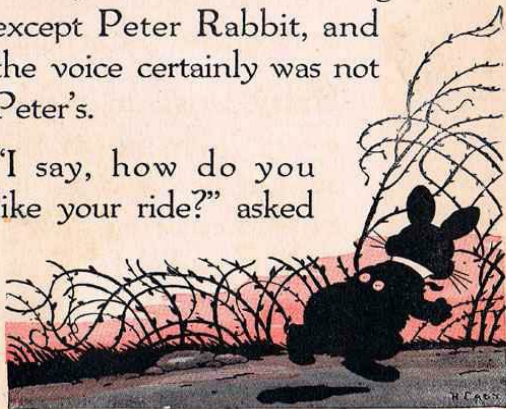
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“Don't look so high for your friends,”
said the same voice, with a funny
little chuckle.

Baby Possum looked hard at both
banks, but no one was in sight
except Peter Rabbit, and
the voice certainly was not
Peter's.

“I say, how do you
like your ride?” asked

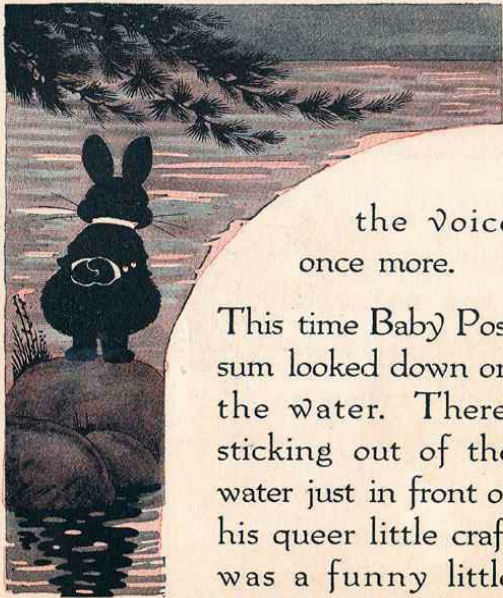




"I'm Going To Give You The Gr



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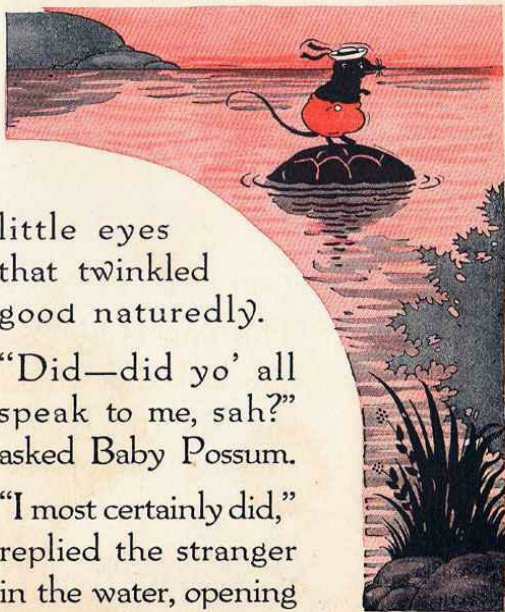


the voice
once more.

This time Baby Possum looked down on the water. There, sticking out of the water just in front of his queer little craft was a funny little black head with two



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little eyes
that twinkled
good naturedly.

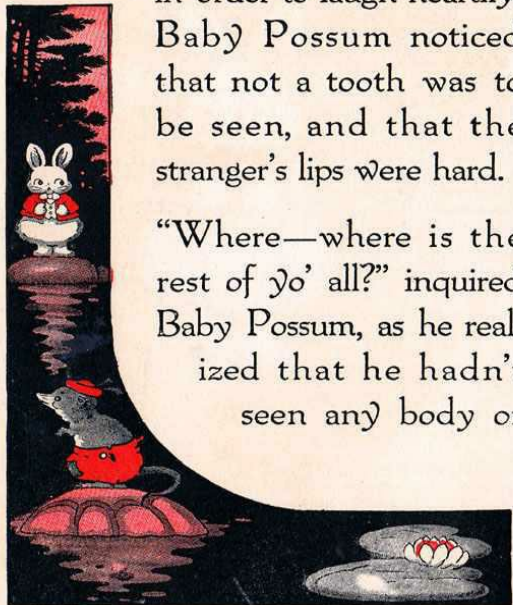
“Did—did yo’ all
speak to me, sah?”
asked Baby Possum.

“I most certainly did,”
replied the stranger
in the water, opening
his mouth very wide

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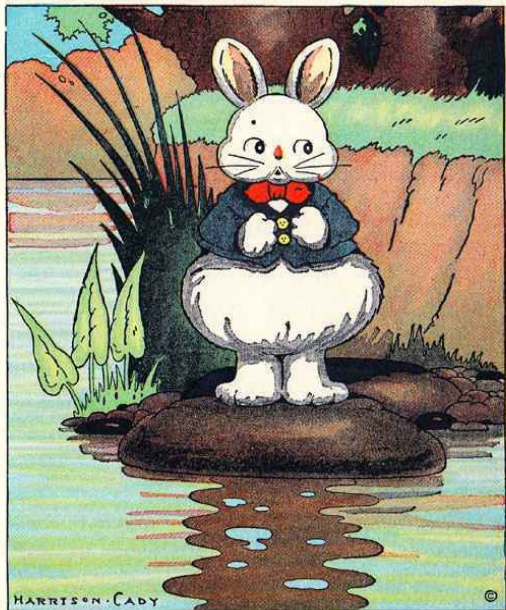
in order to laugh heartily. Baby Possum noticed that not a tooth was to be seen, and that the stranger's lips were hard.

“Where—where is the rest of yo' all?” inquired Baby Possum, as he realized that he hadn't seen any body or





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The Voice Certainly Was Not Peter's



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legs or arms, just a head sticking out of the water.

The stranger opened his mouth again and laughed and laughed and laughed.

“You’re sitting on it,” he finally managed to say between laughs.



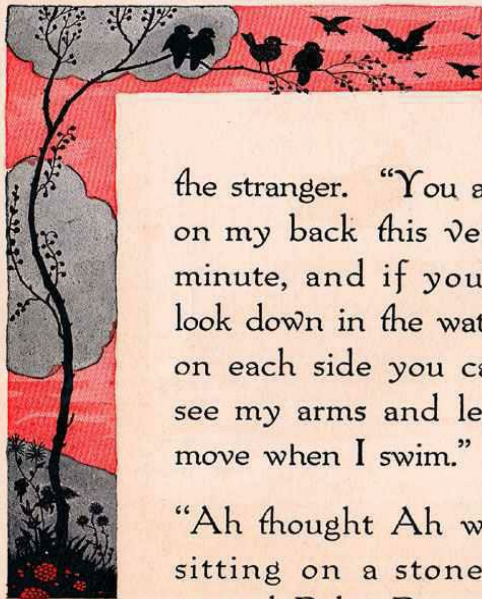


Baby Possum was so startled that he nearly fell into the water.

“What—what did you say?” he gasped, his little eyes nearly popping out of his head.

“I said that you are sitting on me,” said

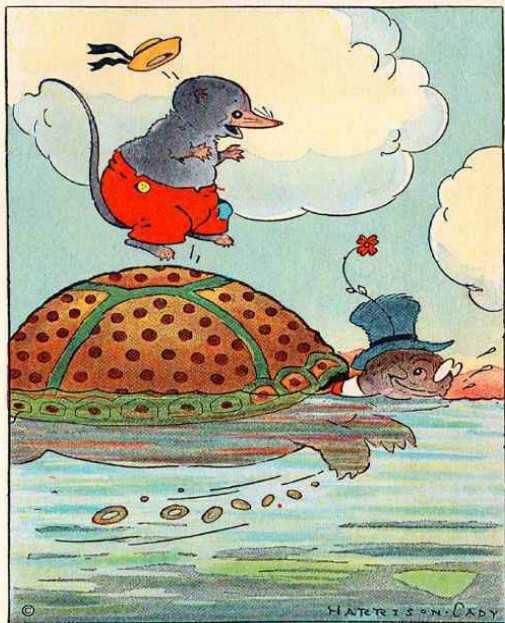




the stranger. "You are on my back this very minute, and if you'll look down in the water on each side you can see my arms and legs move when I swim."

"Ah thought Ah was sitting on a stone!" gasped Baby Possum.

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Baby Possum Was So Startled



“If yo’ please, sah, who might y’-
alls be?”

The stranger laughed
harder than ever. “I’m
Snapper the Turtle,”



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"Then I'll Put You Safe On Shore"



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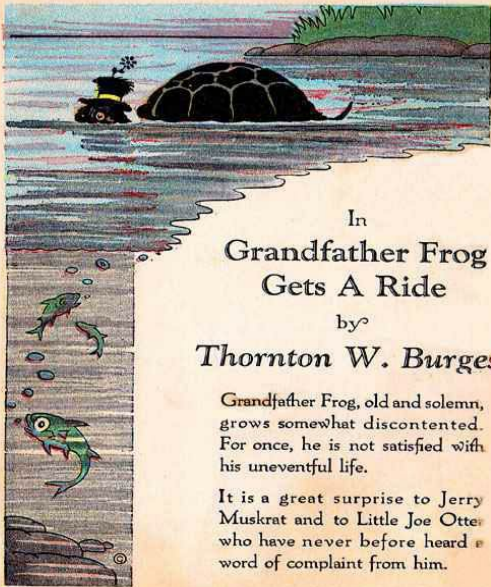
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said he. "And now I'm going to give you the greatest ride you have ever had and then I'll put you safe on shore."

And Snapper the Turtle did.





In
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Grandfather Frog, old and solemn,
grows somewhat discontented.
For once, he is not satisfied with
his uneventful life.

It is a great surprise to Jerry
Muskrat and to Little Joe Otter
who have never before heard a
word of complaint from him.

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