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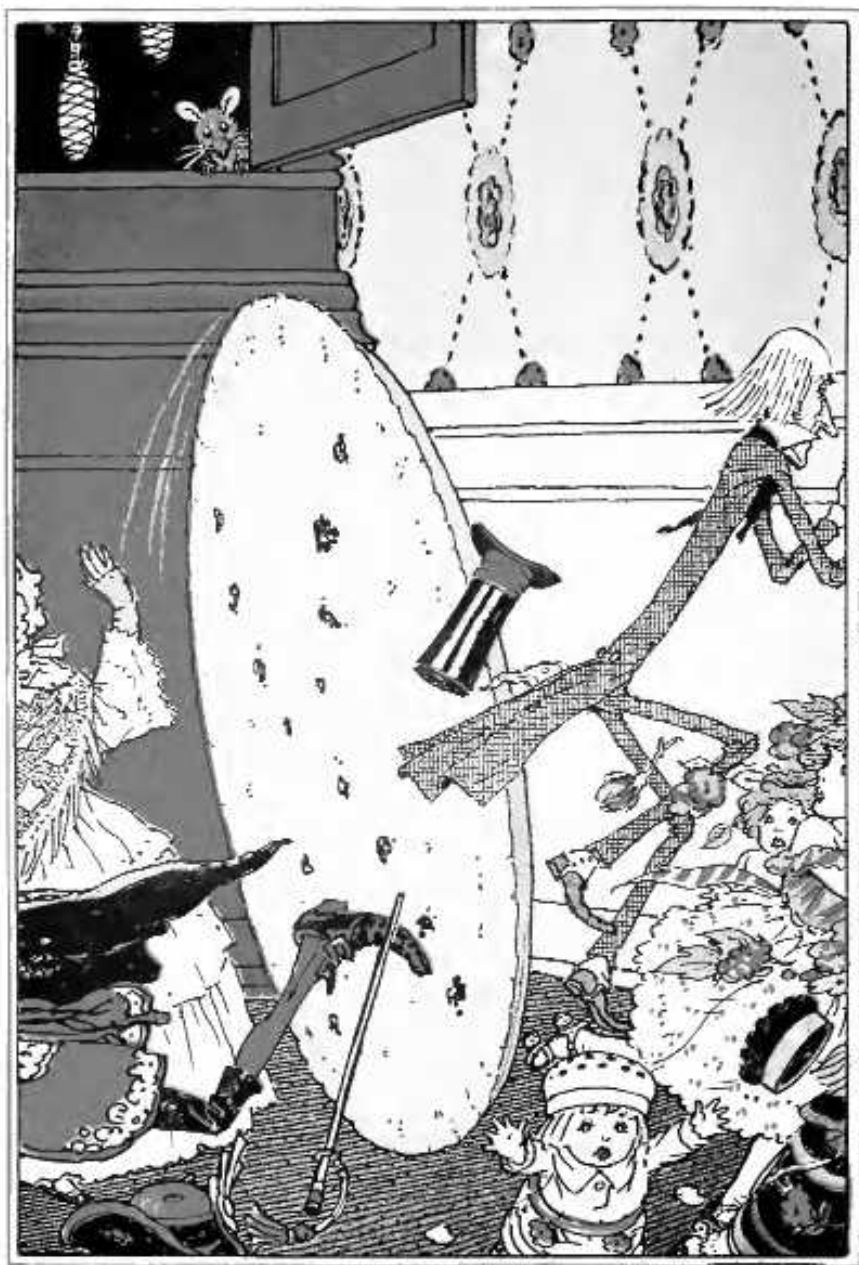
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"Here! what's this rolling across the floor?"

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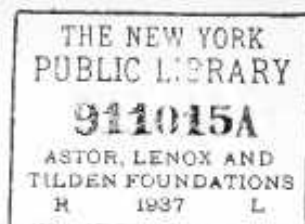
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THE MINCE PIE has always held an important place in Christmas Tales, but it remained for Mrs. Mildred G. Potter to conceive the idea of making it the main feature.

It is my pleasure to give to her my grateful acknowledgment for the happy thought which it has been my privilege to embody in story form.

Here's to the Dolls that will come to life,
Here's to the Tales they'll tell
Out of the depths of the Christmas Pie,
To the tune of a Christmas Bell!

Here's to the Sugar and Fruit and Spice,
Here's to the Story Elf,
Here's to that Fragrance of Christmas Time,
Here's to the Pie itself!

Big and spicy and rich and brown,
What does that top crust hide?
You know how it looks from an outside view,
Now read what it's like inside!

BY
DOT AND NICK
WHO ALSO WANTED A FINGER
IN THIS PIE!

J. S. G.



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