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"THEY LAUGH AND SHOUT AS WEST WIND CATCHES THEIR HATS."
(From "The Wind.")

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TO THE CHILDREN

HERE are your story book friends again — Ruth and Rose and Ned and Jack — that you read about in “Play-time,” and here are some short stories, too, that you will like to read your very own selves. Your little friends in this book play out of doors and have jolly good times, and they work and read and study at school. They like to read, and are fond of stories by Laura Richards, Katharine Pyle, Madge Bigham, and Mary E. Wilkins, so we have put some of their favorites in this book for you.

Perhaps you will like to have a Christmas tree for the birds, like little Lars and Sophie, or will wish to play in “The Giant’s Garden” or search for “The Pot of Gold,” but we are sure that you will not want to be a “Pig Brother,” and that you will never be so foolish as “Mrs. Grasshopper Gay.”

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OLD FRIENDS

Good morning, little girls and boys.
We are glad to see your bright faces.



Did you have a good time this summer?
What did you do in the long summer vacation?
We are your story book friends.

Do you remember some of the stories we told you last year?

Do you remember the good times Ned and Jack had on the farm?

Ben is still living in the little house by the sea.

Ned and Jack went to visit him in August.

Ruth and Rose went to visit their grandmother in August.

They will like to tell you what they did in the long summer days.

Now our vacation is over.

We are all at work once more.

We are little story book children, and you are school children.

We will tell you many of the things we learned this summer.

Sometimes we will tell you stories, too.

We live in the "Land of Story Books."

Come and visit us often.

Our gate is locked, but the key is hidden in this little book.