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WHO READ ME MY FIRST STORIES
THIS VOLUME OF TALES IS
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JUDITH'S CANDLESTICKS

A Sabbath Story

Judith Weil was only four years old, but on a certain Friday afternoon she felt that she was a very big girl, indeed. Her mother had always insisted that on Friday nights she should have her usual early supper and go to bed directly after the Kiddush services, which ushered in the Sabbath, were over. But Judith's cousin Helen, who had come from college to spend her spring vacation with the family, had pleaded so hard in Judith's behalf that Mrs. Weil had smilingly promised to postpone the little girl's bedtime that evening until eight o'clock.

"I'm a great big girl and I'm going to stay up till eight o'clock," Judith sang merrily, as she trotted after her mother, busy with her preparations for the Sabbath. "I'm a big girl now, mama. Let me help chop the fish."

Mrs. Weil, moving quickly about the spotless