

The Country Bunny

AND THE LITTLE GOLD SHOES



AS TOLD TO JENIFER

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WE HEAR of *the* Easter Bunny who comes each Easter Day before sunrise to bring eggs for boys and girls, so we think there is only one. But this is not so. There are really *five* Easter Bunnies, and they must be the five kindest, and swiftest, and wisest bunnies in the whole wide world, because between sunset on Easter Eve and dawn on Easter Morning they do more work than most rabbits do in a whole year.

When one of the Easter Bunnies grows old and can no longer run fast, the old, wise, and kind Grandfather Bunny who lives at the Palace of Easter Eggs calls the bunnies together from the whole world to select the very best one to take the place.

Often a mother bunny says to her child, "Now if you learn to be wise, and kind, and swift, some day you may grow up to be one of the Easter Bunnies." And all of the babies try their very best, so that they can grow up and go to work for the Grandfather Bunny at the Palace of Easter Eggs.

One day a little country girl bunny with a brown skin and a little cotton-ball of a tail said, "Some day I shall grow up to be an Easter Bunny: — you wait and see!"



Then all of the big white bunnies

who lived in

fine houses,



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THE Country Bunny is a lady, and she attains the exalted position of Easter Bunny in spite of her responsibilities as a mother of twenty-one children. That the story ends with success and a reward is, of course, as every child would wish.

It's difficult to believe that this very modern feminist tale was originally written in 1939 . . . A gem of a fantasy. — Learning

