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FOR

## LITTLE CHILDREN.

### LITTLE POLLY'S DOLL'S HOUSE.



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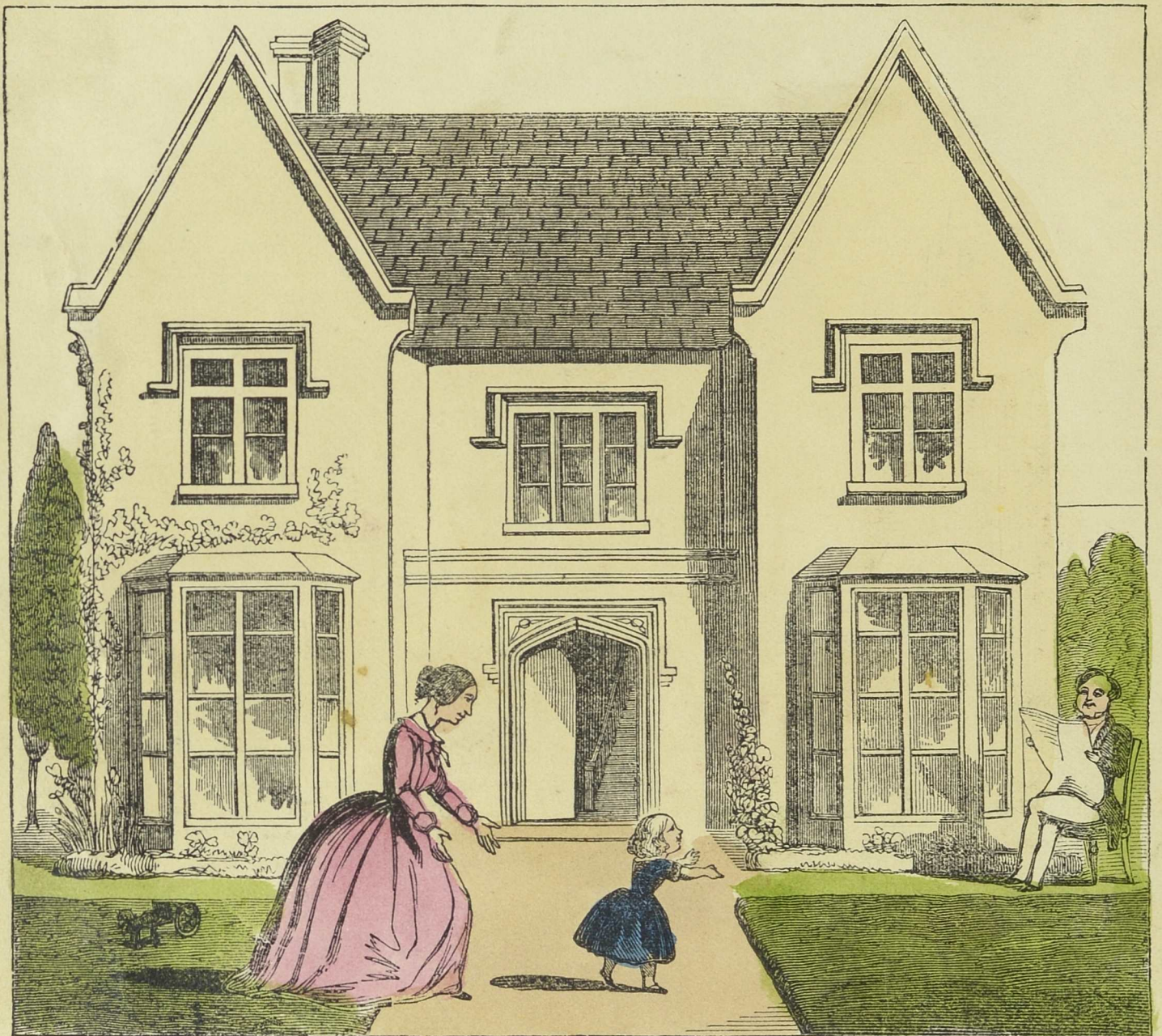
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I HOPE, my dear lit-tle friends, that you like this pret-ty house ; for the kind look-ing gen-tle-man who is read-ing the news-pa-per in the gar-den is the mas-ter of the house, and the Pa-pa of the nice lit-tle girl who is play-ing with Mam-ma on the grass. Her name is Pol-ly, and she is now run-ning up to Pa-pa to tell him she should be four years old when her birth-day came, and that would be to-mor-row. Pa-pa knew that to-mor-row would be Pol-ly's birth-day, and he told her to go in-to the di-ning room, and Mam-ma would talk to her a-bout to-mor-row ; so the lit-tle girl went in, think-ing it would be ve-ry pleas-ant to talk a-bout her birth-day.



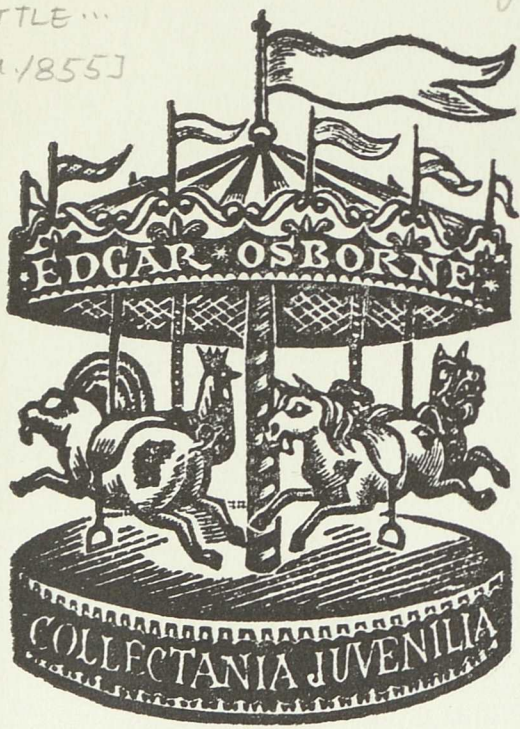
Mam-ma is nurs-ing the ba-by, and George is just come in from school, and Pol-ly is say-ing,—“ Oh, Mam-ma! I am so glad to have a birth-day! It is a ve-ry long time since I had a birth-day. May George have ho-li-day? and, Mam-ma, do you think I shall have a birth-day pre-sent? ”

“ George shall have ho-li-day, my dear lit-tle girl,” said Mam-ma, “ and you shall have a pre-sent, be-cause you have been a good child. So to-mor-row, we will drive in-to town to a large toy-shop, and you shall choose any-thing you like best.” You may be sure Pol-ly did not get much sleep that night; she was think-ing what she would choose to-mor-row.



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Pol-ly was ve-ry hap-py when to-mor-row came. Then she had her coat and her hat put on, and was driv-en with Mam-ma to the toy-shop. But when they went in-to the shop, Pol-ly saw so ma-ny strange toys, that she was ra-ther a-fraid. She held Mam-ma's hand ve-ry tight, and whis-per-ed,—“ Will you ask the gen-tle-man to show me some pret-ty wax dolls? I should like to buy a ba-by for my large La-dy Gra-ci-o-sa; I am sure, Mam-ma, she would like to have a ba-by.” The shop-man took them to one side where there were a great ma-ny dolls; some were dress-ed like sol-di-ers, sail-ors, and In-di-ans. Pol-ly did not like these dolls, and her Mam-ma said,—“ You have se-ve-ral dolls, Pol-ly; would you not like to have a Doll's House for them?”

“ Oh, dear Mam-ma!” said Pol-ly, “ I should like that bet-ter than any-thing in the world.”



The shop-man then show-ed Pol-ly a beau-ti-ful Doll's House, that was high-er than she was her-self. The win-dows were of glass, and the door o-pen-ed like a re-al door. Then the whole front of the house could be o-pen-ed; and they saw the cook in the kit-chen mak-ing paste on a mar-ble slab, and her dish-es, and plates, and pans, and ket-tles all neat-ly ar-rang-ed; and you saw the din-ing room, with the long din-ing ta-ble and chairs, and side-board with glass-es, and spoons, and forks, laid out on it. And the draw-ing room was ve-ry pret-ty, with blue silk so-fas and ot-to-mans, and ta-bles with ti-ny books up-on them, and the pi-a-no-for-te was o-pen, with a piece of d-ll's mu-sic upon it,—“Lit-tle Bo-Peep.”





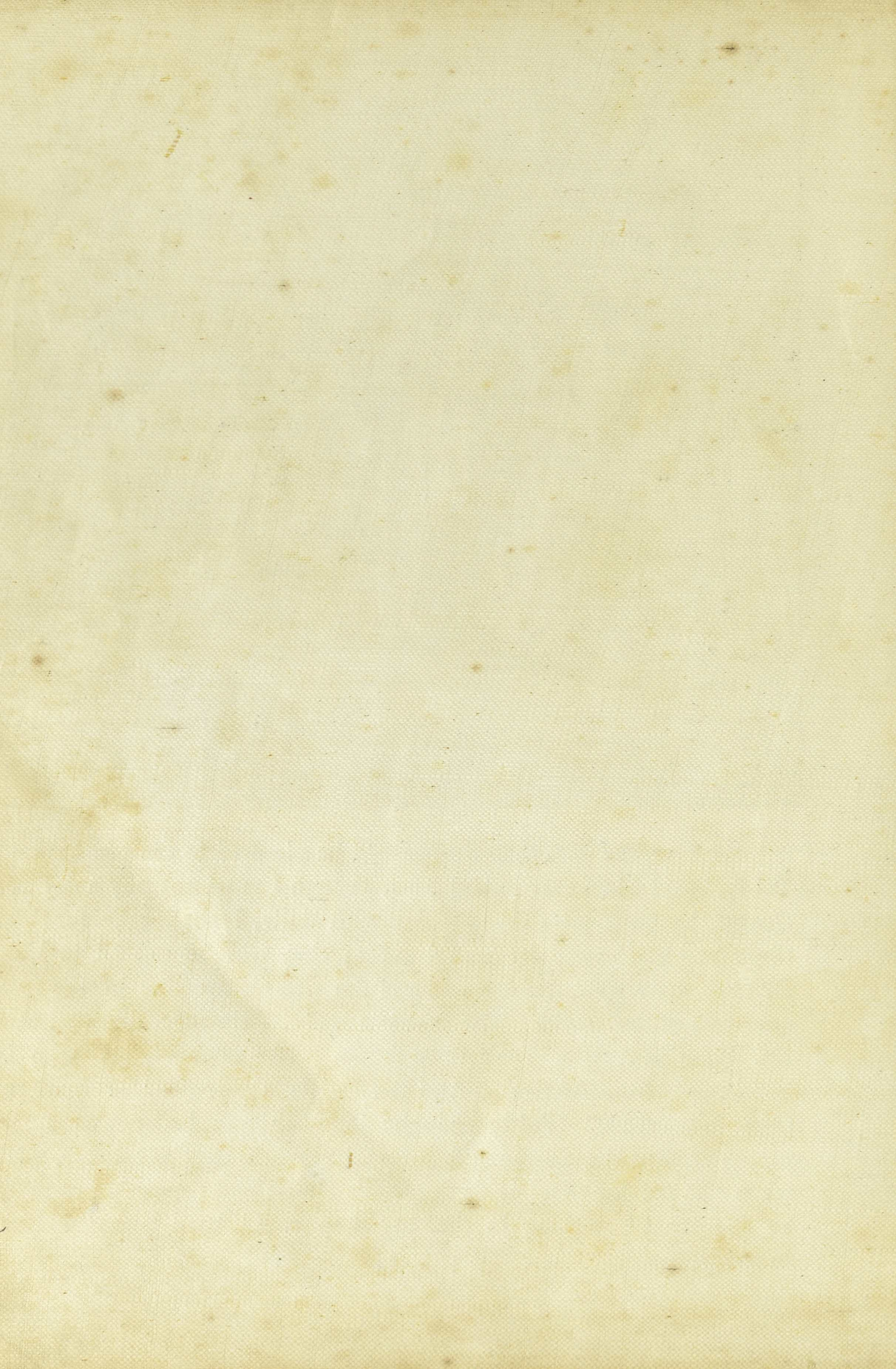




“I ne-ver saw any-thing so beau-ti-ful!” said lit-tle Pol-ly, jump-ing a-bout the shop for joy. “I like the din-ing-room, and the draw-ing-room, and the bed-rooms, with the pret-ty white beds and re-al pil-lows; and see, Mam-ma, on the dress-ing ta-bles there are combs, and brush-es, and pret-ty lit-tle toil-et bot-tles. But, Mam-ma, I like the nur-se-ry best of all Do you see the cra-dle with the mus-lin cur-tains, and pink rib-bons, and the sat-in coun-ter-pane, and the dear lit-tle wax ba-by ly-ing a-sleep, with its lace cap and pink rib-bons? How pleas-ed La-dy Gra-ci-o-sa will be when I take her in-to the nur-se-ry to see her ba-by! Do you think, Mam-ma, George will like my Doll’s House as well as I do?”



“I am quite sure that George will be pleas-ed to see you hap-py, Pol-ly,” said Mam-ma. “And now, though I must not buy a doll for George, be-cause boys do not play with dolls, I shall take for him these four hand-some dress-ed fi-gures ; they will be use-ful to him, for they show what the dress-es and the peo-ple are like in the four quar-ters of the world. The first is a la-dy of Eu-rope, dress-ed as I am. The next is a Turk from A-si-a. The poor Ne-gro who is kneel-ing is from Af-ri-ca. And the last is a war-ri-or or hunt-er, from A-me-ri-ca.” Pol-ly thought that her wax ba-by was much pret-ti-er than these strange fi-gures ; but when they got home, and when the por-ter came with the Doll’s House and George’s pre-sent, he said that no-thing in the toy-shop could have pleas-ed him so much.







Then George wrote a note for Pol-ly to her cous-ins; this was it:—"La-dy Gra-ci-o-sa begs the hon-our of the Du-chess of Ba lak-la-va's and the La-dy Al-ma's com-pa-ny this e-ven-ing" And when Lau-ra and Em-i-ly came to tea, they brought the two wax la-dies with them. The Du-chess of Ba-lak-la-va had a green vel-vet dress and black lace man-tle, and a green hat and fea-thers. The Du-chess was a very styl-ish doll. The La-dy Al-ma was in white mus-lin with rose-co-lour-ed sash, and rib-bons in her flax-en hair, and look-ed ve-ry pret-ty. The young la-dies took them to the draw-ing-room, where La-dy Gra-ci-o-sa was seat-ed on a so-fa with her ba-by on her lap, look-ing as hap-py as wax dolls al-ways look, and wear-ing her best blue silk dress; and on the ta-ble was a ban-quet of fruit and cakes set out for the wax par-ty, which they en-joy-ed, no doubt.



After the ladies in the Doll's House had been seated at their re-past, Polly showed her cousins all the wonders of her fairy palace; the cook and her pans, the house-maid and her brushes, the carpets, the mirrors, the pictures, the vases of tiny flowers, and the drawers with the baby's clothes in them. And Lady Graciousa had in her bed-room a large wardrobe for her dresses. It took a long time to see every thing. Then George showed them his four quarters of the world, which made them laugh very much. After that Mama made tea for them in a doll's set of china cups, and baby sat up in her high chair at tea. How they all laughed at the small cups! and Laura and Emily thought the birthday cake very nice; but nothing in the visit pleased them so much as to see POLLY'S DOLL'S HOUSE.

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