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Polly Makes Gingerbread Cookies

PREFACE

The first three stories contained in the book found great favor with the reading public, having been published in the *Woman's Home Companion*.

All the stories are wholesome and have good influence upon the little readers. In *Danny Do-Little*, work is made delightful through play. In *Old Mother Bear's Christmas Stocking*, the selfishness of the animals is dwelt upon, but also their kindness of heart, and the saying brought out that, "One good turn deserves another." The little Birthday story will be interesting to read at school and children's parties, for who among the little ones does not occasionally have a birthday?

Catchy little jingles run throughout the stories. An enthusiastic parent in Massachusetts said: "My children are very much pleased with *Laura Rountree Smith's Jingle Books*, and must have a story before bed-time each night. I think her books mighty clever."

The book contains stories which can easily be read by the children themselves.

Little Fairy Help-You-Out
Does not come when children pout;
You will see her by and by,
If to do your best you try.



*Peter Nibbled His Toes, Polly Nibbled His
Fingers and Baby Stood By and Clapped*