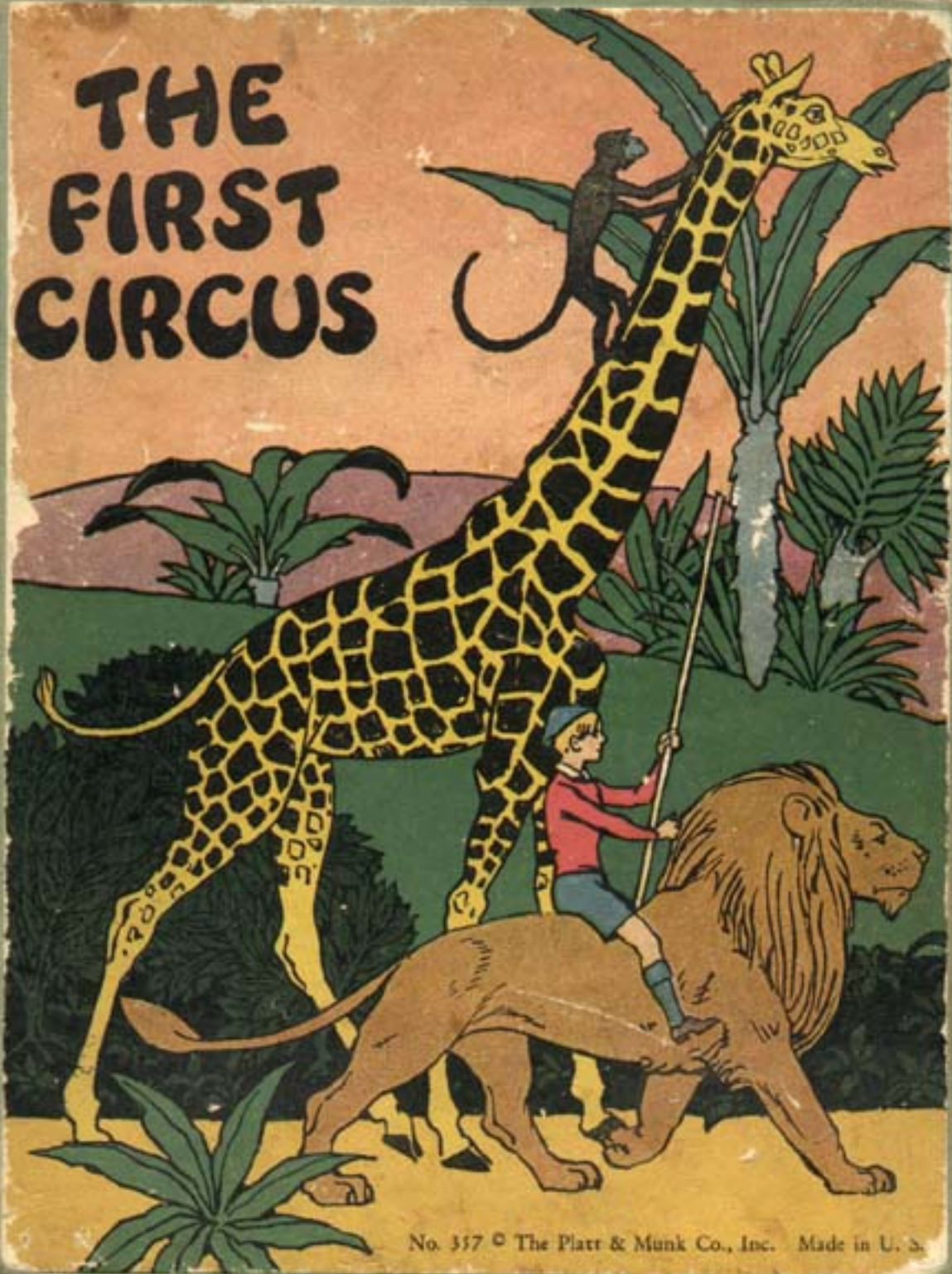


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There was a little boy who decided to go out into the wide, wide world to seek his fortune. Now before he could reach the wide, wide world, he had to pass through a mighty forest. As he entered the forest, a wee monkey screamed to him from the top of a big tree.

“Where are you going, little boy?”

“I am going out into the wide, wide world to seek my fortune,” answered the boy. “Would you like to come along?”

The monkey thought for a minute; then he



scratched his head and said, “Yes, I believe I should. I’m very tired of this mighty forest.”

So the wee monkey went with the little boy. By and by they heard something snarl, and there stood a terrible wildcat.

“Where are you going, little boy?” asked the wildcat.

“I am going out into the wide, wide world to seek my fortune,” answered the boy. “Would you like to come along?”



The wildcat thought for a minute; then he scratched his head and said, “Yes, I believe I should. I’m very tired of this mighty forest.”

So the terrible wildcat went with the little boy and the wee monkey. By and by they heard a

woof-woof, and there stood a great brown bear.
“Where are you going, little boy?” asked the bear.

“I am going out into the wide, wide world to seek my fortune,” answered the boy. “Would



you like to come along?” The bear thought for a minute; then he scratched his head and said, “Yes, I believe I should. I’m very tired of this mighty forest.”

So the great brown bear went with the little

boy, the wee monkey, and the terrible wildcat. By and by they heard something roar, and there stood a fierce, shaggy lion.

“Where are you going, little boy?” asked the lion.



“I am going out into the wide, wide world to seek my fortune,” answered the boy. “Would you like to come along?”

The lion thought for a minute; then he scratched his head and said, “Yes, I believe I should, I’m very tired of this mighty forest.”

So the fierce, shaggy lion went with the little boy, the wee monkey, the terrible wildcat, and the great brown bear. By and by they heard a sharp, trumpet-like sound, and there lifting up its trunk, stood a huge, gray elephant.

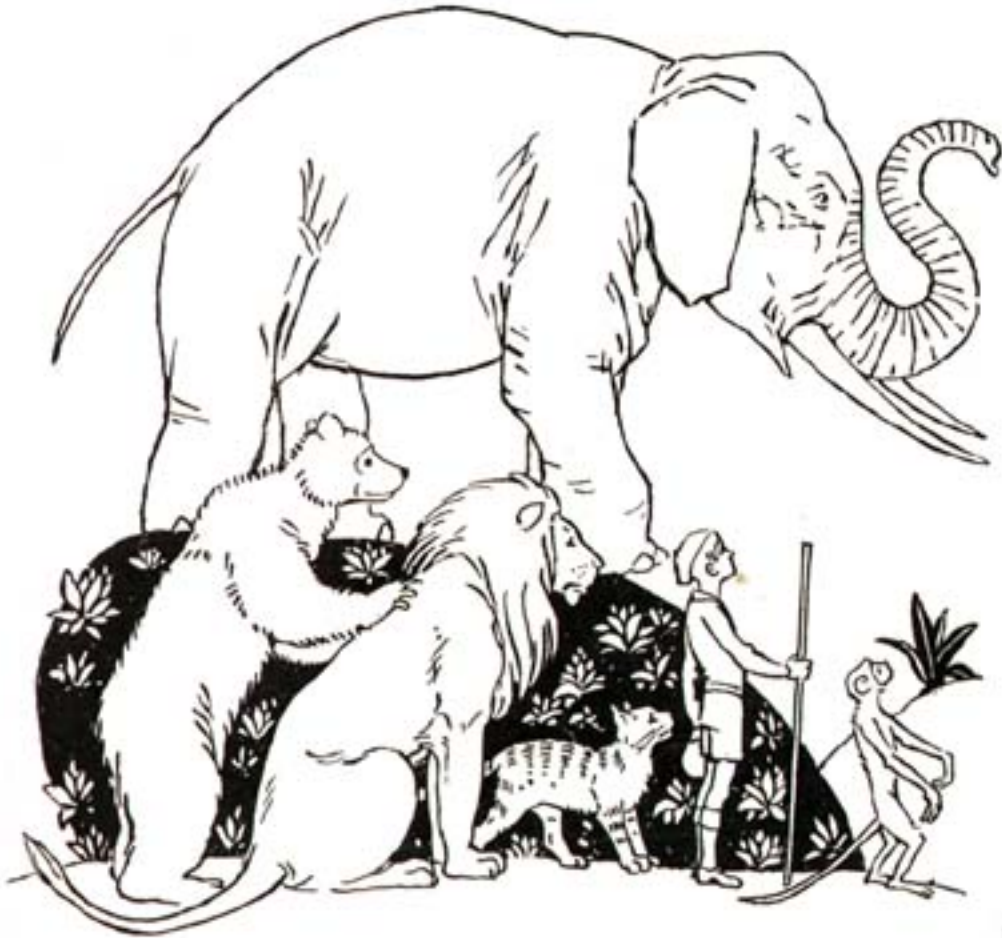


“Where are you going, little boy?” asked the elephant.

“I am going out into the wide, wide world to seek my fortune,” answered the boy. “Would you like to come along?”

The elephant thought for a minute; then he scratched his head and said, "Yes, I believe I should. I'm very tired of this mighty forest."

So the huge, gray elephant went with the little boy, the wee monkey, the terrible wildcat, the great, brown bear, and the fierce, shaggy lion.



By and by they saw something very, very big galloping along like a rocking-horse, and there stood a very tall giraffe.

"Where are you going, little boy?" asked the giraffe.

"I am going out into the wide, wide world to seek my fortune," answered the boy. "Would you like to come along?"

The giraffe thought for a minute; then he scratched his head and said, "Yes, I believe I should. I'm very tired of this mighty forest."

So the very tall giraffe went with the little boy, the wee monkey, the terrible wildcat, the great,



brown bear, the fierce, shaggy lion, and the huge, gray elephant. By and by, as they went along through the mighty forest, the little boy and the animals became very good friends, and the little boy taught them clever tricks. He

taught the wee monkey to ride on the fierce lion's shaggy back; he taught the terrible wild-cat to spring through hoops, he taught the very tall giraffe and the huge gray elephant to toss the wee monkey high into the air and to catch



him again, and he taught the great, brown bear to dance.

By and by they came to the end of the mighty forest, and there was the wide, wide world! Before long they found themselves surrounded by



ever so many little children who laughed and laughed when they saw the little boy and all the animals. Now this pleased the little boy, so he asked the animals to do their funny tricks for the children. Then he began to travel, and



finally he and his animals had gone from one end of the wide, wide world to the other, and everywhere they went they made all the little girls and all the little boys very happy.

By and by other people made friends with

wild animals, and taught them to do funny tricks. And nowadays, you know, we always go to the circus once a year to laugh at the wee monkey, the terrible wildcat, the great, brown bear, the fierce, shaggy lion, the huge, gray elephant, and the very tall giraffe.





The End.

