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*L*ipperty-lip away we go! Away
we go! Away we go!

*L*ipperty-lip away we go across
the white and shining snow!

*L*ipperty-lip in coats of white!
In coats of white! In coats
of white!

*L*ipperty-lip in coats of white
we hide away when plain
in sight!





They Scampered Through The Green Forest



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PETER RABBIT
and his big cousin,
Jumper the Hare, were
humming this together
as they scampered
through the Green
Forest, which wasn't
green at all now, but
beautifully white with





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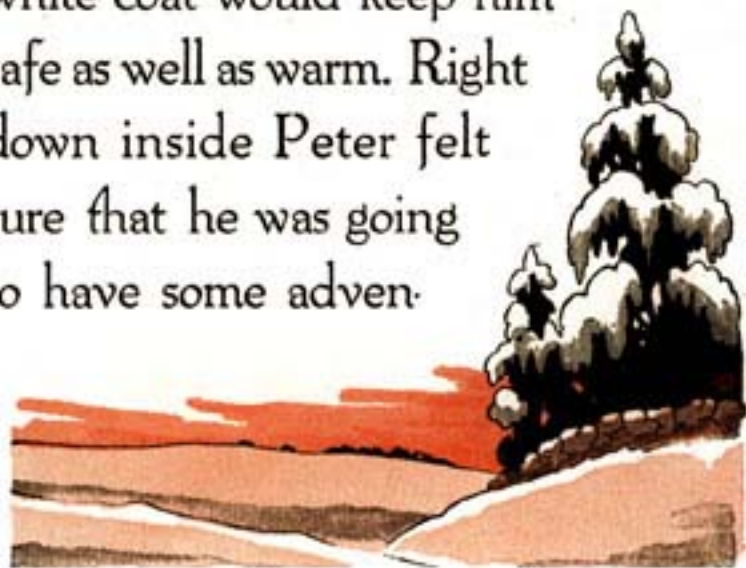
snow. Peter Rabbit felt very big and important as he hopped along close behind his big cousin, but all the time his heart was beating a wee bit faster than usual, and once in a while a funny little choky



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feeling would come into his throat and he would swallow hard. You see Peter had on a brand new coat of pure white and Jumper the Hare, who had a coat just like it, was going to show Peter how that beautiful white coat would keep him safe as well as warm. Right down inside Peter felt sure that he was going to have some adven-





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tures and that is why he had that queer choky feeling as he scampered along in the moonlight.

Pretty soon Jumper sat up very straight and put a hand to his lips. Peter knew that this was a sign



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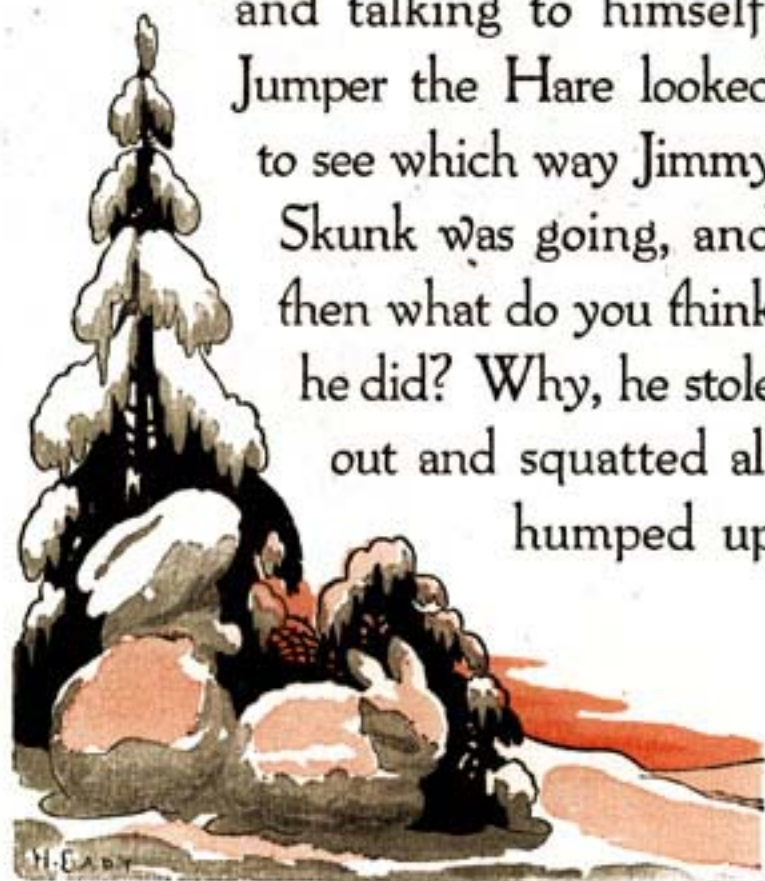
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to keep very still. In a minute Peter saw Jimmy Skunk ambling along and talking to himself. Jumper the Hare looked to see which way Jimmy Skunk was going, and then what do you think he did? Why, he stole out and squatted all humped up





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right in Jimmy Skunk's path. Jumper laid his long ears flat on his shoulders, and then he didn't move so much as an eye winker.

Up came Jimmy Skunk and glanced at that white heap in front of him. Then he turned out to go around it, all the time muttering to himself: "It's bad enough to cover every-



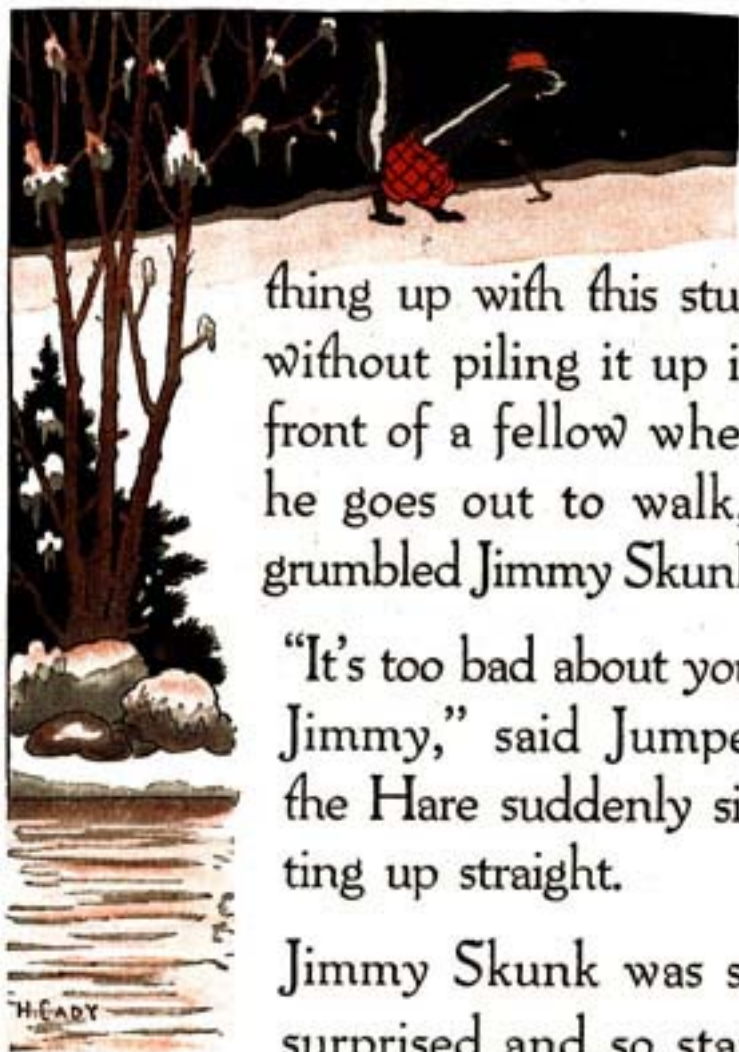


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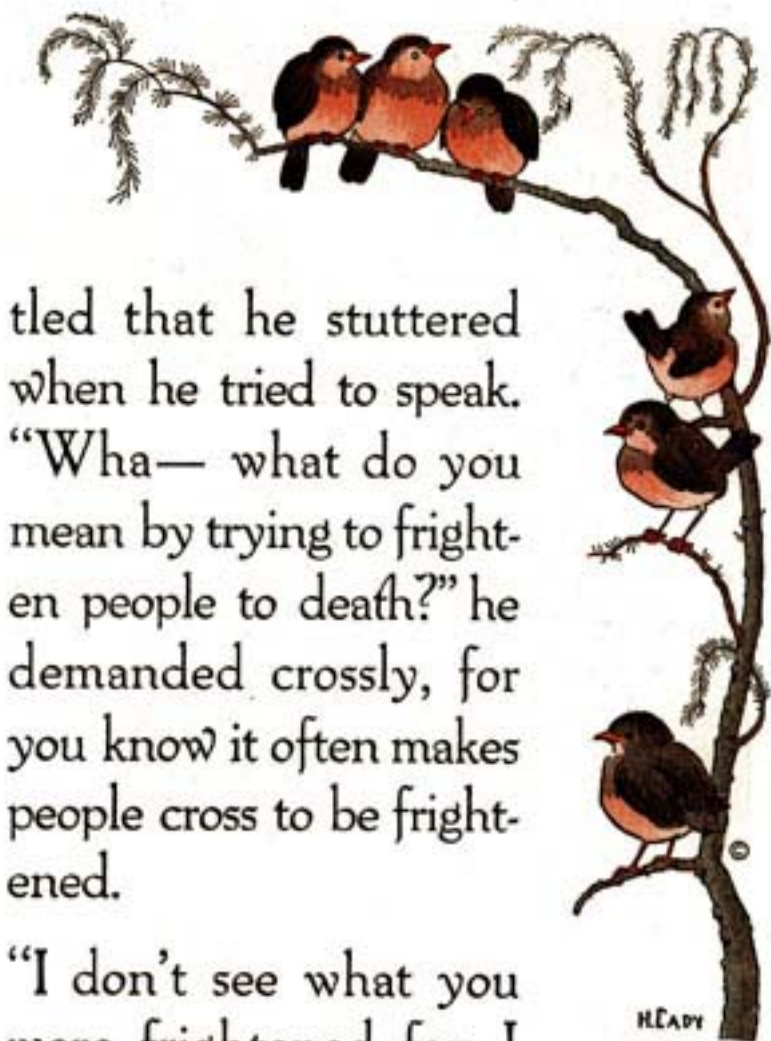


thing up with this stuff without piling it up in front of a fellow when he goes out to walk," grumbled Jimmy Skunk.

"It's too bad about you, Jimmy," said Jumper the Hare suddenly sitting up straight.

Jimmy Skunk was so surprised and so star-

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tled that he stuttered when he tried to speak. "Wha— what do you mean by trying to frighten people to death?" he demanded crossly, for you know it often makes people cross to be frightened.

"I don't see what you were frightened for; I



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Peter Knew This Was A Sign To Keep Very Still



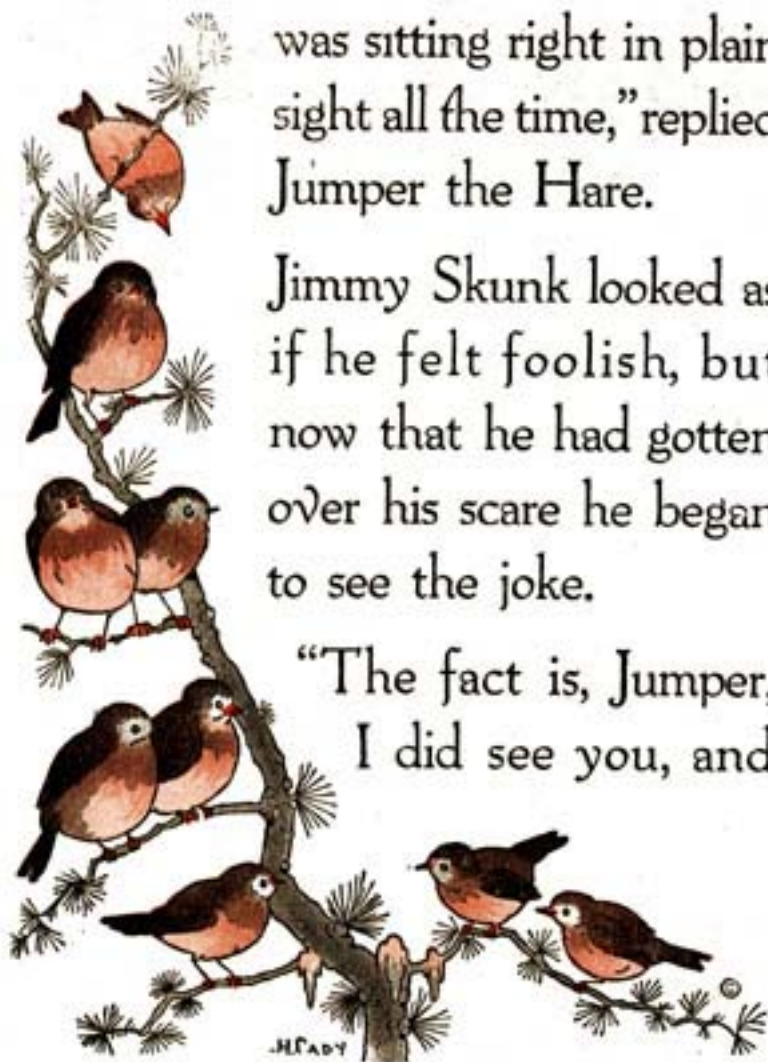
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was sitting right in plain sight all the time," replied Jumper the Hare.

Jimmy Skunk looked as if he felt foolish, but now that he had gotten over his scare he began to see the joke.

"The fact is, Jumper,
I did see you, and





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yet I didn't see you. I thought you were a little heap of snow like that one over by that pine tree," said Jimmy.

"Ha, ha, ha! So I was!" laughed Jumper the Hare.

"Ho, ho, ho! So he was!" shouted the little





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"It's Too Bad About You" Said Jumper The Hare

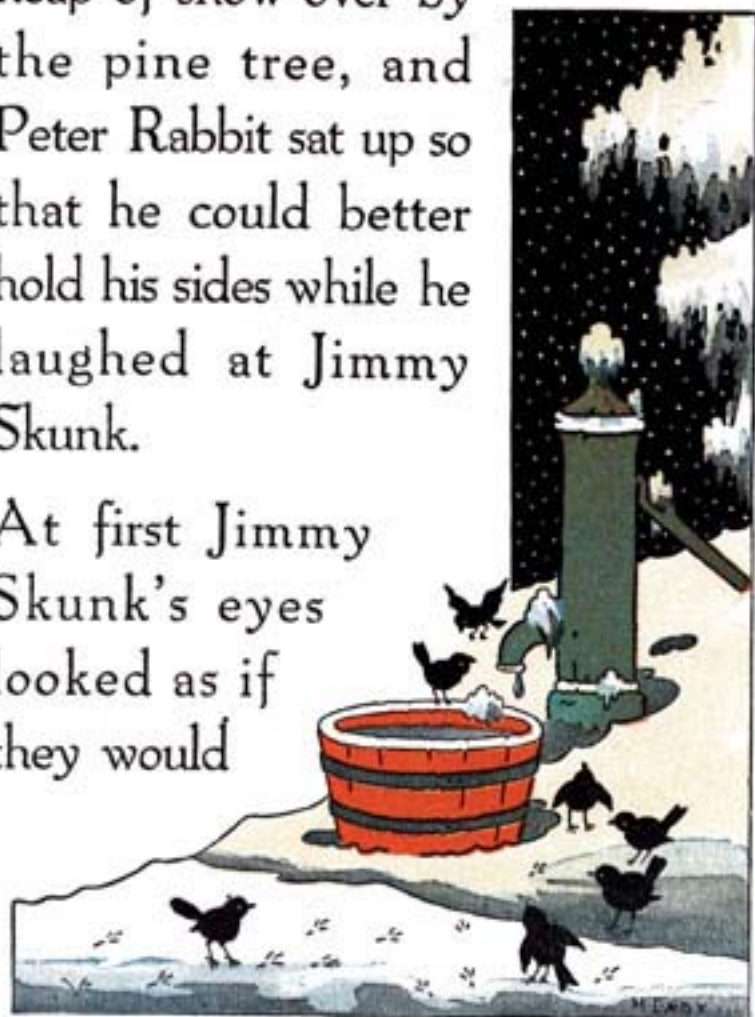


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heap of snow over by the pine tree, and Peter Rabbit sat up so that he could better hold his sides while he laughed at Jimmy Skunk.

At first Jimmy Skunk's eyes looked as if they would



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pop right out of his head and then, because really he is a very good-natured little fellow, he began to laugh too. Suddenly he grew very sober and began to creep very softly over to a little white mound made by a little bush covered with snow. When he was



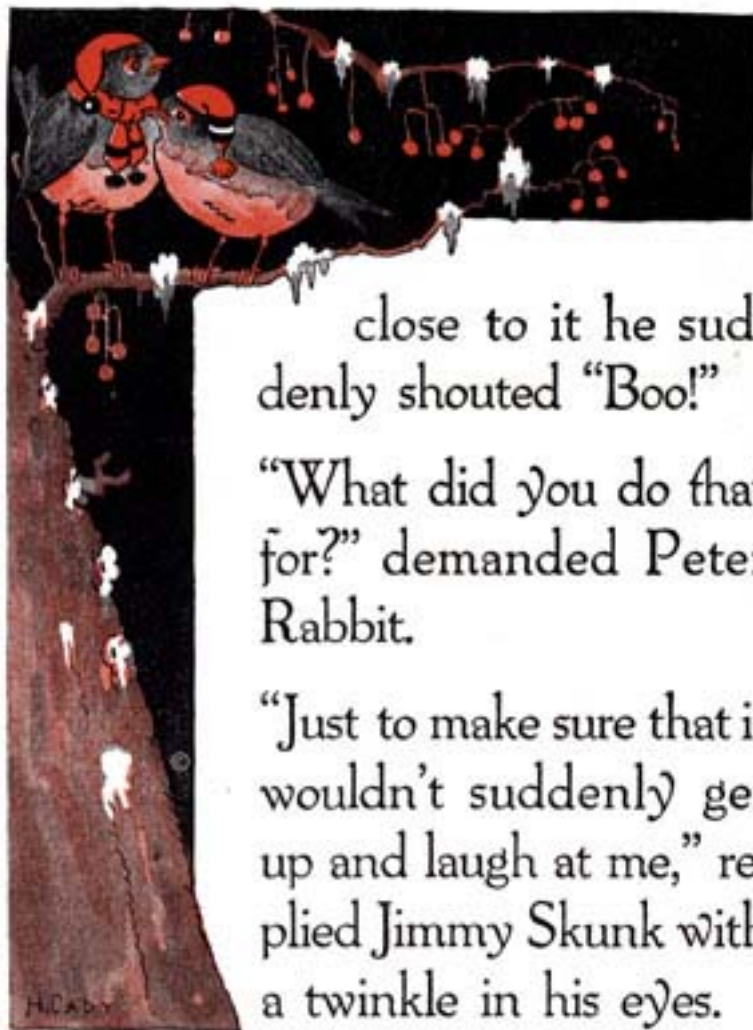
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He Suddenly Shouted "Boo!"



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close to it he suddenly shouted "Boo!"

"What did you do that for?" demanded Peter Rabbit.

"Just to make sure that it wouldn't suddenly get up and laugh at me," replied Jimmy Skunk with a twinkle in his eyes.

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"Just To Make Sure," Replied Jimmy Skunk

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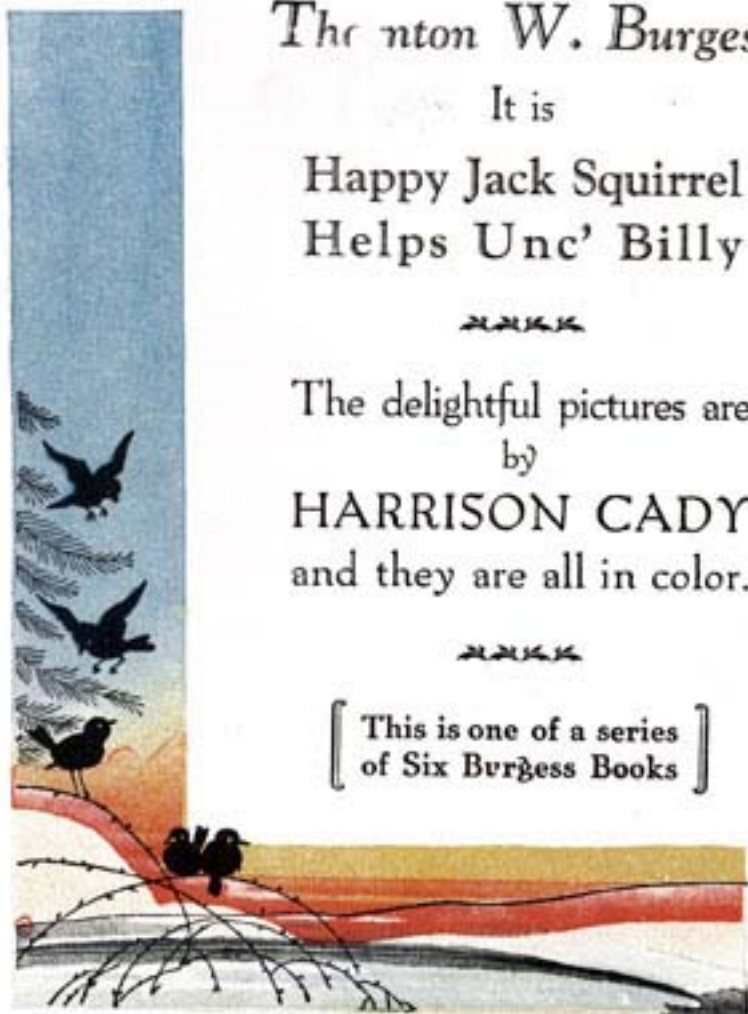
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